



# Worthy

## MAIN IDEA

- **God is most valuable and deserves our greatest love, obedience, and worship.**

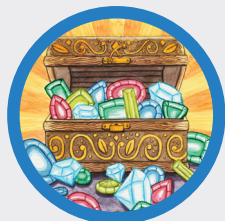
## MEMORY VERSE

*Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.*

—Philippians 3:8a

## SCRIPTURE

- 1) Matthew 4:18-22
- 2) Matthew 13:45-46
- 3) Luke 5:27-28
- 4) Philippians 3:8a



## LESSON SUMMARY

Consciously or unconsciously, we continuously assign value to things. Whether homes, cars, baseball players, or a candy bar, we make decisions based on what we value, weighing how much something is “worth” to us. But the sinful heart’s measure of what is truly worthy of our time, attention, and admiration is desperately skewed. Therefore, it is no wonder that society readily gives high praise and devotion to entertainers and sports figures, but openly scorns the King of the universe. Oh that we might see, with increasing measure, the incomparable worth of Jesus! May we, like Paul, be able to say with our whole being, “Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord” (Philippians 3:8a). And may that reality fuel our love, obedience, and worship of Him.

In this lesson, we looked at the parable of the Pearl of Great Price to help children understand the surpassing worth of Jesus. We then recounted the responses of Peter, Andrew, James, John, and Levi when Jesus called them to be His disciples.

## PRAYER POINTS

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

- *that your child would see and understand that Jesus is a treasure beyond anything else.*
- *that the Holy Spirit would be at work, bringing about genuine faith that results in true worship.*



## AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

- **Have you ever pretended to hunt for a hidden treasure chest? If you found a treasure chest full of gold and jewels and money, what would you do with the treasure? Could that kind of treasure make you happy forever? Why not? What might happen to your treasure? Do you see Jesus as a kind of valuable treasure? In what ways does Jesus show us that He is the most valuable treasure of all—even more valuable than people in your family?**
- Point out that our words and actions often show what we think is worthy of our time and attention. For example: If someone sits and watches television all day long, day in and day out, that person is saying that the television deserves his time and attention—it is “worthy.”

Do you ever act in ways that show that something is more worthy of your love, obedience, and worship than God? Give children a concrete example of this from your own life. What can help us to always remember that God is most valuable and deserves our greatest love, obedience, and worship?

- Explain that the word “worship” goes together with the word “worthy.” We are to worship God because He is worthy. Worship is recognizing true things about God, and then having a right heart response to Him.

On a piece of paper, make a list of some attributes of God. This is recognizing true things about God. But worship also means a right heart response to these true things. **What would a right heart response be to recognizing that God is loving? Almighty? Provider? Deliverer? etc.?** [e.g., loving Him most, being in awe of Him, thanking Him, trusting Him, etc.] Point out that true worship can be expressed in many ways: clapping, singing, praying, being quiet, etc.

**ACTION STEP**

With your parents' help, gather slips of paper or index cards. Place the paper in a pile on a table. During the week, think about things or activities that you sometimes count as more valuable than Jesus. Write each of these things down on a slip of paper. Then review the memory verse from Philippians 3:8a and throw the slips of paper in a trash can.

**MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY**

The words you have learned in class are good reminders that show us why God is worthy. Add the first letter to each of the words, then use those letters to complete the memory verse.

\_\_\_eliverer    \_\_\_lmighty    \_\_\_mnipresent    \_\_\_ternal  
 \_\_\_reator    \_\_\_overeign    \_\_\_ise    \_\_\_erciful  
 \_\_\_ictorious    \_\_\_nchanging    \_\_\_oly    \_\_\_ove  
 \_\_\_lorious    \_\_\_ighteous    \_\_\_efuge    \_\_\_atient



In \_\_\_eed, I \_\_\_ount e\_\_\_erythin\_\_\_s  
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 J\_\_\_sus \_\_\_y \_\_\_ord.—\_\_\_hilippians 3:8a