

**Service Two**

**Objective:** To teach children that God should come first in our lives.

**Key Verse:** "Thou shalt have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:3).

**Who/What We Worship**

**Scripture Text:** Exodus 32:15-20

**POWER line:** God is the only one I worship.

**Schedule**

I. Power of Worship (25-30 minutes)

A. Welcome (6-8 minutes)

- Worship
- Review Game

B. POWER line (3-5 minutes)

- Kazoo Time

C. Truth Conductor (4-6 minutes)

- Boxes of Idols

D. Offering (2-3 minutes)

D. Praise Generators (5-7 minutes)

- "One God"

E. Prayer (2-3 minutes)

- "Lord, You're Worthy of My Highest Praise"

II. Power of the Word (25-30 minutes)

A. Bible Memorization (8-10 minutes)

- Scrambled Labels
- Charades

B. Spirit Generator (2 minutes)

- "Our God Is an Awesome God"

C. Illustrated Sermon (10-12 minutes)

- Who/What We Worship

D. Invitation and Prayer (5-? minutes)

### Supplies

- clipboard, whistle, songbook, CDs, choir robe for CeeDee
- magazine pictures
- 3x5 cards, container
- self-adhesive labels
- several boxes, various sizes
- transparencies of songs
- rope
- chalk board or white board, chalk or markers

### Before the Session

- CeeDee needs all of her paraphernalia.
- Make a transparency of the song, "One God."
- Find pictures in magazines of the following: television, video game, sports supplies, money, mirror/someone primping, car, bicycle, muscles, child disobeying, music. Attach to 3x5 cards and place in a container for a drawing.
- Write the following words on self-adhesive labels, one word per label: thou shalt have no other gods before me exodus 20:3 tv muscles sports music car money games me God is the only one I worship.
- Ask assistants to help you locate the children wearing (1) the POWER line labels, and (2) the key verse. Teens make good assistants. The assistants should sit randomly among the children, not together as a group, so that at their cue, they will quickly read the labels of those children sitting near them until they find the desired group and lead them to the director.
- Label several boxes of various sizes with the following phrases: pride, money, fun, car,

clothing, girlfriend, video games, sports. Add word pictures if possible. Tie a rope around each box. Ask a teen boy to play the role of the guy who would not worship anything but God. He enters on cue (see Energy Outlet), talking loudly and picking up boxes as he goes down the aisle, slinging them over his back. The more boxes he picks up, the more bowed over he becomes, until finally he is almost doubled over to the ground as he reaches the director. Before service, place these boxes in the aisle for his retrieval. Assistants will need to remind the children to leave the boxes alone until they are needed.

- ❑ Teach the praise singers the song "One God" from Kids Sing 1 available from Pentecostal Publishing House. It is to the tune of "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean."
- ❑ Give several assistants lines to say during the sermon. When the director tells of how the people grew tired of waiting for Moses, the assistants get out of their seats and come forward shouting out their statements, one at a time so that each can be heard:

**Aaron, where is Moses? Isn't he ever coming back?**

**We're tired of waiting for Moses. Where is God anyway?**

**Yeah, we want to see God. Make us a god, Aaron, so we can worship.**

**We don't have to wait for Moses to worship. Let's make our own worship!**

## **POWER of Worship**

### **Welcome/Theme Introduction (6-8 minutes)**

Five minutes before service starts, the musicians begin playing a lively praise chorus. At service time, the worship leader (or lead teacher) leads the congregation in singing. Remember, the key to this Children's Prayer Revival is worship.

As the children enter, attach a label to each child. If your group is small, only distribute the key verse and power line labels. If your group is large, some children will not receive labels.

After a few minutes of praise and worship, ask the pastor to lead in prayer.

Welcome visitors. Play a short review game covering the highlights of service one with boys against girls, awarding 1000 points per correct answer.

It is just as easy—and much more exciting—to award 1000 points as it is 1 point.

Clap for the winning team. As everyone claps, CeeDee comes rushing in.

CeeDee: Suddenly stops as she notices the children. **What, you are here already? Where has my day gone? I'm not ready. There are songs to copy and papers to hand out and the piano to tune and . . .**

Director: **This sounds familiar, Sister CeeDee. Didn't we go through this last night?**

CeeDee: **What? Oh, my, I'm so embarrassed! I really did mean to be on time.** (Talks faster as she speaks) **After last night's message about worship, I was just so sure that I could do it right this time. Since I know I don't have to be perfect, just full of praise and worship, I was excited all day long about being here tonight and . . .**

Director: **Whoa, slow down, Sister CeeDee. You are right, we don't have to be perfect, we just have to know why we worship.** To the children: **Why do we worship?** Children respond, because of who He is. CeeDee can help if the children need prompting.

CeeDee: Sighs deeply. **I know who God is—He's my Creator and my Savior. That's why I worship Him. But today I was just so busy taking care of so many important things that time got away from me and I'm late again!** CeeDee works herself up to end this statement in a loud wail.

Director: **Sister CeeDee, I think you're going to like tonight's service. We're going to help you with your busy life. Why don't you sit right here and let us begin?** CeeDee sits down.

### **POWER Line** (3-5 minutes)

Several of you are wearing labels, and you are going to be my helpers. But I only need seven of you at this time. Will my assistants please bring up the children I need for our **POWER line**? The assistants look for the children wearing "God is the only one I worship" word labels,

and lead them to the front to form a line. Be careful not to place the children in the correct order.

**Our POWER line is one of the most important lessons we will ever learn. But I need help unscrambling these children so that it will read correctly. We have these words to unscramble:**

reads the words of the children in the order they are in line, which is of course scrambled. Give the labeled children seven seconds to get in the right order. If they cannot do it, ask the congregation for help, again in seven seconds. If they still have not gotten it right, CeeDee blows her whistle, jumps up and quickly puts them in the right order, beating the seven seconds.

Everyone claps and cheers for her as she curtsies and returns to her seat.

**Thank you, Sister CeeDee. Let's read our POWER line together. God is the only one I worship. That should be easy to remember. Who else would we possibly worship? I certainly know of no other god who deserves my worship, do you?**

#### **Truth Conductor** (4-6 minutes)

As the director is talking, the volunteer enters, talking loudly. As he comes down the aisle, he picks up the boxes one at a time, slinging them onto his back. **Say (Director), I hear what you're saying, and I sure wouldn't worship any other god. No sirree, not me, I only worship the one true God. I don't worship idols, or anything except my God. I know what the Word says, and there is only one God, and that's who I worship. You won't find me bowing down to any other God.** He continues in this manner until all of the boxes are on his back, he is bowed over with the weight of them, and he stops before the director, struggling to breathe and stand upright. The director speaks.

**(Teen), I hear what you are saying, but what you are doing does not agree with your words. It looks to me like you are bowing under the weight of your gods.** The teen tries to protest, but is so bowed over he can barely talk.

**What we sometimes forget is that things in life can become our gods.** As the director removes one box at a time, he talks briefly about that "god" and its effect on people's lives. As the load gets the lighter, the teen slowly begins to straighten up. When the load is removed, he

exclaims, **Wow, thanks (director)! I never realized how much those things meant to me. I know that it is not wrong to have a car, or to need money, or to look good, but I cannot let them become more important to me than God. Because God is the only one I want to worship. Thanks for lightening my load!** He exits, leaving the boxes behind.

**Offering (2-3 minutes)**

Ask the ushers to come forward. **Having money is not wrong. Needing money is not wrong. But loving money more than God is wrong.**

**Would you like to know what God loves about money? He loves those that give their money cheerfully! His Word says, The Lord loveS a cheerful giver. As we take our offering tonight, let's sing "I'm So Happy." Our ushers will stand here as we march with our offering. Be sure to smile and sing as you place your offering in the plate. Even those who cannot give tonight can sing and march and be happy.**

**Praise Generators (6-8 minutes)**

Teach the song "One God" from Kids Sing 1. Explain that "sufficient" means *enough*.

**One God**

*chorus*

One God, one God,  
One God is sufficient for me, for me.  
One God, one God,  
One God is sufficient for me, for me.

*verse*

There's only one throne up in heaven,  
That's all you will find up there.  
And Jesus the King sits upon it.  
He's the One that we go to in prayer.

Once they learn the song, let the boys sing it, then the girls, then the adults.

**Prayer (2-3 minutes)**

If you want a snack before bedtime, do you ask your pastor for it? If you want to be a praise singer, do you ask your sister for permission? What if you want the Holy Ghost, do you ask your Sunday school teacher? None of these people can give you what you ask for. Your parents give permission for snacks; your pastor gives permission to be a praise singer. And only God can give the Holy Ghost. That is why when we pray, we go to God with our requests. The president, the governor, the army, your teacher, your best friend cannot meet the requests that you make when you pray. Only God can do that. That is why God is the only we worship. When we take our requests together in prayer, we have His promise in the Bible that He is with us and hears us. Read Matthew 18:20. Take requests, then lead in prayer.

### **POWER of the Word**

#### **Bible Memorization (8-10 minutes)**

Ask your assistants to find the ten children wearing the key verse labels: thou shalt have no other gods before me Exodus 20:3. Line up the children in scrambled order before the congregation. Read each child's label, then give them ten seconds to try to get in the proper order. If they cannot do it, CeeDee blows her whistle, jumps up again and helps them. She teaches this segment.

We saw what happened when (*teen*) had too many gods in his life. We usually do not realize how many "gods" are affecting us until we are so burdened down with them that it keeps us from praying. Remember how (*teen*) could hardly speak or breathe by the time he reached (*director*)? That is what happens to us when we allow other gods in our lives. Let's play charades to see if we can find out what some of these gods might be. Select ten volunteers and bring out the jar of 3x5 cards. One at a time, let each child draw a card and mime the picture, letting the congregation guess his "god." As each clue is solved, repeat the key verse. Thank the volunteers as they are seated.

#### **Spirit Generator (2-3 minutes)**

“Our God Is an Awesome God”

**Illustrated Sermon** (10-12 minutes)

**Who/What We Worship**

What happens at your house when your parent lays down the law? Do you think he or she means it? If your disobedience gets your parent to the point that they “get in your face” and tell you for the last time to straighten up, then you know it's time to straighten up, right? A long time ago, God laid down the law. He started gently, simply telling His people what the rules were. Our parents are like that, aren't that? They tell us what we can and cannot do, then they expect us to obey. It's only when we disobey that they have to take care of us – and we do not like that, do we?

God had a group of people called the Israelites whom He loved. He rescued them from the evil Egyptians, and led them to a new land that would be their home. On their way to their new home, God stopped them at a mountain called Mount Sinai. He had selected one man to be the leader of the people, and his name was Moses. God loved Moses, and Moses loved God. They talked together often. In fact, Moses often helped to get the people out of trouble with God when they disobeyed. Has anyone ever helped you when you were in trouble?

God told Moses to climb the mountain so that they could have a talk. So Moses told the people to stay away from the mountain, to wait for him, and to obey all that they had been taught. Moses climbed Mount Sinai and the people waited below. Soon the mountain was covered with a thick cloud so that the people could not see it, and they waited below for Moses. It was here that God gave Moses the Ten Commandments – His law that they were to follow each and every day. Let me read to you God's laws, just as Moses told them to the people. Read the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20, shortening and explaining them as follows:

**Thou shalt have no other gods before me. That means worship only God.**

**Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image. That means no idols.**

**Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy god in vain. Do not use God's name in a bad**

way.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. We must go to church and worship God, especially on Sundays.

Honour thy father and thy mother. Always obey and respect your parents – always!

Thou shalt not kill. That's easy.

Thou shalt not commit adultery. Love your husband or wife and no other; be honest and true with them.

Thou shalt not steal. If it's not yours, leave it alone.

Thou shalt not bear false witness. Do not tell a lie.

Thou shalt not covet. Do not want what everyone else has so much that you become mad with jealousy – it makes you do bad things.

God had more laws for the people, so He told Moses to go back up the mountain. When he did, the mountain was covered with darkness again. The people watched Moses disappear, and they settled down to wait for him to return.

They waited and waited. Then they waited some more. After a few days, the people started ignoring the mountain and went about their business. After a few more days, some of them became restless. They started wondering about Moses. The mountain was still covered, and there was no sign of Moses. They didn't dare climb the mountain. God had made that out of bounds, and besides, they were too frightened to go into that cloud of smoke. But where was Moses? What was taking him so long? Why didn't he come back? He had left them to die! That's what they thought. They had followed him into the desert to this mountain, and now he was gone. What were they to do?

Do you know what they did? They did a very wicked thing. They broke God's law! The very first law that He had given them: Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Here is what they did. First they went to Moses' brother Aaron. The assistants come forward saying their lines.

Aaron, where is Moses? Isn't he ever coming back?

We're tired of waiting for Moses. Where is God anyway?

Yeah, we want to see God. Make us a god, Aaron, so we can worship.

We don't have to wait for Moses to worship. Let's make our own worship!

The people became quite excited over these ideas, and they joined the others in yelling at Aaron. Speak dramatically. Soon Aaron was surrounded by an angry mob; he had no Moses, no leader to tell him what to do. He was frightened by the crowd. What to do?!

Sigh deeply. Aaron broke down. Instead of reminding the people of God's law, he gave in to them. Have you ever given in to your friends when they wanted to do something that you knew was wrong? That is what Aaron did. He gave in to the people, and disobeyed God's first law.

Aaron told the people to bring all of their gold to him. Then he made a big fire, threw the gold into a pot, and watched the gold melt. Then he worked with the gold to make a calf, a young cow, a statue that would stand high above all of the people. What a beautiful thing it was! The people oohed and aahed when he was finished. Then they started singing, and dancing, and shouting, and even bowing down before the golden calf! All thoughts of Moses and God and His laws left their heads. They had a real god to worship, one they could see with their own eyes! What a celebration they had that night.

But, God was watching! All the time that He was talking to Moses on the mountain, He was watching what His people were doing. And He was not happy! Use a deep voice, with your hands cupped around your mouth. **Moses, the people have done a wicked thing! They have forgotten already My laws, and have made a golden idol and have worshiped it. Get down there and tell them that I will destroy them all for this wicked thing that they have done!**

Moses begged God not to destroy the people. Surely God knew that they were a people that needed His love and guidance. God decided Moses was right and agreed not to destroy them. But they certainly needed punishing! Moses went down the mountain, and sure enough, there was the golden calf, with many of the people dancing and worshipping around it!

Now it was Moses' turn to be angry. He threw down the tablets that God had written His Ten Commandments on, breaking them into tiny bits. Then he started on the people. How could they do this thing? What were they thinking? Did they think God did not see what they were doing? Had they forgotten so soon the miracles God had done for them? Oh, Moses was upset all right, and he let the people have it.

God had agreed not to destroy them, but Moses was the one who punished them. He had the calf destroyed, burning it in the fire, crushing the gold into a tiny powder. Then he sprinkled it on their drinking water, and *made them drink it!* Yech! What punishment, but what a wicked thing they had done!

**Invitation and Prayer (5-7 minutes)**

CeeDee comes to the front. I did not realize until tonight that I had other gods. Oh yes, even your choir director had things that got in her way of worship to God. Remember how I said that I was so busy doing things that I was late for church? I had to go shopping for new clothes. I had to wash my beautiful new car. It took me forever to get this marvelous hairdo. Then I had to do my exercises at the gym to stay in shape. By the time I did all that, I was late.

It's not that all of those things are bad things to do. Shopping, washing my car, fixing my hair, and doing exercises are not sinful. What made them bad for me was that I allowed them to be more important than getting ready for revival. I didn't spend any time in prayer today. I didn't read my Bible. I was late for church and interrupted (*director*). I didn't worship God first. The director agrees with her, and continues.

Sister CeeDee, you are right when you say those things are not sinful. Most things that we do in our everyday life are not sinful – unless we let them become more important than God. When we do that, then they become our gods, and we break God's first law: Thou shalt have no other gods before me. How can we stop that from happening?

Let the assistants bring up the remaining children with labels: tv, muscles, sports, music, car, money, games, me. Briefly discuss how each one can be controlled so that God still remains

number one in our focus.

Explaining that tv, sports, music, etc., need to be moderated and carefully controlled will help in reaching the unchurched guests at your revival. Leave the pastoring to your pastor.

As the musicians play softly, invite the rest of the children to the front. **Do you have some things in your life that have become your gods? Do they keep you from worshiping the one true God, taking up your time and energy, making you forget God's Word, causing you to stop singing about Him and praying to Him? Right now is the time to give those things back to God, putting them in the place where they belong in your life – after God. He should always be first in your life. When He is, everything else that you thought was so important will not be so big, and you will find a great joy inside that comes from worshiping God.**

Lead the children in prayer, taking time to walk among them and pray with individuals. Your prayer warriors should be doing the same. Let the praise singers sing “Here I Am.”