

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class 7**  
**I GROW Through Worship**  
**St. John Lutheran Church - Palmer, Alaska**

**Opening of Class:**

3:15-3:20

- Prayer - (request from one person)
- Handouts - PUT INTO NOTEBOOKS.

**TODAY'S LESSON**

**I. GROWING PERSONALLY**

**A. MEMORY VERSE -**

1. Read together - Colossians 3:16 - Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your heart to God.

2. Now read AGAIN - Let the word of Christ dwell IN YOU richly

**B. SKIT -**

**C. BIBLE VERSE AND QUESTIONS**

1. Read together - Colossians 3:16 - Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your heart to God.

2. Questions

1. T F Worship is just a duty I have to perform. It doesn't do me any good to go to church.
2. T F Worship is not mainly a duty I need to do. Worship is a time that God feeds my faith with His Word, His love and forgiveness, so that I can grow as His child.

**II. GROWING TOGETHER**

**A. MEMORY VERSE -**

1. Read together - Colossians 3:16-Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your heart to God.

2. Now read AGAIN - as you teach and admonish ONE ANOTHER with all wisdom,

**B. SKIT -**

**C. BIBLE VERSE AND QUESTIONS**

1. Read together - Colossians 3:16 - Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms,

## **hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your heart to God.**

### **2. Questions**

3. T F Worship is not only about me growing in knowledge and faith. Worship is also a time that I teach and help other with their faith.
4. T F I go to worship only so I can learn. I don't have any responsibility to others in worship.
5. T F Because worship is a time for me to grow, and for Christians to teach and help each other, when I stay away from worship I deprive others of my knowledge and faith and help.
6. T F Others don't miss me when I miss worship.

### III. GROWING IN THANKS AND PRAISE TO GOD!

#### A. MEMORY VERSE -

1. Read together - Colossians 3:16-Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your heart to God.

2. Now read AGAIN - **and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with GRATITUDE in your heart TO GOD.**

#### B. SKIT -

#### C. BIBLE VERSE AND QUESTIONS

1. Read together - Colossians 3:16 - Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and *as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your heart TO GOD.*

### **2. Questions**

7. T F Worship is only about me growing in faith. It is not about me praising God.
8. T F Thanking God in worship should be joyful, as I remember all the love and gifts and blessings God gives me.
9. T F God uses Psalms, songs, and hymns in worship so that I can thank and praise Him.
10. A B C D God's plan for worship is that it is a) a time for me to grow as HE strengthens me with His Word, b) a time for Christians to grow so they can teach and help and admonish each other to live as Christians, c) a time for ME to praise and THANK GOD, d) all of the above.

IV. Speak from Memory - Colossians 3:16-Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your heart to God.

**Growing Closer TO GOD Through Worship**

**Skit 1**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class - Week 7**

NARRATOR: JENNY AND JESSICA ARE TALKING AFTER SCHOOL

JENNY: I just don't understand why this is all happening.

JESSICA: What, Jenny?

JENNY: Why did I study and still get a bad grade in Science? Why did I sprain my ankle right when I wanted to go out for Volleyball? Why is my uncle's family moving to Florida? Why? I just don't understand?

JESSICA: Hmm. Those are some good questions?

JENNY: Doesn't God love me?

JESSICA: What do you mean?

JENNY: Well, if God loved me, wouldn't everything go well? Wouldn't my problems be gone?

JESSICA: Is that what you think about God, Jenny?

JENNY: I guess! (Pause) I don't know, really.

JESSICA: What purpose could these troubles have? Could God be using them for your good? Have you thought of that?

JENNY: Not really.

JESSICA: Jenny, what do you know about God?

JENNY: Not much. I know He's supposed to be powerful and loving. If that's true, why doesn't my life go well? Why doesn't my life go better? Why doesn't my life go perfectly even?

JESSICA: Jenny, you've got a lot of questions. Have you sought answers or done any studying? Have you looked for answers about God?

JENNY: I see stuff on TV, in magazines. Where should I look to know more about God?

JESSICA: Well, for starters, Jenny. Have you been to church, to worship?

NARRATOR: Sam walks up and hears the girls talking.

JENNY: Not much. Once or twice. You know, Christmas and Easter.

JESSICA: Well, Jenny, we hear God's Word in Church and Sunday School. That explains about God, and since God created the world, it helps us understand more about life.

SAM: Hi guys, in Sunday School last week I learned a verse that said that. Colossians 3 says, **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your heart to God.** One of the ways God's word dwells in us richly, one of the ways we grow in knowing God is when we teach one another, and sing and praise God in worship.

JENNY: Well, I'd like to know more about God so I can deal better with life. If I grow in knowing about

God in worship, maybe I should go.

SAM: Jenny, Jessica and I go to St. John. You live near me. Would you like my parents to pick you up on Sunday?

JENNY: Sure, Sam. Maybe if I go to worship I can grow to know and trust God more.

JESSICA: That's God's plan, Jenny.

**Growing Closer TO ONE ANOTHER Through Worship - Skit 2**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class - Week 7**

NARRATOR: Jenny and Jessica are talking again after school.

JESSICA: Jenny, did I see you cheating on that test in Science?

JENNY: Sure, The teacher was out of the room. She's not going to know. I need to get good grades. Why not cheat?

JESSICA: Jenny, didn't you hear what our Bible verse said in worship on Sunday?

JENNY: Which one?

JESSICA: The one from Matthew. **Let your light so shine before men that they may see *your good works* and glorify your Father who is in heaven.**

JENNY: O. Good works, huh?

JESSICA: Jenny, you know cheating is wrong. But, that Bible verse called us Sunday to live good lives and I guess you forgot.

JENNY: I didn't really feel good about cheating. And, I forgot that Bible verse.

JESSICA: Jenny, that is one way that worship is supposed to work. When we go to church and hear God's word we learn so we can also teach each other. When we go to church and hear God's word we correct, *or admonish*, one another. Remember that verse Sam said. **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly AS YOU TEACH AND ADMONISH ONE ANOTHER with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your heart to God.**

JENNY: Now I remember. What should I do?

JESSICA: Well, the teacher has gone home. Why don't you go home and study tonight for the test again. You and I can tell her what happened, and ask that you be allowed to take the test again. Maybe she'll let you.

JENNY: Do you think so?

JESSICA: It's Mrs. Huffmeister. She might deduct some credit. But, I bet she'll appreciate your honesty. And, you'll feel better about your grade. In fact, since you study, you'll really learn what you're supposed to know.

JENNY: Ok. I'm glad you talked to me Jessica.

JESSICA: That is one of the ways that it works when people are Christian, when they worship together. People help one another, because we all need help.

JENNY: Thanks, Jessica.

JESSICA: Well, I've done wrong too. We all need forgiveness. We all need help. God loves you, Jenny. That's why He sent Jesus to die for you. When we worship together God reminds of His love and His plans for our lives. God intends that worship helps us each grow, so that we can help each other.

JENNY: Thanks again, Jessica.

**Growing in Thanks and Praise FOR GOD Through Worship**  
**Skit 3**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class - Week 7**

NARRATOR: Jessica and Sam are talking after school.

JESSICA: Well, I think I got that 4<sup>th</sup> math problem, but I'm not sure.

SAM: It was a tough test. But, I checked with the teacher after the test and I got it right. What did you get for the answer.

JESSICA: A= 7, and B = 33.

NARRATOR: Jenny walks up during the end of Jessica and Sam's conversation.

SAM: You got it right, Jessica.

JENNY: Hi, guys. I think I did ok on the math test too. But. . . I'm really excited.

SAM: What about, Jenny.

JENNY: Well, Mrs. Hoffmeister let me retake the science test, and I did well. Admitting I did wrong made me feel good, not dirty about cheating. And, what I have been learning from church and from you about God has helped me be joyful about God's love and His forgiveness. I am excited to say thank you to God for all His love and help.

JESSICA: Well, that's what worship is about too, you know. Not only does he teach us, but we also thank and praise God.

JENNY: I thought so.

JESSICA: Sam, what was that verse you said again, the one from Colossians 3?

SAM: You mean, **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your heart to God.** That one?

JESSICA: That's it. Jenny, when God teaches us, we have gratitude, or joyful thanks in our hearts for His love. We praise him in our words, our prayers. We thank and praise Him with our songs too.

JENNY: Well, Things are going pretty well. I want to thank God.

SAM: It's sort of strange how important worship can be, isn't it.

JENNY: I've learned it is *really* important. I've learned first of all that in worship God teaches us and helps us to grow through His word. I've learned that secondly, as we grow in worship, we teach and help each other. And finally, I've found out that worship is an not only an opportunity for God to help us, but also for us to thank and praise Him.

JESSICA: I'm looking forward to worship this Sunday too.

SAM: Me too!