

# Week 3 2's 3's 9:45

### **INVITATION**

We invite you to pause, listen, and shift your gaze toward the Father ...

### **LESSON AT A GLANCE**

WONDER TRUTH: God Deserves Worship SCRIPTURE: Psalm 145 WORD OF WONDER: Psalm 100:2

When was the last time you stood in awe of something?

I spent a few years living in small towns surrounded by the Pike National Forest, just off the northern face of Pikes Peak. One August, I was invited to lead worship on the summit of Pikes Peak for an event called "Worship Above the Clouds." Along with other worship leaders from the Colorado Springs area, I led worship at 14,115 feet. This is the same mountain that inspired the song "America the Beautiful." As we played, we faced east, toward the plains below the mountain. We could see for miles.

#### Read Psalm 145:1-18.

Verse 3 says, "Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom" (NIV). There's something powerful about singing of God's greatness, knowing nothing compares to Him, while looking at a view so awe-inspiring. Still, God's greatness is even more amazing. He is the one who created the view that we were in awe of. This truth brought us in that moment into deeper worship.

I just asked, "When was the last time you stood in awe of something?" But now, let me ask: When was the last time you were even more in awe of God? He is truly worthy of worship!

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## **Activity: Feeling Faces**

**SUPPLIES:** bendable wax sticks or pipe cleaners (1 per kid) **Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** Feeling Faces Sheets (2–3 copies)

Before kids arrive, print two or three copies of the Feeling Faces Sheets and set them out, along with bendable wax sticks or pipe cleaners.



Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

Welcome! Today we're going to learn that we can praise and worship God because He deserves worship. Worship means telling God that He is great and celebrating Him. We can praise God when we are happy. Can you make a happy face? We can praise God when we are sad. Can you make a sad face? We can even praise God when we are worried or scared. Can you make a scared face?

Let's have some fun with these faces. You can use these bendable wax sticks (or pipe cleaners) to make different mouths for the person on the paper. If you want the face to be happy, make it into a smile. If you want the face to be sad, make it into a frown. Or if you want the face to be worried or scared, you could make it into a mouth like this (demonstrate how to make a squiggly mouth with a wax stick or pipe cleaner).

Give the kids a few Feeling Faces Sheets and some bendable wax sticks or pipe cleaners. Allow them to make different faces as time allows.

## **Activity: Drum Beats**

SUPPLIES: bowls or buckets (several), spoons (several)

Set out several bowls and buckets upside down to act as drums. Place spoons nearby.

We can praise God by singing, by dancing, and even by playing instruments like drums. Let's make some music to praise God by pretending that these bowls and buckets are drums. Demonstrate how to pound on the buckets and bowls using the spoons. Let the kids take turns making music by playing the "drums."

#### Our Wonder Truth today is GOD DESERVES WORSHIP.

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

GOD—Point up.

DESERVES—Hands out in front palms up.

## Worship

### Wonder Ink RESOURCES: songs from the Worship with Wonder Early Childhood Spotify playlist

#### We'll learn in God's big story that God deserves worship!

Play songs from the Worship with Wonder Early Childhood Spotify playlist and encourage the kids to sing and dance with you.

## **God's Big Story**

#### SUPPLIES: Bible

### Wonder Ink RESOURCES: God's Big Story Video

**Our God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about a person named David.** Encourage the kids to say "David." **Let's find out from the Bible what happened to David!** 

Show the kids the God's Big Story Video or read the story from the Bible or use the Script provided.

During today's God's big story, listen closely for me to say, "Let's worship!" When I say, "Let's worship," we're all going to jump up and dance and then sit back down. Let's practice! "Let's worship!" Encourage the kids to jump up and dance and then sit back down. Great job! Make sure you are listening for me to say, "Let's worship!"

The Bible teaches about King David, who led God's people. David loved and trusted God. David worshiped God with his whole heart. He danced to worship God.

Let's worship! Encourage the kids to get up and dance and then sit back down. David wrote song poems called *psalms* to worship God. David wrote lots of song poems. Many of them are in the Bible. David wrote them to tell God things like "I'm happy" or "I'm scared" or "I'm confused." David wrote about God's love. He wrote that when we worship God, we put Him first because God is the best.

Let's worship! Encourage the kids to get up and dance and then sit back down. David wrote, "I will honor you, my God the King. I will praise your name for ever and ever" (Psalm 145:1). David knew that God is the true King of heaven and earth. He knew that God is the best and deserves worship.

God is amazing. He is perfect. He is only good all the time. That is important to tell other people about. That's why we worship Him.

### **Prayer and Blessing**

Let's talk to God. God, we love You. You are awesome and deserve our worship. We praise You for all the great things You have done. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

**Blessing:** May you think of our good and powerful God—who knows you the best and loves you the most—as you worship Him this week and always! He is worthy!

## **Activity: Praise Tag**

Let's play a game of tag. I'm going to try to catch you while you move around. When I touch your shoulder, you can say our Wonder Truth: God deserves worship!

Play a game of "tag" with the kids, with you being the tagger. When they get tagged, encourage them to repeat today's Wonder Truth after you. Play as time allows.