

date: 2/4/17**Bible Passage: 1 Chronicles 28**
(Solomon)

God Is Worthy of Worship, Part 2

REMEMBER VERSE

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your
good Spirit lead me on level ground.

Psalm 143:10

Inspire

Shares personal stories from fellow ministry leaders about how God has worked in their lives

I'll never forget the first time I heard the complete account of The Big God Story. I was overwhelmed with emotion. The more I read and studied Scripture, the more my fascination grew. This one story was written over a period of about 1,500 years, by some 40 different authors, on three different continents, yet without any contradictions. It is one story. The Old Testament is full of prophecies about the coming of Messiah, and Jesus fulfilled them all. There are more prophecies about His return, and He will fulfill all of them as well.

However, I realized that the Bible isn't God's only masterpiece. There is the perfection of our very own bodies and the way the earth is created to essentially sustain itself. I was humbly aware that these are mere glimpses of the enormity of our God.

Pondering these things led me to realize that the very same God who designed everything loves me! He loved me enough to humble Himself—to confine Himself to a physical body! He loved each of us enough to sacrifice all His divine prerogatives for a time—all so we may know Him. I stand in awe of God. From the very deepest part of myself comes a desire to respond with all of my life—to give Jesus my heart—for He is so worthy of my worship.

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Equip

Offers perspective and context to the lesson's Bible passage

The worthiness of God and people's desire to worship Him were without dispute. After the Israelites conquered the

Promised Land and the tribes settled, it became important to centralize a place of worship for God. The temple would function as a religious focal point for worship and sacrifice. Being a man of war, David was not allowed to build the temple, but he did gather materials for it and organized the project (1 Chronicles 22). Only the finest materials were used. Every stone was shaped and finished at the quarry, so that no hammer or chisel or any iron tool was heard within the temple (1 Kings 6:7).

Like his father, Solomon desired to build a temple to honor God for His provision, protection, and guidance for the people of Israel over the years. David understood the enormity of the project. “My son Solomon ... is young and inexperienced. The task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man but for the LORD God” (1 Chronicles 29:1). The Lord set Solomon up to succeed as long as Solomon remained “unswerving in carrying out my commands and laws” (1 Chronicles 28:7). After seven years, the temple was complete (1 Kings 6:37–38).

David gave Solomon clear and detailed directions that came from the Lord Himself, and he modeled what sacrificial giving was. The entire community was called to come alongside Solomon, giving of their time, talents, and possessions. They gave what was required—and then they gave an offering over and above. The abundance from the people seemed as if they could not give enough to the Lord. The people and David, the king, celebrated the wholehearted giving, rejoicing greatly. Everyone knew that God is worthy of our sacrificial worship.

Support

Provides reflection and assessment through encouragement, prayer, and time in God’s Word

After the leaders had given so extravagantly to God, David stopped in front of the entire assembly and prayed, saying:

Praise be to you, LORD,
the God of our father Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.
Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.
Yours, LORD, is the kingdom;
you are exalted as head over all.
(1 Chronicles 29:10–11)

True worship is about giving your whole heart to God. It’s about recognizing that everything we have comes from Him, and everything we are is because of who He is. We worship God as a demonstration of His worthiness.

Find a quiet place this week and write the reasons why God is worthy of your worship. Use these words to write a psalm or poem. Be creative and personal. When you’re finished, use your psalm as worship for God.

Small Group
SECTION

EXPLORE::: 10 min.

Small Group Leaders

Children engage in fun, creative activities designed to pique their curiosity about the day’s portion of The Big God Story.

Temple Tools

As an introduction to today's part of The Big God Story where Solomon and the people constructed the temple, children will color pictures of tools that are used for building or construction.

SUPPLIES (per small group)

- [Tools template \(see Resources\)](#)
- Crayons or markers
- Safety scissors
- Optional: envelopes (1 per child), child's tool kit

PREPARE AHEAD

Print or copy one Tools template for each child.

SET UP

Set out the coloring sheets and crayons or markers. Older children may want to cut their tools out.

RELATE

As children color their tools, ask them some questions. For example: **Have you ever seen this type of tool before? If so, where? What do you think it's used for? Who might use it?** There are no right or wrong answers. This is simply a time of exploration for children, and the questions are a means for the leader to understand direction of thought and process. When they're finished coloring, label the tools with each child's name so they can take them home. If the tools were cut apart, give each child an envelope to put them in. As an optional activity, you can provide a set of child's tools for additional exploration.

Large Group

SECTION

DISCOVER:: 25 min.

Host/Worship Leader/Storyteller

Children participate in discovering God's Word through Bible verse memorization, interactive storytelling techniques, and worship as response.

Ponder Point

God Is Worthy of Worship

Chloe's Rules

Host/Worship Leader

SUPPLIES

- [Chloe's Rules](#)
- Worship music (suggestions: "Everybody, Everywhere," TruWorship *Sincerely Yours*; and "Your Love," TruWorship *Your Love*)

RELATE

Welcome children as they're entering the large group meeting area. *Tech: Cue Chloe's Rules video.* The theme song will play as the Worship Leader/Host enters and makes his way up front, welcoming and greeting children along the way. This should be a high-energy entrance. *Tech: Cue preschool program theme song.* Choose and play two upbeat worship songs of your choice from a worship album that complements the theme and focus of the lesson.

Mail Time

Host/Worship Leader**SUPPLIES**

- [Mail Time intro clip and image \(see Resources\)](#)
- [Remember Verse image \(see Resources\)](#)
- [Remember Verse cards \(see Resources\)](#)
- [Mail Time envelope](#)
- Bibles (your personal and large children's)
- Mailbox

PREPARE AHEAD

Print or copy the Mail Time envelope art and attach to a large envelope. Print or copy one Remember Verse card and put it inside the envelope.

RELATE

Tech: Cue the Mail Time intro clip and image. Choose one volunteer to hide the mail and another to find the mail. Have the "Seeker" close her eyes while the "Hider" finds a good place to hide the Remember Verse. Once the mail has been hidden, the Seeker will begin to look for the mail while the children give clues to its whereabouts by calling out "hot" and "cold."

Once the Seeker finds the mail, the Host invites her to pull out the enclosed Remember Verse. Next, the Host should find the Remember Verse in his Bible and read the words aloud. Talk about the meaning of the verse while interacting with the children.

Lead the children in reciting the Remember Verse several times together using a variety of engaging methods. Hand motions, different voices, various speeds, and character integration are all great ways to help commit the Scripture to memory. For longer verses, approach the verse one section at a time, increasing what the children repeat back each week.

REMEMBER VERSE

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good Spirit lead me on level ground.**

Psalm 143:10

REMEMBER VERSE DEFINITIONS

Will: order or command

Level: even or flat

REMEMBER VERSE MOTIONS

Teach me: Point thumbs to self.

to do your will: Place right hand over middle of chest and move outward.

for you are my God: Point index fingers to the sky and then cross both arms over chest.

may your good Spirit: Spread arms out wide.

lead me on level ground: Pull arms back in, palms facing down, and push arms forward.

Wardrobe of Wonder

Storyteller/Host/Worship Leader

SUPPLIES

- [Wardrobe of Wonder intro clip and image \(see Resources\)](#)
- [What'slt: Hammer \(see optional image in Resources\)](#)
- Wardrobe of Wonder
- Small stools or chairs (2)

What'slt: Hammer

The Bible tells us that no hammers or chisels were used in the temple. Every stone was chiseled in the quarry and brought to the temple. It was a holy place, so the people did this out of respect for the Lord.

RELATE

Tech: Cue the *Wardrobe of Wonder intro clip and image*. Invite a child volunteer to “spy” on the What'slt by peeking into the wardrobe. Each time the wardrobe door opens, cue the *Wardrobe of Wonder sound effect*. Have him whisper the identity of the What'slt in your ear to ensure he knows what it is.

Invite your assistant to sit on the stools with you. Then lead the group in asking the assistant yes-or-no questions about the What'slt. Once the children have guessed correctly, ask your assistant to retrieve the What'slt from the wardrobe and bring it to you. Thank your volunteer and encourage him to sit with his small group.

ASK

(Volunteer's name), **what's inside the wardrobe? Yes! A hammer is used to build something. What other items could you use to build something?** Wait for children to respond. **All those items are pretty noisy, aren't they? We're going to hear about a man who built something really big. But this man didn't allow any tools inside this building while it was being built. Would you like to hear why? Well, do you know what time it is? It's time for ...**

The Big God Story

1 Chronicles 28

God Is Worthy of Worship

Storytelling Technique: Engaging with Sound Effects, Images, and Characterization

SUPPLIES

- [The Big God Story intro clip and image \(see Resources\)](#)
- [What'slt: Hammer \(see optional image in Resources\)](#)
- [Solomon's Temple image \(see Resources\)](#)
- Optional: [Storytelling video \(see Resources\)](#)
- [Noisy Construction Site sound effect \(see Resources\)](#)
- Bible
- Optional props: tools to demonstrate noise (real or toy), tool belt

RELATE

Tech: Cue The Big God Story intro clip and image. Then play Noisy Construction Site sound effects. Continue to play while Storyteller speaks until cued to stop. Hello, everyone, it's so good to see you today. Wow! This is really loud ... try to talk to your friends ... (model talking loudly to children). Can you hear them? No! Motion to Tech to stop noise. Tech: Stop sound effects. Whew! That's better ... let's sit quietly for a minute. Can you talk to your friends? Can you hear your friends whisper? Whisper to children. It was hard to think about anything but the noises we were hearing.

There are so many exciting things we get to discover today in The Big God Story. Before we get started, will you close your eyes and pray with me? Let's invite God to teach us. Lead children in a Prayer of Release to pause, be still, and ask the Holy Spirit to quiet their hearts and minds.

Last week we heard about David and how God is worthy of worship. Today we're going to hear about a man named Solomon. Both King David and his son Solomon wanted to build a place where God could be worshipped, called a temple. *Tech: Cue Solomon's Temple image.* God had provided for them and protected them for many years. They wanted to have a beautiful building where people could come and meet with God. Solomon wanted the temple to be a quiet place where people could worship God. Do you remember how noisy it was a few minutes ago? Well, the people weren't going to use any noisy tools in the temple because hammering and carving stone were too loud. Wow, that made building it an even harder job!

Have you ever had a big job to do? Like maybe cleaning your room when all your toys are scattered everywhere? Did you wish someone would come and help you with that job? Building a temple to honor God was a big, big job! In fact, it actually took seven years to build the temple. Seven years is a long time. That's longer than any of you have been alive! But God promised Solomon He would be with him until this important job was finished. David told his son Solomon, "Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid, for the Lord will be with you!" Wow! God was with Solomon and helped him with the big job of building the temple.

David called all the important leaders together and asked them to help Solomon build the temple. David told Solomon he would give him all the directions he'd need. Everyone would be needed to help build and decorate God's temple. Each person would have something to give. Who'd want to be one of the stonecutters, making giant stone blocks? Raise your hand. Give children a moment to answer each time. Who'd want to be a woodworker? Is there someone who's good with a hammer? There would be gold and silver and other treasures to make this temple a beautiful place. Is there someone who'd enjoy sewing jewels onto beautiful fabrics?

David then asked all the other leaders give all they had. And guess what? They did! All of the leaders of families, leaders of the tribes of Israel, commanders and captains in the army, and people who worked for the king gave all they had to God, because they knew He is worthy! It was so very special to be able to give back to God in such a way! I wonder why all the people gave so much to God? Why do you think they gave so much of what they had, and knew how to do, to God? Children respond; interact with answers. That's right! They gave so much because God is so worthy! What does *worthy* mean? Pause for answers. *Worthy* means that God deserves our worship! There never was and never will be anyone like our God. He is the only one who deserves our worship. Only He is worthy.

God provided for the people building His temple so they could worship Him and remember Him together, and He provides for us too. God has given us so much. We can worship Him and remember Him together too! What are some things you're thankful for? Interact with responses. Your homes, your families, our church! Wow! God

has given us all so much. We don't have to go to a temple to worship God; we can worship Him anytime and anywhere. God is always with us. We can worship Him with our whole lives. God is worthy of worship!

RESPOND:: 20 min.

Small Group Leaders

Children reflect on what the Holy Spirit is teaching them and respond through creative activities and games.

Wonder Questions

Small Group Enhancements, coloring pages, and discussion questions help your group go deeper into today's portion of The Big God Story.

SUPPLIES (per small group)

- [Wonder Questions coloring pages \(see Resources\)](#)
- [TruWonder Small Group Enhancements timeline and images \(see Resources\)](#)
- Crayons

RELATE

In The Big God Story, we heard how Solomon gathered the people together to build a temple for the Lord. They knew God is worthy of worship, and they wanted to show Him how they felt in a special way.

I wonder ... Which of my special things would I give to build God's temple?

I wonder ... What are some ways I can worship God?

I wonder ... What does God feel when I worship Him?

I wonder ... How do I know God is worthy?

BLESS:: 5 min.

Small Group Leaders

Children receive a blessing from their leaders and sometimes one another. A blessing may be a prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.

SUPPLIES (per small group)

- [Remember Verse cards \(see Resources\)](#)

RELATE

Invite children to place their hands out in front of themselves, palms up. This posture demonstrates a willingness to receive what God has for them. Read the following verse over children, pausing at the word "praise" and inviting them to dance for a moment in praise to God.

Psalm 145:3 says, "Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom."

Close with these words of blessing:

Children, may you know God created you and will always be with you. He is worthy of worship!