



n:vestigation: Ways to worship

Explore It!

Share this story as an introduction. Barney's bag was crammed full of different things. 'Whoa Barney, what have you got in your bag?' asked Gabby, puzzled. He said 'There are loads of things in here, all of which help me to support my football club. I've got banners, a megaphone, clappers, a scarf, and a big sponge hand.' Gabby laughed – 'You're going to look really great. I'll have to watch out for you on television.' Barney smiled and said 'No need to watch out for me. You'll be able to hear me cheering and singing above everybody else!' Gabby thought for a while and said 'Hmm, Christians support Jesus so I wonder if they have all of these things too.' **How do Christians worship? Let's n:vestigate!**

Dig Deep!

This **n:vestigation** will help us to find different ways in which we can worship God. Explain to your child that one way we can do this is by singing. When people go to church they usually sing different songs to help them worship God. Some churches sing hymns and some churches sing very modern Christian songs. A great way for younger children to worship is to learn action songs. These are often easy to remember songs so don't rely on children being able to read.

Try some action songs together...

Our God is a great big God –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-gji65RVaKM>

I'm gonna jump up and down (be happy) –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mdRneMPatco>

Zoom In!

Show your child books or pictures of books, such as a cookery/poetry/story/dictionary, and ask them what they are and when they're useful. Then show a Bible and ask what your child knows about this book. Listen to their contributions and ensure they know it's the book that Christians think is very special because it's got stories of Jesus in it. Christians think reading the Bible is a way of worshipping God.

Jump Up!

You'll need:

- 1 large marble/ball, 5 small marbles/balls
- Masking tape

Play David & Goliath

You can read the full story here: http://www.dltk-bible.com/cv/david_and_goliath.htm

In the story there was Goliath, a huge giant, and David, a young boy. David managed to kill Goliath. His only weapons were five small stones. Explain that we can worship God with the things He has given us e.g. our possessions and our actions. In this game, the big marble is meant to be Goliath and the little ones are David's stones.

- Use tape to mark a large square on the floor with a small X in the centre.
- Place Goliath (large marble) on the X in the centre of the square.
- Take it in turns to slide the David stones (small marbles) to knock Goliath out of the square.
- The challenge is to see if you can knock Goliath out of the square with less than 5 marbles!