

No. 52 Who Is Your God?

PLEASE NOTE: Use clear but tactful reasoning as you distinguish between true and false worship.
If you wish, you may use the artwork provided to illustrate points where indicated

PEOPLE WORSHIP MANY GODS (3 min.)

Around the earth, people worship many different gods (1Co 8:5; w10 12/1 3)

Some claim to worship the God of the Bible, but they have only a hazy concept of who he is

Others are nonreligious; yet, they may idolize themselves, other people, or material things
(Php 3:19; Col 3:5)

Who or what is worthy of our worship?

THERE IS ONLY ONE TRUE GOD (8 min.)

The Bible teaches that there is only one true God [Read John 17:3]

His name is Jehovah (Ps 83:18)

He is a spirit person who dwells in heaven (1Ki 8:43; Joh 4:24)

He alone is Almighty God; he deserves our worship because he is our Creator (Re 4:8, 11)

Why do so many not worship Jehovah God?

A spirit creature craved the worship that rightfully belongs to Jehovah; he rebelled against God and became Satan the Devil (Mt 4:8-10)

Other spirit creatures joined Satan in rebellion and became demons (Ge 6:2)

Satan and the demons mislead people and promote false worship (2Co 11:14; Re 12:9)

All worship other than the true worship of Jehovah ultimately serves the purpose of Satan (1Co 10:20)

DISTINGUISH BETWEEN TRUE AND FALSE WORSHIP (14 min.)

To gain everlasting life, we must worship Jehovah in the way that he approves [Read Matthew 7:13, 14] [Image 1]

If our form of worship is not approved by God, our worship is in vain (Ro 10:2, 3; 2Ti 3:5)

Let us use the Bible to evaluate some common beliefs and religious practices (2Ti 3:16, 17)

[Develop points that apply locally]

Worship of and through images (Ex 20:4, 5; Isa 42:8)

Use of spiritism and astrology (De 18:10-12)

Ancestor worship (bhs 165 ¶4-5)

Interfaith worship (2Co 6:14, 15, 17)

Tolerance of immoral conduct (1Co 6:9, 10; w19.06 5 ¶12)

Pursuit of riches ahead of service to God (Mt 6:24, 33)

WORSHIP ONLY THE TRUE GOD (5 min.)

Make it your aim to worship only the true God, Jehovah (Ro 12:2)

By studying the Bible, you can learn how to worship him acceptably

As you get to know Jehovah better, your desire to please him will grow

He invites you to draw close to him and become his friend (Ps 25:14; Jas 4:8; bhs 15-16 ¶18-21)

Friends of Jehovah naturally want to tell others about him (Ps 9:1)

Those who choose to worship Jehovah find real joy and will receive endless blessings (Isa 25:9)

[Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section.

Not all cited texts need to be read or commented on. See *Ministry School* book, pages 52-55, 166-169]

TO BE COVERED IN 30 MINUTES

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