

# Family Worship Response

## Elementary

**Purpose:** Idols were often statues in ancient days that people built to help them worship the many gods they believe in. Even though these statues sometimes looked like real people, they weren't alive. In Psalm 115: 4-7, we see that these fake idols might have ears, but they can't actually hear. They have eyes that can see and hands that can touch. Well, just like the people in Athens would go to these fake idols, we can sometimes be tempted to put things above the one, true and living God. This worship response will give you and your kiddos the opportunity to recognize these idols in your life and choose to declare that God is the only true and living God, and therefore deserves your worship.

### Supplies Needed:

- Bible
- Paper
- Pen
- An item in your house that is REALLY important to you

### Activity:

- On your sheet of paper, answer these questions.
  - o What do you like to do when you're mad? Or when you're sad? (Do you just want to forget it all and play video games?)
  - o When you're mad, sad or frustrated, how does going to do that thing make you feel?
- When you've answered the above questions, take a moment by yourself to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you any other things in your life that you put above God.
- When you have something in mind that you think is an idol, go find an item in your house that represents that idol. For example, if it's video games that you put above God, go grab a controller.
- Hold the item in your hand. Ask God to forgive you for prioritizing this thing over Him. Acknowledge that He is the one who can love you, care for you, forgive you and not the idol that you have in your hands.
- Put the item down and pick up your Bible. Read Psalm 115: 4-7 to remind yourself that God is the one and only living God!

# Family Activity

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### **“God is the Living God” Activity Purpose:**

1 Corinthians 9:22, “I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might have some.”

God is the living God. He has, is, and always will be the perfect God who never changes. Our God has perfect attributes about his character that have stayed the same from the beginning of time and will never change. What are some of those qualities of God you know to be true?

This activity will take time to address the truths about our living God and remind ourselves of those in a fun way!

### **Supplies Needed:**

- Paper (1 sheet per child)
- Pencils or Pens
- Stopwatch

### **Instructions:** *(similar to Pictionary)*

- As a family, take time to make a list of the truths of God’s nature. See list below for examples:
  - o God is love
  - o God is sovereign
  - o God is humble
  - o God is just
  - o God is kind
- After your list is complete, write each individual attribute of God on a separate piece of paper and place it in a pile.
- Next, ask everyone in your family to grab one piece of paper, without showing anyone else.
- On a big piece of paper that everyone can see, have each individual stand in front of everyone and draw what was found on their sheet of paper.
- The person who figured out what the drawing meant gets to go next.
- Take turns until all the attributes of God are taken.

## Family Discussion

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**God Statement:** God is the Living God

**Family Verse:** *Jeremiah 10:10a* "But the Lord is the true God; He is the living God, the eternal King."

**Blessing:** May you know that you are loved by a personal God who knows you! Jesus lives to reveal God to you. May the Holy Spirit fill you with God's life-giving power and joy to share God's love with others!

**Discussion Questions:** *Acts 17*. Encourage children to look up the verses in their Bible!

- What did Paul do as he traveled? *Acts 17:2-3*  
(He went into the synagogues and explained that Jesus is the Messiah.)
- What did the Greeks worship? *Acts 17:16*  
(The Greeks worshipped idols: false gods made up by people.)
- What did Paul say about God? *Acts 17:24-29*  
(God is Creator, not a created idol. He made everything and gives life to everyone. God doesn't live in temples or need people to give Him anything.)
- What did Paul say that God requires? *Acts 17:30*  
(God commands people to repent (ask forgiveness) and turn from their sins.)
- How did the people in Athens react to Paul? *Acts 17:32 and 34*  
(Some made fun of Paul, some wanted to hear more, and some believed.)
- What kind of idols do we have today?  
(Anything that is more important in our lives than God can be an idol: money; toys; friends; celebrities; video games; phones; sports; clothes; food; etc.)
- How can we help others know the Living God? *Matthew 28:18-20; Matthew 5:16*  
(We can follow Jesus' command to go and make disciples. When we help others in the light and love of Jesus, people will want to know the living God!)

**Prayer Time:** Take time for prayer requests or praise reports (something you are thankful that God has done). Afterwards, take time to pray as a family.