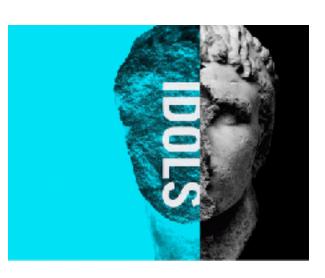


WEEKLY PLAN



Week 2: A Worthless Carving

Idols are a worthless carving. Worthless because it is shaped by human hands and ideas. This week we pray against the temptation to shape our ideas of God into our ideal. Be shaped by God and not crafted by your own understanding.

PRAYERTIME

THIS IS YOUR DAILY SCRIPTURE:

God, you are my God; I eagerly seek you. I thirst for you; my body faints for you in a land that is dry, desolate, and without water (Ps. 63:1).

THIS IS YOUR DAILY PRAYER:

God, You are my God. I am seeking You today. Help me and my family seek You each day of our lives. I thirst for You, God. Not having You would be like wandering in the desert without water. It's this kind of faith that I pray for myself and my family.



PARENT PRE-READING: What use is a carved idol after its craftsman carves it? It is only a cast image, a teacher of lies. For the one who crafts its shape trusts in it and makes worthless idols that cannot speak (Hab. 2:18).

CONVERSATION STARTER: I was reading in Habakkuk 2, and it talks about how the idols we create are worthless. When we seek to find worth and value in things outside of God, how might we be left discouraged?



STARTING QUESTIONS

What do you think it means when someone says, "alive in Jesus Christ"?

READ THIS TOGETHER The idols of the nations are of silver and gold, made by human hands. They have mouths but cannot speak, eyes, but cannot see. They have ears but cannot hear; indeed, there is no breath in their mouths. Those who make them are just like them, as are all who trust in them (Ps. 135:15-18).

SCRIPTURAL APPLICATION QUESTIONS

What do you think the author is trying to say in verse 18? How are they like the idols they make?

Do you believe that it's also true that when we worship God we begin to become more like Him? Why or why not?

How can we as a family make sure our eyes are on God first even over other good things in our lives?



CREATION WITH OUR HANDS

So much of the image of idol worship in Scripture is men using their hands to create idols they would worship. Yet, beautiful things that are made can be redeemed as worship to God not ourselves. Talk as a family about making something. Maybe it's trying your hand at painting, no matter how bad it is. Or maybe you want to get the hammer and nails out and make something out of wood. No matter what it is, enjoy some time as a family together and give glory to the Father for giving you hands that can create for His glory.