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God Is Worthy of Praise

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for use as
STEP 1**Lesson 14****Lesson Focus**

God is worthy of our worship.

Lesson 14**Bible Basis:**

John 9:1-41

Lesson 14**Memory Verse:**

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness; come
before him with joyful songs.
—Psalm 100:1-2

To introduce a lesson about a blind man receiving his sight, students will watch a video about a young girl who was legally blind until genetic therapy gave her back her sight.

Materials:
 Internet access

➤ **Did someone ever do something really nice for you? What happened?** (Preteens may talk about a friend giving him or her a special gift, a parent or grandparent providing a needed item or service, or a teacher or coach going the extra mile to help. You may want to have an example from your own life prepared.)

➤ **How did you respond when this person showed you this kindness?** (Answers will vary.)

When someone does something kind for us or helps us, we usually feel thankful. We may want to find a special way to say “thank you” or even repay the person who was nice to us. And we might want to tell others what a wonderful thing they did for us—we find a way to brag about what a wonderful friend they are.

We are going to watch a video about a girl named Hannah. Someone did something very special for her. Let’s watch this amazing story together! (You may want to read the subtitles or give a synopsis of their content out loud if your students are not proficient readers. But your students will understand that Hannah was blind and then received a therapy that healed her.)

Share the following video [4:07]:

Blindness to Sight: Hannah R’s story

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BeKv_TIAGbY

What an incredible story. Hannah was born with a disorder that was robbing her of her sight.

➤ **What would happen to Hannah without the special surgery?** (Students may say she would not be able to see certain things, her sight would be limited. Like looking through straws, she would only see bright light, and eventually she would go completely blind.)

➤ **What could Hannah see following her surgery?** (Students may say she could see everything— her family members, sunsets, light, fireflies, stars.)

➤ **How did Hannah’s parents feel about the hospital and doctors who performed Hannah’s surgery?** (Students may say they were thankful; they didn’t know how to thank the people who had helped; they praised the commitment of the healthcare workers; Hannah’s dad said, “We want to shout from the mountain tops!”)

Hannah’s family was thankful and praised the people who helped give their daughter her sight back. Imagine how Hannah felt to be able to see fireflies and faces and stars! Let’s look at what the Bible says about a man who was born blind and how Jesus responded.

(Continue on to Steps 2 and 3 in your teacher’s guide; your Step 4 appears below.)

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Materials:

- Internet access
- Worship Catcher printout (1 per student)
- Colored pencils or markers
- Scissors
- Optional: Art supplies if available

If you are meeting together, print out a copy of the worship catcher for each student. If you are meeting via a social conferencing platform, e-mail your students' parents and ask them to print out a copy of the worship catcher for their child. You may want to watch the following tutorial and/or show it to your students so that they will know how to fold and operate their worship catcher once it is complete.

Craft tutorial [1:45]:

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Hannah's family couldn't even put into words how thankful they felt toward the doctors and nurses who had performed the therapy that helped their daughter see. When Jesus healed the blind man, the man worshiped Him and believed. God is worthy of our worship! Think of all God has done for you.

Our memory verse tells us that God's kindness and greatness deserves a response! Have a volunteer read the memory verse, Psalm 100:1-2. God is worthy of our worship. Not only that, but His kindness brings us joy.

Hannah's dad said he wanted to shout from the mountain tops about how grateful he was for what the doctors had done for Hannah. There are lots of ways to worship God—giving Him a shout out is one of them! Today you're going to make your own worship catcher to help you decide how you will praise God each day this week. Make sure each student has a copy of the worship catcher template. Have them cut out the square worship catcher and begin to fill it out as follows. On the corners, invite them to decorate their worship catcher any way they like that reminds them of reasons to worship God—it could be pictures drawn of

God's creation, today's memory verse, or they might want to put something like "1, 2, 3, Worship!" Once they have that done, they can concentrate on the triangles in the middle of the page. In each one they should write a different way to worship. Help your students with ideas—they will need eight ideas total. Ideas might include: Sing Him a song; shout, "God is great!"; write Him a poem; draw Him a picture; dance for Him, tell someone how great He is, etc. Once they have completed their worship catcher, be sure they know how to fold it and use it. A tutorial is available if needed.

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God is great. He is worthy of our worship! Challenge your students to use their worship catcher each day this coming week and follow through with whatever form of worship they selected randomly.

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