



# eXalted

## MAIN IDEA

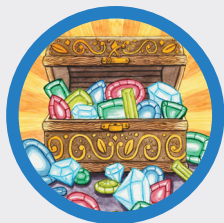
- **God ranks far above everything else. He is the Most High.**

## MEMORY VERSE

*For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.*  
—Psalm 97:9

## SCRIPTURE

- 1) Genesis 11:1-5, 7-8
- 2) Job 37:23a (NASB)
- 3) Psalm 97:9
- 4) Psalm 99:2
- 5) Psalm 138:6a
- 6) Psalm 148:13b
- 7) Isaiah 33:5a
- 8) Isaiah 57:15a (NASB)
- 9) Daniel 4:28-34
- 10) Philippians 2:9-11
- 11) 1 Peter 5:6-7



## LESSON SUMMARY

You do not have to look too far to see the people pursuing self-exaltation. It's everywhere: politics, sports, business, school, entertainment, social media, etc. There lurks in the sinful flesh a longing to make a name for ourselves.

In this lesson, we told the biblical account of people of Shinar in building the tower of Babel. They wanted to draw attention to themselves so that they could be seen as great. But God stopped them in their quest for self-exaltation. He alone is exalted and should be seen and worshipped as such. Why is it good and right that God be exalted? Here is a wonderful explanation by John Piper:

*...unlike our self-exaltation, God's self-exaltation draws attention to what gives greatest and longest joy, namely, himself. When we exalt ourselves, we lure people away from the one thing that can satisfy their souls—the infinite beauty of God. When God exalts himself, he manifests the one thing that can satisfy our souls, namely, God.*

*Therefore, God is the one being in the universe for whom self-exaltation is the most loving act, since love labors and suffers to enthrall us with what is infinitely and eternally satisfying, namely, God. Therefore, when God exalts God and commands us to join him, he is pursuing our highest, deepest, longest happiness. This is love, not megalomania.<sup>1</sup>*

## PRAYER POINTS

As you review this lesson with your child, pray...

- *that God would be “high and lifted up” in the mind and heart of your child.*
- *that the Holy Spirit bring about a godly humility that is pleasing to the Lord.*



## AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

- Recall what happened when the people of Shinar tried to exalt and “make a name” for themselves. Point out that others have also tried to exalt themselves above God. Quickly relate the story

1. “Why God Is Not a Megalomaniac in Demanding to Be Worshipped,” sermon delivered by John Piper, ©2014 Desiring God Foundation, [desiringGod.org](http://desiringGod.org)

of King Nebuchadnezzar from Daniel 4:28-34. In the end, what happens when someone tries to exalt himself over God? Do you ever talk and act in boastful ways about yourself? How does God see your boasting? What kind of attitude should you have toward the Most High God? Read and talk about Psalm 138:6a and Isaiah 57:15.

- Point out that most people in the world do not celebrate that Jesus is exalted far above anything and anyone else. Many of these people do not even know who Jesus is or what He has done. **What should those of us who know and love Jesus do so that others will see how great and exalted Jesus is? For example, if you score the winning goal for your soccer**

team, is there a way that you could point to Jesus as being great and not yourself? What about people who have heard about Jesus but do not like it that He is exalted above all? Is there a way we can help them? [e.g., pray for them and keep pointing them to Jesus]

- Explain that at one time or another, all of us try to exalt ourselves above God. Sometimes it is as simple as thinking that we know a better way to do something than God does. **What can we do when we are tempted to exalt ourselves? What should we remember? Are there some verses that can help us fight against wanting to be the center of attention?** Read and talk about 1 Peter 5:6-7.

### ACTION STEP

This week, write out the memory verse from Psalm 97:9 in places where it will be the “center of attention.” Perhaps use erasable markers and write it on the bathroom or bedroom mirrors, the refrigerator, etc. Every time you see it, pause and read the verse and remember that God is the Most High.

### MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

This verse is not right! Some of the words are very wrong! Completely cross out and cover the wrong words and write the with the correct words above them.



SOMETIMES HIGH OVER MOST OF THE EARTH;

YOU ARE RANKED A LITTLE ABOVE MOST GODS.

—Psalm 97:9