

Family Worship Guide – Week 1

READ

- Genesis 1:1-2:3
- God is the just and gracious Creator of all things. The heavens and the earth are His (Psalm 89:11). He commands the skies, the wind, and the rain, and they obey Him. In His great power He sustains the stars in the heavens and sets the planets in motion (Heb. 1:3). He paints the flowers by the roadside and displays His artwork in every sunrise. The lazy willow trees, the quiet mountain peaks, the deep canyons and crashing ocean waves all point to a holy, beautiful, all knowing, admirable God.

He is the giver of all life. God made possible the created order that we now enjoy (Genesis 1:24). God formed every living thing—from the domineering lion to the absent-minded jellyfish. It was God's amusing will for the unadorned caterpillar to be refashioned into a free-spirited butterfly. When God created man He revealed Himself 'in' man in even a deeper way. Scripture tells us that God created man, male and female, in His very own image. As the crown of God's craftsmanship, we are marked with the very image of God. When God created man He gave him dominion over all the earth and every living thing that moves on the earth (Genesis 1:26-28). Man is thus set apart from the rest of creation. Also, upon our hearts is written God's moral law (Romans 2:15). As image bearers of the righteous God, we also have a sense of what is righteous.

The Bottom Line: God has revealed something of His character in creation—His power, sovereignty, eternity, and goodness. As His image bearers, we are to mirror Him to all people and subdue the world by the power of the gospel.

Questions:

Think about the six days of creation. What does creation teach us about God? What are some characteristics of God revealed in His creation?

In what ways do we bear the image of God? How does sin distort the image of God in us? What does it mean to bear the image of God?

PRAY

- The World: In our world today, there lives a myriad of over 6 billion people who all have one very important thing in common: we have all fallen short of the glory of God and can only be justified by grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus (Romans 3:23-24). Jesus tells his disciples, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
- Use Prayer Card

SING

- Use lyric sheet and mp3 download of "Praise His Name"
- About "Praise His Name": This is a song that started with the simple phrase, "Praise His name, praise His name." Steven wanted to say a line or two about God's goodness to us, then respond with this phrase, much like the revelation and response that we focus on in corporate worship.

It's a song about God's story of redemption. From creation, to the chosen people of Israel, to Christ's atonement for our sins, to the hope that we have of spending eternity with God; the fact that we can receive salvation is miraculous. Each verse builds on the next and we become more and more aware that we are undeserving of God's grace.

We chose "Praise His Name" for this week because of the first verse, which talks about creation and how it's only by God's grace that we live and move and have our being. The fact that we can even breathe should bring us to praise. "Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD." (Psalm 150:6)

MEMORIZE

- Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

SUGGESTIONS

These suggestions were created to help parents better communicate the Biblical truths discussed in the Family Worship Guide. These activities and questions can replace or serve as a supplement to the questions under the 'Read' section on Page 1. Remember, these suggestions are intended to help parents facilitate God-centered discussions with their children. Parents should prayerfully use these suggestions, and any other means necessary, to help their children discover the truths of God's Word and worship Him together.

Preschool (Birth-Kindergarten)

- Before you begin, gather these items: a rock, plant, glass of water, a picture of an animal and finally, your own preschooler.
- Explain to your preschooler that God created many different things. But only one kind of creature was made in God's own image and likeness---people.
- Tell your preschooler you would like them to pick the object that would best resemble what their father or mother is like. Which object has the most things in common with their parents as to how it looks, moves, eats, speaks, thinks, feels, acts, etc...? Briefly talk about each choice. For example: Is this rock like your Mom or Dad? Do rocks move, eat or think like your parents? Can rocks laugh, cry, pray and sing like we can? Repeat with each object and finally use your preschooler as an example of the last thing. Emphasize that children are most like their parents and most like the images of adults. Children are not adults but they are like adults in many ways. Explain that when God created people He created us in His own image and likeness. This means He created us to be like Him in many ways. We are not God but we are created to be like Him in the way we think, feel, and act so that we can have a very special relationship with Him.
- Ask, "Why did God create us in His image?" God created us in His image for His glory! That means we were created to show the greatness of God. We are to show God's greatness in everything we say, do, think and feel. When God created us in His image He created us in a wonderful way! We are different from all other things created by God. Things such as rocks, plants and animals. We can show God's greatness to others.
- Coloring page

Children (Grades 1-5)

- Question: What does it mean that man was created as God's image bearer? What does it mean to be created in the "image" of something?
- Parents, show photographs of yourself to your child(ren). Or if your children are adopted, show pictures of yourself and your parents. Point out the similarities between your appearance and your children's appearance. Tell your children that because they are yours, there are things that look the same and maybe even personality traits that are the same. Tell your children they may be image bearers of you because of their physical features. However, even having certain features, i.e. hair color, eye color, same shaped mouth, etc. point out that your child is still created uniquely in God's image. That can help us understand what it means to be created in God's image. You are created like your parents in certain ways but not completely like your parents.
- Parents are physical, therefore their children physically bear the image of their parents. Children don't look exactly like their parents, but they resemble them and can have similar hair color, eye color, same shaped mouth, etc. God is spirit and our spiritual Father, therefore we bear the spiritual image of God. We are not exactly like God spiritually, but we resemble Him.
- Coloring Page

Students (Grades 6-12)

- This week we're pondering the truth of being created in His image. In what ways are you uniquely and wonderfully made? How are you uniquely spiritually gifted?
- Often teenagers are overwhelmed with the media's attention on the outward appearance.
 - What does it mean to be created in the image of God?
 - How can you work on the beautification of the inside rather than your outward appearance?

Prayer

Praise

Praise is an act of worship through prayer in which we express our adoration of and love for God. It is rejoicing in who God is and the salvation He gives us through Christ. We recognize the many facets of His character and the work He has done in our lives. It is giving thanks for the blessings He has given us. When we praise God, we give glory, honor and thanks to Him.

Biblical Basis for Praise:
Deuteronomy 10:21; 1 Chronicles 16:8-13; Psalm 150; Romans 15:8-11; Hebrews 13:15; 1 Peter 2:9

Take some time for each of those gathered with you to lift up praises to the Lord.

Nations: The World

- Pray for God's will to be accomplished through His church for the sake of the nations
- Lift up the physical and spiritual needs of the lost, the poor and the persecuted
- Ask for God to prepare, equip and send His Church to all nations
- Pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ to have courage to boldly proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth

Source: *Operation World* by Johnstone and Mandryk

Week 1

Praise His Name

by Steven Sivley

INTRO:

C#m A E C#m A E

VERSE 1:

A E
Our God was King
C#m A
Before the world began
A/B E B
Praise His name, Praise His name
A E

He made the earth

C#m A

Laid out the heavens

A/B E B E

Praise His Name, Praise His Name

E/G# A

The Father spoke

B C#m

Into existence

F#m

The breath of life

Bsus B

To Adam's race

A E

When it was so

C#m A

He saw that it was good

A/B E B E

Praise His name, Praise His name

TURN:

C#m A E C#m A E

VERSE 2:

He chose to love
The seed of Abraham
Praise His name, Praise His name
He was their God
They were His people
Praise His name, Praise His name
But now this grace
That was upon them
He freely gives
Unto us all

His mercy flows

With loving kindness

Praise His name, Praise His name

VERSE 3:

When we were dead
In our transgressions
Praise His name, Praise His name
Jesus acquired
Our shame and penalty
Praise His name, Praise His name
The wrath of God
Unleashed upon Him
He bled and died
And rose again
Now seated with
Our Sovereign Father
Praise His name, Praise His name

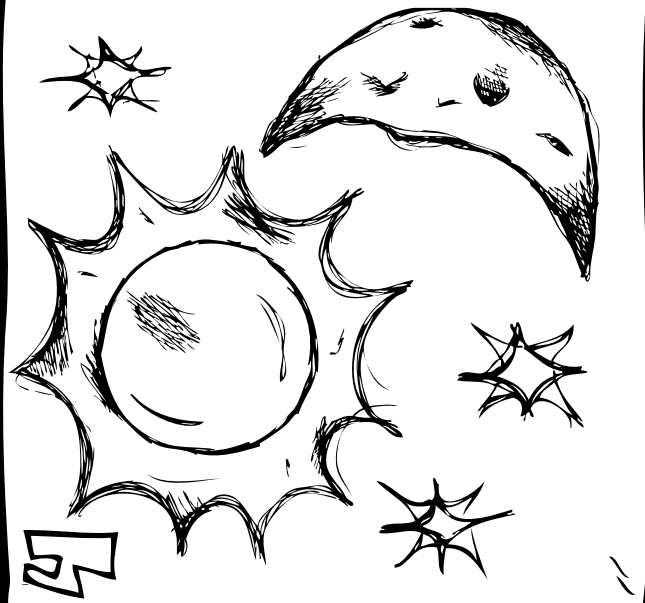
VERSE 4:

We have a hope
In all His promises
Praise His name, Praise His name
We'll shed no tears
Nor face the enemy
Praise His name, Praise His name
No sin or death
Shall press against us
Forevermore
Our song will be
Of our great God
Who reigns eternally
Praise His name, Praise His name

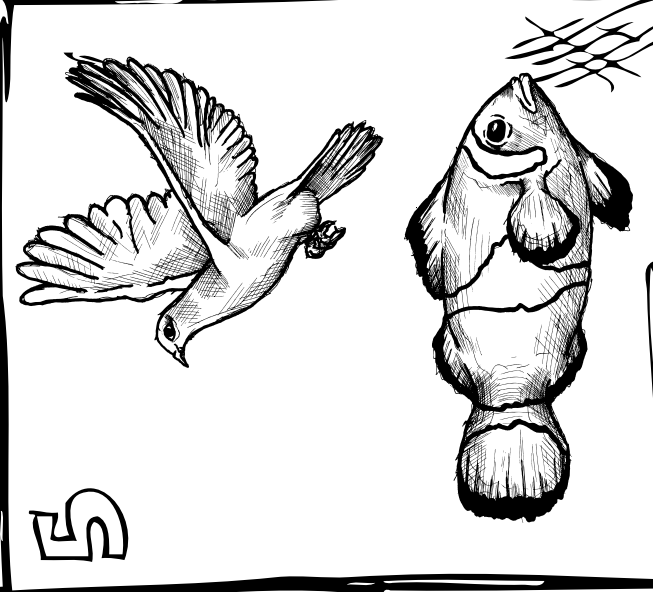
Scripture Memory

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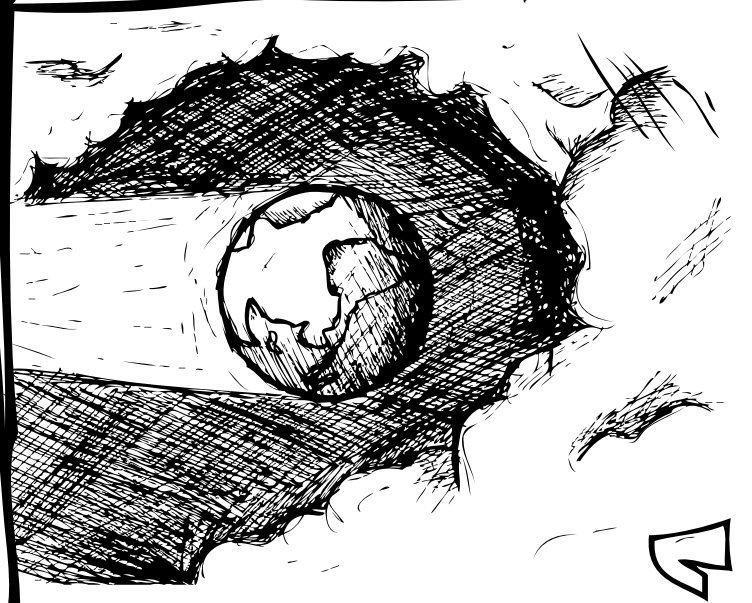
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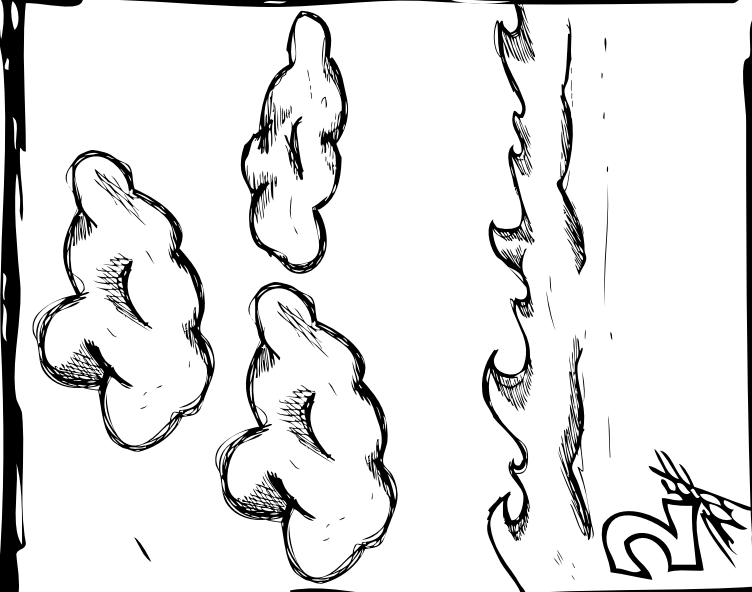
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