

# **First Century Fellowship**

## **Lesson: Is There a Wrong Way to Worship God?**

### **Summarized Content:**

- What we treasure most has a lot to do with how we really worship God.
- God says we are to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.
- God gives us specific direction for how we are to worship Him.
- Part of our worship includes what we do, like keeping His designated Sabbath and Holy Days rather than man's days.
- Obedience is a form of worship...more than just what we say.

### **Scriptures:**

- John 4:23-24
- Romans 1:25
- Acts 24:14
- Matthew 15:9
- Matthew 6:21

### **Activities:**

#### **Exploring God's Word:**

- Ask children what they think of when they consider worship. Read the first 4 scriptures above. Discuss the meaning of each scripture.
- Ask children to draw a picture on plain white paper of what they treasure. Then have them place the number of hours every week that they spend doing each thing beside the picture. Talk about how our time often shows what we treasure most. Read the last scripture above (Matt. 6:21) and discuss its meaning related to worship.

#### **Understanding God's Word (choose from the activities below):**



**Worship Words Race:** Use Scrabble or Banana-grams letter tiles to allow children to create words (verbs) that relate to ways we worship God. Once they create a word, allow them to roll dice for points. Keep track of the points to see who wins. Children can create as many words as possible (spelled correctly) during the allotted time. They can also trade and share tiles. To make it more challenging, do not allow words to be used more than once.



**Treasure Mazes:** Re-read Matthew 6:21 and discuss the location of your treasure and why your heart would be there. Talk about where God wants our hearts and what His treasure might be. Allow children to complete the mazes on the handout provided to get to the treasure/heart.



**Hands of Worship in a Dark World:** Trace children's hands (or glue foam hands) on black construction paper. On one hand, write John 4:23-24. With foam letters or glow in the dark paint, write at least two worship verbs above the hands. Talk with the children about how worshipping in Spirit and in Truth is a beacon in a dark world of sin.



**Worship Word Find:** Have the children create a word find using the worship verbs they created earlier in the lesson. This can be done on grid paper or electronically and then traded with each other for completion. Older children may enjoy creating a word find in a shape of their choice.