

Real World Skit

You and an assistant will act out this skit about two students discussing how to honor God with our best worship. Bring props to add interest!

Student 1: Hey, you look kind of upset. What's wrong?

Student 2: We might not get to sit together during kids' worship for a while.

Student 1: What?! Why not?

Student 2: Mr. Thomas told my mom we weren't paying attention today. Now Mom's mad at me and said she's very disappointed with me.

Student 1: What? How come he told her that?

Student 2: (*looks embarrassed*) Well, I think we shouldn't have been passing notes the whole time.

Student 1: But we were sitting in the back. So, it didn't bother anyone. And we were being quiet.

Student 2: Yeah, but my mom said that wasn't honoring God.

Student 1: Because we weren't listening to the lesson?

Student 2: I think so.

Student 1: But I was soooo bored. That guest speaker today wasn't very interesting.

Student 2: That's what I told my mom. But she said that was no excuse for not trying to listen. She said that was part of worshipping God—listening to the lesson no matter who is speaking.

Student 1: But we sorta sang the songs, and I bowed my head during the prayer. That's part of worship, too, right?

Student 2: Sure. But I guess it's important for us to do the best we can in all of the worship service. It's part of giving God our best.

Student 1: Maybe it's like that one lesson we had.

Student 2: Which one?

Student 1: You know. The one where the priests were bringing sick animals to the temple for their offerings. They weren't giving their best.

Student 2: Oh, yeah. I remember. And the prophet Malachi warned them that

they were disobeying because they weren't bringing the best animals to God or worshipping him with the right attitude.

Student 1: Yeah, Mr. Thomas said it was like giving God leftovers. I remember that because he showed us some yucky, stinky leftover food and asked us if that would be good food to serve to an important guest.

Student 2: Eww! I remember that, too (*making a face*). I wouldn't even want to eat those leftovers!

Student 1: (*looking thoughtful*) I sure don't want to give God leftovers when I go to church.

Student 2: Me neither.

Student 1: So, if the teacher is boring or saying things we don't understand, what are we supposed to do? How can we worship with the right attitude?

Student 2: Mom said I should listen and try to follow along in my Bible and think about what the verses mean. We might not understand everything, but the point is to focus on God and do the best we can to worship him.

Student 1: So, I should make sure I talk to God during the prayer—instead of just bowing my head.

Student 2: Yeah, during the prayer, we should listen to what's being said and tell God we're sorry for our sins—and make sure we really are sorry.

Student 1: And we should do our best when we're singing.

Student 2: Right! Because God is listening!

Student 1: No more passing notes, then.

Student 2: Definitely not.

Student 1: You know, I'm kind of looking forward to next week already.

Student 2: (*smiles*) Yeah. Me too.