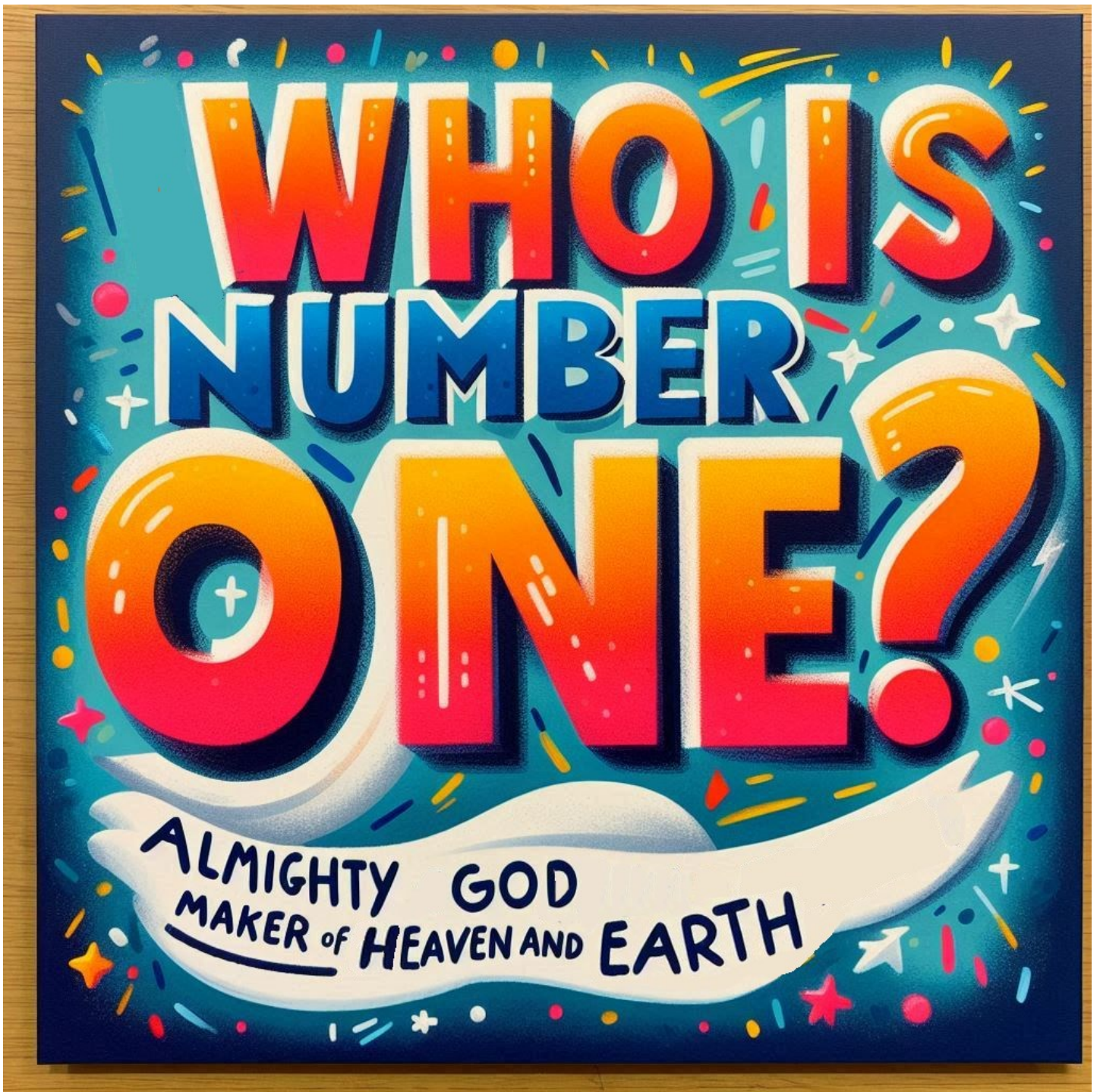




Quarter 3 — Lesson 34



Year 3—Quarter 3: Worship

Who is Number One?

10 Commandments #1

Keep God First in Our Hearts

Jesus said, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” Mark 12:30

Explain: Jesus narrowed the 10 Commandments down to two key things: love God and love others. Jesus said the number one rule was to love God with heart, soul, and mind. That means that everything we do, think, or say should be done with God in mind.

Prayer Moment

Have kids repeat each line.

Dear God,

Thank You for Your laws.

Help us to remember that love is the most important one!

Help us to share Your love with those around us.

Thank You for Your love.

We love You, God!

In Jesus' name, Amen!

Power Point

Keep God
first in your
heart.

Activity: Treasure Hunt

Before the session, hide gold coins (*chocolate candies*) all around the room and four balls of aluminum foil with words in each one that spell: WHAT IS A GOD?

Say, we are going on a treasure hunt to find all the gold coins and silver balls. No one may eat the chocolate (*coins*), but they all must be piled in the middle of a table. (*Make the children wait until snack time to eat the candies.*)

After all the gold and silver has been found and piled on the table, Unwrap the silver balls to reveal the words: “What is a god?” Ask if they can answer. (*wait for answers*) Then say, “A god is anything we love so much that it clouds our love for the Father (*Or, His love for us*).

You can love your stuff, but not to the point where you're worshipping your stuff.

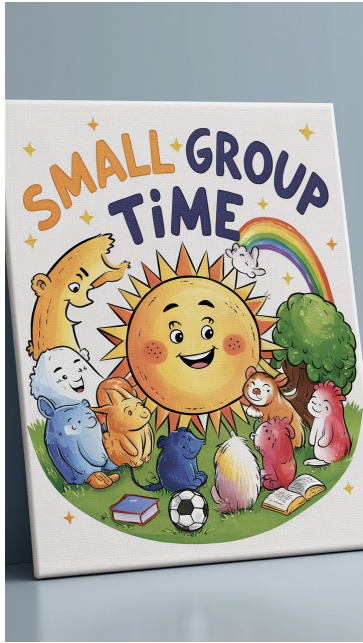


MEMORY VERSE

“You shall have no other gods before Me” (Exodus 20:3)



Year 3—Quarter 3: Worship



Small Group Discussion

Introduction: Ask the kids if they have ever had to make a choice between two things they really wanted to do. For example, choosing between playing with a favorite toy or going outside to play. Discuss how sometimes we have to prioritize what's most important.

Show the kids a poster or handout with the paraphrased commandment, "Put God first."

Explain that this is the first commandment God gave to the Israelites, and it's just as important for us today. God wants us to remember that He is the most important One, the One who loves and cares for us.

the kids understand that putting God first means:

- Loving and obeying Him more than anything else
- Trusting Him with our decisions and choices
- Recognizing that He is the One who provides for and cares for us

Conclusion: Remember, putting God first means we trust Him and follow His ways, even when it's hard. When we make God the most important part of our lives, He helps us make good choices. Let's always try to put God first in everything we do!

Lead a brief discussion to help

The Tale of Sammy and the Shiny Bike

Once upon a time, in a small town, there lived a boy named Sammy. Sammy loved riding his shiny red bike. Every day after school, he would zoom around the neighborhood, feeling the wind in his hair and the sun on his face.

One sunny afternoon, Sammy came home from school and saw his bike gleaming in the driveway. He couldn't wait to ride it! But just as he was about to hop on, his mom called out, "Sammy, don't forget you have homework to do first!"

Sammy frowned. He really wanted to ride his bike, but he knew his homework was important too. He thought for a moment and decided to do his homework first.

He sat at the kitchen table and worked on his math problems, even though he kept glancing at his bike outside.

After what felt like forever, Sammy finally finished his homework. He ran outside, jumped on his bike, and rode faster than ever before. He felt proud because he had made the right choice. By doing his homework first, he could enjoy his bike ride without any worries.

From that day on, Sammy always remembered that sometimes, we have to do what we should do first, so we can enjoy what we want to do even more.

Apply: Just like we have to choose between things we want to do, we need to choose to put God first in our lives.



Take-Home

Year 3, Lesson 34 — Who is Number One?

Summary

Bible Passage:

Exodus 2:2-3

Main Point:

Keep God first in your heart.

Discuss:

Q: What are the Ten Commandments?

1. Put God first
2. No fake gods
3. Respect God's name
4. Respect God's day of rest
5. Respect your parents
6. Do not kill people
7. Respect marriage
8. Do not steal
9. Do not lie
10. Do not be jealous

Explore the Bible

Read: Exodus 2:2-3 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before Me" Put simply: "Put God first."

Story: See "The Tale of Sammy and the Shiny Bike" on a supplement page. Read that story to your child and say: Just like we have to choose between things we want to do, we need to choose to put God first in our lives.

Worship Journal

Provide your child with a journal with blank pages. Explain to them that your family will be writing (or drawing) in their "Worship Journal" after each lesson.

- What does this lesson teach me about worshipping God?
- How has the Holy Spirit been helping me this week?
- Are there any commands in the Bible passages we read for me to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in these passages to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How have I experienced worshipping God this week?

Apply and Pray

Ask: Your child to share one way they can put God first in their daily life.

Pray: Lead your child in a prayer asking God to help our family remember to put Him first in their lives.

