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- Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.
   (John 17:3)
- Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.
   (1 Timothy 1:17)
- to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen. (Jude 1:25)

- Did you ever wish you had wings like a bird, so that you could fly?
- If you had wings, would you like to fly up and up and up, high into the sky, to see all the stars?
- If you went on and on and on, for days and days, you STILL would not see ALL the stars.
- There are soooooooooo many!! Millions and millions of them.

 God made all those stars. He made every one of them.

"He also made the stars." (Gen.1:16)

He made everything else that you can see.

- Many years ago the Israelites were God's people.
- There were many people on earth, but God chose the Israelites to be His very special people.
- He did not choose them because they were great.
- He chose them because they were the least of the nations. And they were the most rebellious.
- In this way, God would be glorified through this nation.

God talked to them through Moses.

- He gave them a beautiful country to live in.
- He told them that God is God ALONE.

 "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. (Matthew 12:32)

- There are no other gods, and so they must worship only Him.
- "This is what the Lord says-- Israel's King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. (Isaiah 44:6)
- People who lived around the land of Israel thought there were many gods – one who made the stars, one who made the moon, one who lived in the ocean.
- They also made idol gods of wood and stone.

- Sometimes even God's own people, who knew how wonderful and good God is, forgot about Him; THEY made idols and prayed to them.
- "You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me. (Isaiah 43:10)

- One day God sent them a prophet named Isaiah, to tell them how foolish they were.
- Isaiah said, "Listen. I will tell you how foolish you are. A man goes to the woods with his ax. He finds a good tree and cuts it down. He chops it into pieces. He uses some of the wood to make a fire. When he has a fire burning, he says, "Ah, there is a warm fire."

 "Then he takes a piece of the same tree home. He cuts and carves it and makes it look like a man, with ears and eyes and nose and a mouth. He puts shining gold over it. And he says, "There. I have made me a god!" He kneels down to the piece of wood, to that piece of a tree!

 "What a foolish man he is! That piece of wood cannot HEAR. It cannot SEE. It cannot even MOVE. It is an idol. It did not make the earth and the sky. It did not make the stars. It cannot send rain."

 Isaiah told the people that there is only one true God. He made ALL things.

We sometimes think an idol is just a "man-made image".

For instance: a statue of something.

 But an idol is "also" ANYTHING WE PUT IN OUR HEARTS "BEFORE GOD".

Let's consider some different idols.

Remember, our definition is "ANYTHING".

So could an idol be "money"?

Could an idol be "our job"?

Could an idol be "our car"?

Could an idol be "our dream"?

Could an idol be "our family"?

Yes, ANYTHING we put BEFORE GOD is an idol.

- You were shown these things so that you might know that the Lord is God; besides him there is no other. (Deuteronomy 4:35)
- "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me." (Ex.20:2-3)
- He alone is LORD over all things. Everything BELONGS to Him.
- He takes care of everything.

- God is a jealous God and wants to be worshiped as God.
- He is the only true God and anything other than Him that we worship is idolatry.
- Anything else that we worship other than Him is the "creation".
- We should worship the CREATOR and not the "creation."
- God is worthy to be worshiped and adored.

 Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. (John 17:3)

- He is the God of love, joy, and peace.
- He is God Almighty and He has all power.
- He holds everything in His hands.

- As His creation, we must continually learn to bow down and worship Him as God.
- People who don't worship God are worshiping "the creation".
- We were made to worship God so if we don't worship God and put Him "first" in our lives then we will be worshiping something or someone "subordinate" or "less than" God.

- God is worthy to be worshiped and adored.
- He is VERY GREAT and LORD OF ALL!!
- Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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 to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen. (Jude 1:25)

 Let's ask God to help us to BOW DOWN TO HIM and not to man made images.

 Let's ask God to help us to BOW DOWN TO HIM and not to people.

 Let's ask God to help us to BOW DOWN TO HIM and not to our jobs and dreams.

- Let's ask God to help us to BOW DOWN TO HIM and not to money.
- Let's ask God to help us to BOW DOWN TO HIM and not to ANYTHING OR ANYONE BUT GOD ALONE.
- HE IS WORTHY TO BE WORSHIPED AND ADORED!!

# **LET'S PRAY:**

- Father in heaven, we will pray only to You, because You are the one true God.
- We know You hear us when we pray.
- We know You have all things in Your hand the little birds, and the big shining sun, and us too.
- We have learnt that YOU ARE THE ONE TRUE GOD.

 We have also learnt that we should have nothing in our hearts BEFORE YOU.

 Lord, right now we want to repent for not putting YOU first.

Please forgive us.

- We come to You now and repent for putting these things before You.
- Forgive us Lord for putting \_\_\_\_\_\_
   before You.
- Thank You Lord for Your forgiveness.
- Help us to always put YOU first in our lives.
- In Jesus Name we pray. Amen

### **SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT**

- Why is it foolish to make idol gods?
- Should we have "pictures" of Jesus and "wear crosses"?
- What is the danger of having these kinds of things?

- What is the definition of an idol?
- What are some examples of idols we can have in our hearts?
- To whom do earth and sky belong?
- Why do all things belong to Him?
- Why do we belong to Him?

# MEMORY VERSE MOSES TOLD GOD'S PEOPLE OF LONG AGO:

The Lord He is God in heaven alone, and upon the earth beneath.

(Deuteronomy 4:39)

#### **SUGGESTED READING**

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.
Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with
all your soul and with all your strength. These
commandments that I give you today are to be upon
your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about
them when you sit at home and when you walk along
the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

#### **POEM**

We all believe in one true God,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Ever present Help in need
Praised by all the heav'nly host.
By whose might pow'r alone
All is made and wrought and done