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Dear Parent:

One of the core values of Central is that God designed the family as the primary place for discipleship. The Faith Path initiative exists to partner with you as you guide your child's spiritual journey one step at a time. Age appropriate kits have been created to help you leverage the best faith formation strategy for your child's stage of development. In this **Worship kit**, you will find practical ideas and suggested resources to help you teach your child how to adore God. I urge you to start today by taking the following simple steps.

STEP ONE: LEARN

We have provided a link to a short video that explains this particular Faith Path step. You will hear from both experts and ordinary families as they describe the importance of individual and family worship and share practical suggestions from their experiences. You will also find a guide that offers practical tips and what we consider the best resources on the topic. If you would like additional coaching or information about Faith Path, please visit centralbcs.org/faithpath or contact Chris Gary, Minister to Children, at cgary@centralbcs.org.

STEP TWO: START

To help you start, I encourage you to buy a frame and dry erase marker for the *God You Are* card included with this kit. Use it to begin a routine of worshipping God with your child right away.

If your child is registered with Central, you will receive the next email on their ninth birthday explaining how to receive the Giving & Serving kit. To confirm we have correct birthday information on your child, please log into our database at centralbcs.org/realm and update your family profile.

I hope you find this kit helpful in the process of forming the faith of your child at home. Feel free to visit centralbcs.org/faithpath to learn more or to determine if your child is ready for other Faith Path steps.

In Christ,

Phillip Bethancourt
Senior Pastor

PS: Additional resources may be found at centralbcs.org/faithpath/worship.



FAITH PATH

WORSHIP

*Teach Your Child
How to Adore God*



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*Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.*

—Psalm 29:2—

What is Worship?

Worship is our response to the greatness of God. Many Christians limit the concept to singing songs in church. We need to help our children understand that worship involves much more than attending a weekend service. Worship is both an action and an attitude. Scripture says that true worship begins in the heart of the believer (John 4:23). Worship involves taking the focus off of ourselves and directing our attention toward God - who He is and what He has done. We may be great multitaskers who can accomplish multiple things at once, but real worship only occurs when we give God our complete and sole attention.

Personal Worship

Actually, children do not need to be taught how to worship but whom to worship. Most kids idolize heroes from the world of sports, music, and television. They memorize every statistic and detail. In other words, they “worship” in the purest form by focusing their complete attention on someone they admire rather than on themselves. It is our job to help them see the wonder of our awesome God. The best way to teach your child how to worship God on a personal level is by doing it yourself and modeling a life of worship with your words and actions. Allow your child to experience the “wow” of who God is. Intentionally, point out the amazing things that God has done and is doing.

Corporate Worship

It is also important to spend time worshipping together at home and at church. Create family worship experiences using songs, prayer, and scripture. Make public worship a priority by gathering with other believers to focus on God through the same elements.

Ways to Worship

Make it a priority to help your child discover real worship. Use any of the following ideas to get started:

- Spend a few minutes around the table or in the car as a family taking turns saying something about who God is and what He has done. Try to avoid mentioning yourselves. Focus completely on Him.
- Make worshipping as a family a priority by talking about God and committing to regularly attend a church service where you praise Him and study His Word together.
- Play songs of worship or make music together using instruments to create a fun time of family worship in song. Psalm 100:20 says to "Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs."
- Declare specific days like "Worship Wednesdays" to make a point of worshipping together. This could be as simple as taking time on the way to or from school or before bed to each say one thing about God you observed during the day.
- Ask your child questions about God's character or His creation. Help him or her focus on how amazing God is.
- Frame the God You Are card included with this kit to start or end the day with a worship fill-in-the-blank.

INTENTIONAL FAITH PATH PLAN

Child's Name: _____

How will you be intentional this next year?

- ☐ Pray daily for and with my child.
- ☐ Consistently spend time in God's Word with my child.
- ☐ Bless my child daily.
- ☐ Schedule and have regular family times.
- ☐ Create a habit of worship with my child.
- ☐ _____

*Giving & Serving is the next step on the Faith Path
and is recommended at age nine.*

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

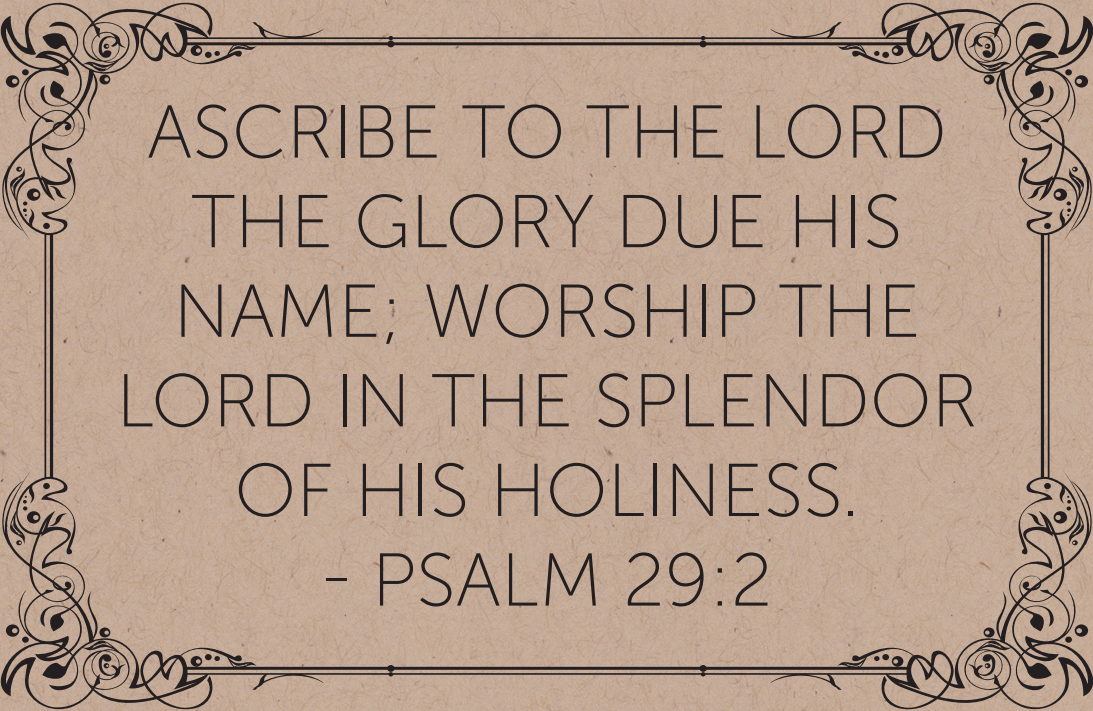
Teaching Kids Authentic Worship by Kathleen
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- PSALM 29:2