

Sunday School Lesson: Worship God His Way

Source essay: `Why Presbyterian Worship Does Not Center on Altar Calls.md`

Age: 3-6 years old

Length: 25-35 minutes

Main truth: God wants worship centered on His truth, not on pressure or show.

Memory verse: "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." - John 4:24, KJV

Teacher's Big Idea

This essay explains why Presbyterian worship does not center on altar calls. For preschoolers, the lesson should focus on reverent worship: we come to God by His Word, we listen to Him, and worship is about truth and prayer, not showy pressure.

Supplies

- A Bible
- A church picture
- A praying child picture
- A music note picture
- Coloring supplies
- A cross picture

Opening Question

Ask: "What do we do when we come to church to worship God?"

Let children answer. Then say: "Today we will learn this truth: God wants worship centered on His truth, not on pressure or show."

Bible Time

Hold up the Bible and say: "God's Word tells us the truth about Jesus and His saving work."

"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." - John 4:24, KJV

Explain: "God wants worship centered on His truth, not on pressure or show."

Repeat-after-me phrase:

"Worship God in truth."

Simple Teaching

1. God Speaks in His Word

Teacher say: "We listen when God speaks in the Bible."

Child repeat: "Listen to God's Word."

2. We Answer With Prayer and Praise

Teacher say: "We sing, pray, and worship with reverence."

Child repeat: "Worship God in truth."

3. Jesus Brings Us Near

Teacher say: "We come to God through Jesus, not through pressure or performance."

Child repeat: "Come to God through Jesus."

Object Lesson

Show the Bible and church pictures together.

Say: "When we worship, we listen to God's Word and answer Him with prayer and praise."

Hold up the cross picture and say: "Jesus brings us near to God."

Movement Activity

- "Listen to God's Word." Cup hand to ear.
- "Worship God in truth." Hold hands open like a book.
- "Come to God through Jesus." Take one step forward.
- "Pray and praise." Fold hands, then lift them.
- "Love God's house." Point to the group.

Repeat once with the children.

Short Story Illustration

Eli liked the quiet moment when everyone in church bowed their heads to pray together.

He asked why church is not just loud excitement all the time.

His mother told him that God wants worship in spirit and truth, centered on His Word and on Jesus.

Discussion Questions

1. What is the main truth today?

Expected answer: God wants worship centered on His truth, not on pressure or show.

2. What should we remember?

Expected answer: Worship God in truth.

3. Who helps God's people?

Expected answer: Jesus.

4. Is God's Word true?

Expected answer: Yes.

5. What should we do?

Expected answer: Trust and obey the Lord.

Craft or Table Activity

Draw a church with a Bible and a praying child. Write: "Worship God in truth."

Closing Prayer

Our Father in heaven, thank You for Your true Word and for the Lord Jesus Christ. Help us believe Your promises, love what is true, and walk in faith and obedience. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Parent Take-Home Line

God wants worship centered on His truth and on Jesus, not on pressure or show.