



# January Parenting Notes

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PS 95:6 Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

We are called to worship the LORD. In Hebrews 12:28-29 it says, “Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe,<sup>29</sup> for our ‘God is a consuming fire.’” The worship of our Mighty God should not be undertaken flippantly (see 1CO 11:30-32). God is holy, a consuming fire. Thus, we must worship God acceptably, in humility, fear, reverence and awe. Is this the way you and your family worship?

PS 96:9 Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

## **Preparation**

Worship is devotion and commitment to God. Obviously, we must worship God everyday through our obedience to Him and our love toward others (RO 12:1). However, our times of communal worship are especially significant. They glorify God, help us to draw close to Him, and encourage our brothers and sisters. It is a time for self-reflection as well as praise to the God who called us out of darkness. Preparation for this communal time starts well before service. Getting to church early honors God and lessens distractions at the beginning of service. What can we do to get to church on time?

**Tip 1:** Prepare by putting Bibles, song books, snacks, drinks, etc. in the car the night before. If you are getting a ride from a friend, put everything you need in a backpack by the door.

**Tip 2:** Begin getting ready for church earlier. Lay out your clothes the night before. Prepare quick meals. Have the children wash the night before. Pray that God would help you to be punctual.

## **Proper Conduct**

Children will need to be taught the proper behavior for worshiping God. They should understand that worshiping God, not playing, is the reason for Kingdom Kids. Yes, Kingdom Kids is fun. However, there should be an attitude of respect as the children learn about God and draw close to Him.

**Tip 1:** Children should be active in every aspect of class: singing, praying, lessons, activities, etc.

**Tip 2:** Children should not distract others, being quiet while the teacher is talking, and listening attentively.

**Tip 3:** Ask your children what they learned in class. Ask her what part of class helped her to love God more. Ask him if he has any questions. Let your children see in you a genuine desire to worship God communally.