

# 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.
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## Recommended Resources

- **Teaching Kids Authentic Worship** by Kathleen Chapman
- **God Made Me for Worship** by Jared Kennedy and Trish Mahoney
- **Worship in the Word (audio & video)** by Shane & Shane
- **Indescribable: 100 Devotions About God and Science** by Louie Giglio
- **Sweet Sound: The Power of Discipling Kids in Worship** by Yancy Wideman Richmond

# WORSHIP

Teach Your Child  
How to Adore God

**FAITH**  
**PATH**

Recommended for  
**8+ years**

## 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 multi-taskers 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 don't 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 about this or that celebrity. 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, 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.

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.

**"Ascribe to the LORD  
the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD  
in the splendor of his holiness."  
*Psalms 29:2***

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### DEAR PARENT,

We believe that God designed the family as the primary place for discipleship. The Faith Path framework 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 begin the journey well. We urge you to start today by taking the following simple steps.

### STEP ONE: LEARN

Visit **myfaithpath.com** and use the password **myhome2020**

Click on **WORSHIP** for an overview and videos that explain this particular Faith Path step. You will hear from both experts and ordinary families as they describe the importance of intentional parenting and share practical suggestions from their experiences. You will also find links to other helpful resources.

### STEP TWO: START

Use the guide and tools to help you get started with this step. To help you start, we 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.

Thank you for taking seriously the task of guiding your child's faith. We hope you find these tools and the Faith Path framework helpful in the process of forming the faith of your child at home.

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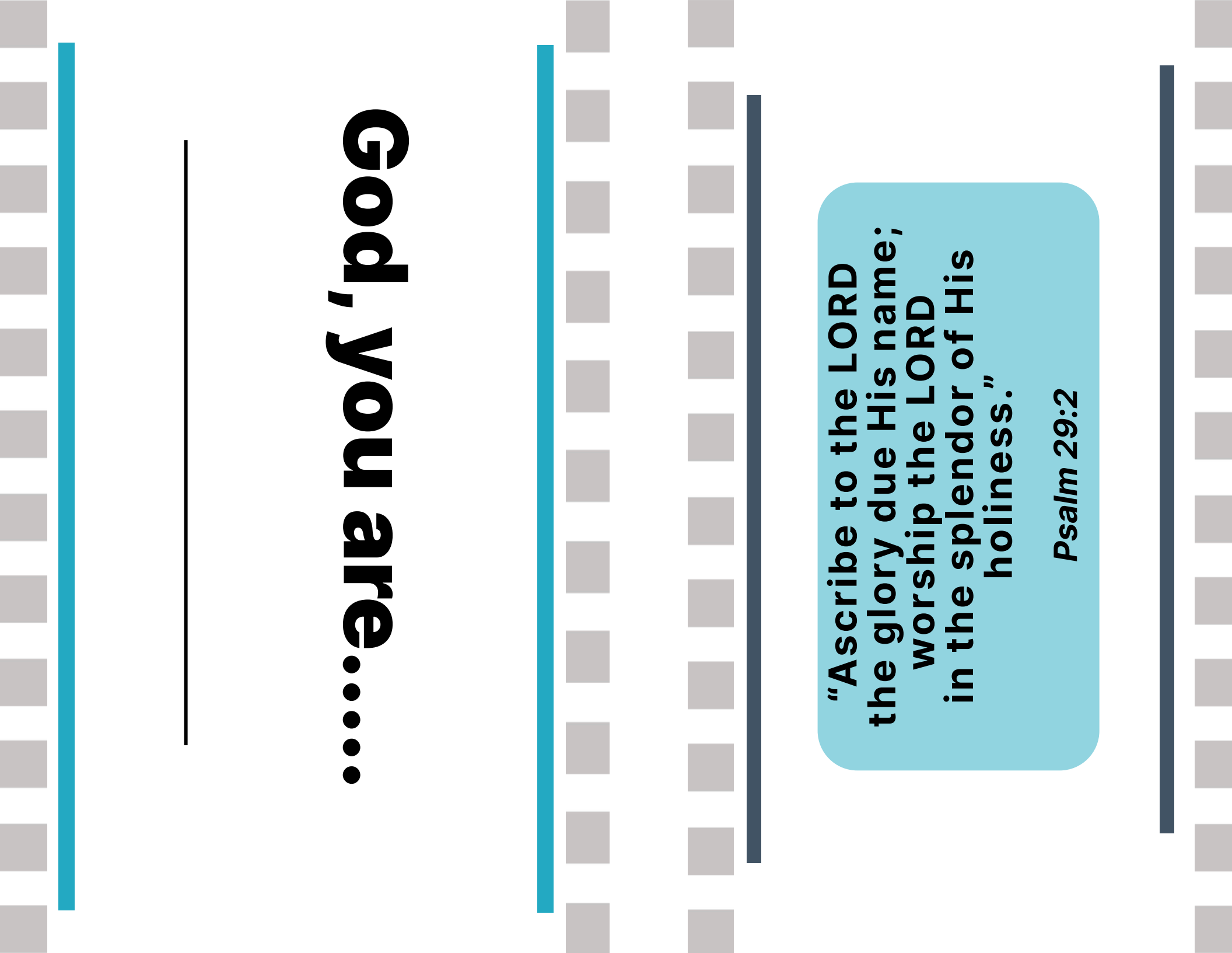
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