## **FAMILY DEVOTION!**

## "What's The Big Deal About Worship?"



"I Will Worship God With All My Heart!"



"Worship the Lord your God and serve him only." - Luke 4:8

Give everyone a pen and piece of paper and have them write down the name of their favorite celebrity—an athlete, a singer, an actor, a public figure, or whomever. (You may need to help your children who are too young to write.) Then, have everyone make a list of everything they like and admire about that person. Go beyond the obvious. For example, someone might write that she likes a particular actor not only because of his acting ability, but also because of his looks, the way he dresses, the things he's involved in off-screen, the fact that he's won a lot of awards, etc.

Once everyone is finished, tell them to imagine that they've been invited to spend an hour alone with this person. Discuss the following questions:

- \* What is the first thing you would do when you saw this person?
- \* How would you feel while you were in this person's presence?
- \* How do you think you would feel once you left this person's presence?
- \* What are some of the things you might say to that person?

Tell your children that while they may never get the chance to be in the presence of their favorite celebrity, they always have the opportunity to be in the presence of God.

Worship is simply expressing to God how much you love and admire Him, and all that takes is having your mind in the right place. If that's the case, what are some ways you can worship God at school? At work? While doing your chores? While with your friends?

Sometimes our biggest problem in worship is we can't really think of anything to say other than, "Thank you, Jesus" over and over. Maybe it's because we aren't paying enough attention to what God is doing in our lives every day. As a family, make a commitment to praising God every day over the next week for something He's done in your life that day. It may be something simple like giving you the strength to resist temptation or giving you a sense of peace during a stressful situation. Whatever it is, make sure you spend some time praising God for it.

End your devotion having each person name one thing that God has done for them recently. Then worship God together as a family for those things.

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