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# Big Idea: God is Worthy of our Hearts

Passage: Psalm 111

## EXPLORE // 10 min.

### FOCUS STATION#1: Board Games

#### SUPPLIES

- Various board games on shelves

#### RELATE

As kids arrive, invite them to grab a board game off the shelf and play!

### FOCUS STATION#2: Tic-Tac-Toe

#### SUPPLIES

- Chalk/Chalkboard

#### RELATE

As kids arrive, invite them to find a partner and play tic-tac-toe on the chalkboard.

## DISCOVER // 45 min.

### WELCOME (5 min.)

Have child grab a chair and place them in 2 to 3 rows facing stage. Children will sit in chairs for the Discover time. Welcome children to Kingdom Kids! Be excited!

### REVIEW CLASSROOM RULE

Respect each other in our words, actions, and attitudes.

### CONNECT QUESTION & ACTIVITY (5 min.)

**Question:** What's your favorite game to play with your siblings?

**Activity:** Right and Left

#### RELATE

Invite each child to turn to their right or left and ask the Connect Question. When they're done, invite them to turn to the person on the other side of them and ask the same question. Make sure they share their names and how old they are first!

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## REMEMBER VERSE (5 min.)

Psalm 23:4

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

Hold up Remember Verse jar. Get excited about showing them how many scripture verses they have memorized. Have leaders go and stand at various corners of the room so the kids can go recite their Remember Verse. If the kids say the verse correctly, then they put a jewel in the jar. If they get it wrong, then they can try again next week. When kids are done saying their verse, they will return to their chairs. Remind them that we will celebrate their hard work on a Remember and Celebrate Sunday.

Hold up the Bubblegum Bible jar. **Every time you bring your own Bible from home to Kingdom Kids, you get to put a piece of bubble gum in the Bible Bubblegum Jar! When it gets filled on Remember and Celebrate Sundays, we can chew it! So bring your Bibles from home, and let's fill up that jar!**

## WORSHIP (20 min.)

We want to invite kids into the heart of worship and begin to teach them what that practically looks like. For some kids it may seem awkward, but as time goes on, the Holy Spirit will begin to transform these children.

### SET UP

Classroom Lead Teacher picks 2 songs beforehand. He/she runs powerpoint and songs during worship time.

### Instructions for leading the kids in worship:

- 1. Gather kids in front of stage.**
  - As soon as kids are done with reciting their Remember Verse have the kids sit their chairs.
- 2. Give vision/Attribute of God**
  - Host briefly shares vision for why we worship God and shares the Attribute of God for that week. Host asks kids to share ways that they have seen that Attribute of God displayed in their life, someone else's life or in the bible.
- 3. Worship**
  - **We can worship God in many ways - through singing, praying, spending time together celebrating God's goodness, etc. Today during the first song we are going to celebrate/worship God that is (insert attribute of God for that week). During the second song if you want to pray over or encourage a friend place do so. Also, we have the worship station in the back if you would like to do use it. Let's pray.**

## BIBLE LESSON (40 min.)

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### SUPPLIES

- Bibles
- Small white boards
- Dry erase markers
- Tissues (to be used as erasers)

### RELATE

Encourage the kids to get their bibles if they brought them or distribute the class bibles to those who don't have one.

**We're doing something a little different this summer in Kingdom Kids! Instead of having The Big God Story every week, we'll be reading a different psalm from the Bible. Psalms are special prayers and songs written thousands of years ago! When we read the psalms, they help us understand who God is and how we should respond in worship to him. Each week, we'll talk about how God is worthy of something. Who knows what the word "worthy" means? Allow kids to respond. Worthy means deserving, so when we say that God is worthy of praise, it means that God deserves it! He is worthy of everything we have!**

**Today we're going to read and talk about Psalm 111:1-7. After we read this psalm and talk about what we learned from it, you're going to get the chance to write your own psalm! But first let's read Psalm 111:1-7 together in our Bibles.**

Help kids find the psalm. Read the passage out loud to the kids. Encourage them to follow along in their bibles if they can. One worker will read the psalm out loud slowly.

**What did you guys think of that psalm? What stood out to you?** Allow for responses. **Now we're going to ask some questions to see what God is like and how we should respond to him. We're going to pass out some dry erase boards to help us. When you have your dry erase board and marker, only draw what we ask you to draw. If you can't follow instructions, then we'll have to put the boards away.** Distribute the white boards, dry erase markers, and tissues.

#### 1. Make a list of WHO GOD IS...

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**First we're going to draw or write a list of who God. When you were listening to and reading this psalm, what did it tell you about who God is?**

Have the kids write or draw who God is in the verses from Psalm 111. After they're done, have some kids share their ideas. Start making a big list on the big white board as the kids are sharing. You will need to define terms if the kids don't know what they mean!

Examples:

- God is great.
- God is glorious and majestic.
- God is righteous.
- God is gracious and compassionate.
- God is provider
- God is faithful and trustworthy.

## **2. Make a list of HOW WE ARE TO WORSHIP GOD IN RESPONSE...**

**Lastly we're going to draw or write a list of how we are to worship God in response. If God is worthy of our thanksgiving, how should we respond?**

Have the kids write or draw how they should respond to Psalm 111. After they're done, have some kids share their ideas. Start making a big list on the big white board as the kids are sharing.

Examples:

- "Extol" the Lord (definition: praise enthusiastically/passionately)
- Give him your whole heart (all your attention, affection, time)
- Fear the Lord (definition: fearing the Lord doesn't mean to be afraid of him, but to respect him just like you respect your parents and teachers. This helps us obey him.)

Have the kids place their dry erase boards, markers, and tissues underneath their chairs.

**Good job everyone! God is worthy of our whole hearts! What are some ways we can give God our hearts? Allow for responses. That's right! Giving God our hearts means giving him our attention, our affection, and our time. He is worthy of all of that! Now that we've read many different psalms this summer, we're going to take some time in our small**

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**groups and write our own psalms.** Collect the whiteboards and markers and split into small groups.

## **RESPOND // 15 min.**

### **SMALL GROUPS/BLESS**

#### **SUPPLIES**

- Psalms handout (1 per small group)
- Pens

**In small groups today we're going to work together to write our own psalm to the Lord. Let's think together why we would give him thanks.** Fill out the sheet as the kids in your small group call out aspects of God's character they're thankful for. Encourage them that they can write their own psalms to God just like today! Pray for your kids and bless them.

**Note:** Send a Remember Verse card with each child as they leave.