



WHAT IS WORSHIP?

BIBLE VERSE

You do not want a sacrifice, or I would give it; you are not pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifice pleasing to God is a broken spirit. You will not despise a broken and humbled heart, God. *Psalm 51:16-17*

BONUS VERSE: Our Lord and God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power, because you have created all things, and by your will they exist and were created. *Revelation 4:11*

BIBLE STORY: Mary Washed Jesus' Feet (Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:36-50; John 12:1-8)

BIBLE TRUTH: Worship is celebrating the greatness of God.

When Mary entered the presence of Jesus while He was eating with prominent religious leaders, she entered a place of total vulnerability. The people sitting around Jesus knew of her sin. More importantly, Jesus knew of her sin. She knew that she did not deserve His forgiveness. But this man had been going around healing people and forgiving them of their sins! So she went in. She bowed before Him. She washed and anointed His feet with her tears and perfume. She was questioned the whole time. You see, though she did not seem like the "type" of person who should be hanging around Jesus, her heart posture was turned toward His greatness. She knew He was so great, that she could ask His forgiveness and spend time worshipping Him.

This is exactly where our hearts should be. We, too, are some of the greatest sinners to have ever existed, and we do not deserve to ever be in the presence of Jesus—much less ask His forgiveness! But because of His death on the cross, we can be confident in an eternity spent with Him.

This week, as you and your kids process this story, ask yourselves how you can turn the posture of your heart toward Jesus' greatness just like Mary did. Worship does not have to be done only on Sunday or only with familiar music playing. We can worship in whatever way expresses our gratitude and love for our Savior.



