

PARENT PARTNER

WEEKLY PLAN



Week 1: A Terrible Exchange

Idols are a terrible exchange. We trade the glory of a loving and gracious God for little gods. Why? Because they seem more real because they feel more tangible. This week we pray against the desires to make an exchange of God's goodness for little gods.

PRAYER TIME

THIS IS YOUR DAILY SCRIPTURE:

Not to us, Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory because of your faithful love, because of your truth. Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Our God is in heaven and does whatever he pleases (Ps. 115:1-3).

THIS IS YOUR DAILY PRAYER:

My desire is not for myself or my family. My desire is to give Your name glory, Lord. Because You have been and always will be faithful to me. Your love is faith because of Your truth. No one can ever say that You do not show up. God, You are in heaven and Your will is always done. This gives me hope.

DRIVE TIME

CONVERSATION

PARENT PRE-READING: *And exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man, birds, four-footed animals, and reptiles (Rom. 1:23).*

CONVERSATION STARTER: I was reading in Romans 1, and it talks about how people exchanged the glory of God for images of things God created and worshiped them. What are things you see people worship in your school or community?

DINNER TIME

CONVERSATION

STARTING QUESTIONS

What does idolatry mean? What are things you see people worship in the world that is not God?

READ THIS TOGETHER *Do not have other gods besides me. Do not make an idol for yourself, whether in the shape of anything in the heavens above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth. Do not bow in worship to them, and do not serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, bringing the consequences of the fathers' iniquity on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate me, but showing faithful love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commands (Ex. 20:3-6).*

SCRIPTURAL APPLICATION QUESTIONS

What does it mean that God is a jealous God?

How does it affect our relationship with God and others when we begin to make things in our life a priority over our relationship with God?

What should we do when we realize that we have fallen into the sin of idolatry?

ACTIVITY TIME

WORSHIP CREATOR OVER CREATION

God has created all things. We are reminded in Romans 1 that people chose to worship the creation over the Creator. There is something breathtaking about a mountain or an ocean. Sometimes the simplicity of your local park can be inspiring. Let's work to be people who see creation and take it a step further to give worship to the Creator. As a family, go enjoy creation together. Parents, take the opportunity to remind your student of the Creator as you enjoy creation together.