

## **Week 2: Monday    Scripture: Romans 12:1-2**

### **SUMMARY/BACKGROUND OF TEXT**

As we look back at our Bible times from this week, what is the one common thread that we see all throughout them? Worship. We see Elisha performing miracles by God's power and we see people worshiping Jesus as he comes into town. This is another way that we as Christians are to pause as we work out our faith.

Worship as we know is a daily response to the Gospel of Christ Jesus. Worship is something we will "do" from the time we are saved and will go on into eternity. Today we will be looking at worship in the bigger picture and how our worship will help us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus in the good times and the bad times.

### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. What do you think it means to be a living sacrifice?
2. What are ways that we, living sacrifices, can worship God?
3. When you hear the word worship, what do you think of?
4. How does this idea of worship help us understand our theme verse for the summer better?

### **GOSPEL CONNECTION**

There is a lot happening in the world around us and at times it seems void of hope. Amidst all the craziness we escape into things like the internet, countless apps, and work which beckon for our attention and distract us from where our hope is found. Living in this world can be plain exhausting. This is the very tension that we will be working through with our summer campers. We will be encouraging them to Pause as we carefully consider these words from Romans 8:25, "*But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently*". We will walk them through how to keep their eyes fixed on Jesus as we wait patiently for the day that he will return to make all things new, while still fulfilling the Great Commission where we are to share the greatest story that has ever been told.

## **Week 2: Tuesday      Scripture: 2 Chronicles 29:1-27, 31:1, 32:1-23**

### **SUMMARY/BACKGROUND OF TEXT**

Hezekiah becomes King of Judah the southern Kingdom of Israel. He makes reforms to the nation, reinstutes the Passover, worship at the temple, and tears down all the temples to false gods that the people had been worshiping for years. You should read the whole account of Hezekiah for yourself. It can be found in 2 Chronicles 29-32 and in 2 Kings 18-20. If you want to read other sections of his story to the campers go ahead. Keep in mind that we will be reading more of him tomorrow.

### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. Why did the people of Judah and Israel forget about God and started worshiping other ones?
2. What are some holidays we celebrate to remember our past?
3. What are some holidays that you celebrate to remember the Lord?
4. How about things we do on a weekly basis to remember the Lord?
5. What are some traditions that your family or church do to remember the Lord?

### **GOSPEL CONNECTION**

Life as a follower of Christ is just that: a life. The things we do as Christians (e.g. bible reading/memorization, prayer, church attendance, etc.) we do so we can remember what has been done for us and not forget like the nation of Israel did so often in the Old Testament. These things need to be passed on through the generations and practiced our *whole lives*.

### **OPTIONAL ACTIVITY**

Try to memorize a verse like Psalm 119:11 that remind us to remember the Lord words so we will not sin. This could be a weeklong activity done after every bible time so the kids do not forget the verse.

## **Week 2: Wednesday      Scripture: Romans 8:25, Isaiah 14:20**

### **SUMMARY/BACKGROUND OF TEXT**

On Fridays this summer we are looking at different ways Christians “Pause” and examples of that in scripture. Today is Prayer! Read the summer theme verse at the beginning of your lesson and then continue with the rest of the bible time. Since we talked about King Hezekiah earlier this week we are going to take a look at his prayer for Jerusalem recorded by Isaiah.

### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. What is Prayer?
2. Notice *how* Hezekiah prays. He doesn’t just enter in with what he needs or what is on his mind but instead he is telling God who He is and praising Him for it. Then he brings to God’s attention the things on his mind and asks for God to intervene for the people.
3. With what attitude should we pray?
4. What should we pray?

### **GOSPEL CONNECTION**

Prayer is a key element to walking in the Christian faith and should invade every aspect of our lives.

## **Week 2: Thursday      Scripture: Mark 10:32-45 & John 13:1-5**

### **SUMMARY/BACKGROUND OF TEXT**

Today and tomorrow you will be talking about the washing of the disciples feet. In order to get a great picture of how Jesus serves you will want to explain how Jesus defines what the greatest servant looks like. Once your campers can grasp this concept they can understand the insane way Jesus serves his disciples.

*"Tell your campers that you want to see who the greatest person is in the shelter. Have them stand in a line against the picnic tables and ask them all to jump as high as they can. Congratulate whoever jumps the highest (have a counselor participate and win). Then ask your children if they think this test for greatness was fair. Help them to see that it really wasn't a very good test and explain that, today and tomorrow, you will learn how Jesus taught that the greatest person is the one who serves." – Old Story New (book)*

### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. What did Jesus say you need to do to become the greatest and what does this mean?
2. How did Jesus show that he was a servant?
3. How should what Jesus said affect the way we live?
4. Who washed the dirty feet during the meal? Who should have offered to wash the feet?
5. What can we learn from Jesus' example?
6. What are some ways we can become better servants here at camp and at home?

### **GOSPEL CONNECTION**

The world tries to tell us how to be successful. The world will tell us that we need to just look out for ourselves and do what is best for us and by doing this we will get all that we want/need in life. What Jesus teaches us is just the opposite. He teaches us to love our neighbor as ourselves, to count others more significant than ourselves, and that in order to be first we need to be last. This is what it means to be humble. When we are humble – that's when we are acting like the greatest person – because we are acting the most like Jesus.

## **Week 2: Friday    Scripture: John 19:28-42, 20:1-9**

### **SUMMARY/BACKGROUND OF TEXT**

The gospel of Jesus is what we are all about as Christians. His death **and** resurrection are equally important. Read the other gospel accounts so you can get a feel for how John is different. All the gospel accounts are a little different but they all have the same message of the saving power of Jesus. If you want to read more of what happens before Jesus ends up on the cross feel free to do so. Be sure to leave time for the kids to ask questions so that they can understand the gospel the best that they can.

### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. What does Jesus' death accomplish?
2. What does Jesus' resurrection accomplish?
3. Why is it so important to have both death and resurrection?
4. What significance is there in the fact that Jesus was killed and resurrected at the end of Passover week?

### **GOSPEL CONNECTION**

Jesus in his death and resurrection fulfills everything that was done or prophesied about in the Old Testament. In His death He took on all our sins shedding His innocent blood for us. In His resurrection He conquered death and Hell the punishment for our sins. Now because of Him we are free from sin and the punishment that comes with it and can live in the presence of God.