

Family Faith Guide

The Chronicles - Week 3

Getting Worship Right

1 Chronicles 13-16



"So all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting..."

- 1 Chronicles 15:28



Big Idea

True worship honors God's presence by following God's ways and giving God our whole heart.



Good Intentions Aren't Enough

- David sincerely wanted to bring the Ark to Jerusalem.
- The first attempt used a cart instead of the way God had commanded.
- Uzzah's death reminds us that God's holiness must be taken seriously.
- Sincerity matters, but sincerity alone does not make worship right.



Worship Honors God's Worth

- On the second attempt, the Levites carried the Ark as God had instructed.
- David and the people responded with sacrifice, music, shouting, and joy.
- When we recognize God's worth, worship becomes a natural response.



Order + Passion Belong Together

- Order without passion can become cold and mechanical.
- Passion without obedience can push God's Word aside.
- Biblical worship joins reverence, obedience, and wholehearted love for God.



Is My Heart Responding to God?

- Some worship with lifted hands, some kneel, some sing loudly, and others worship quietly.
- The central question is not whether everyone looks the same.
- The question is whether our hearts are genuinely responding to God.



Jesus Is Worthy

- God is worthy because of who He is: Creator, holy, sovereign, faithful, and good.
- In Jesus, God acted to save us through the cross and the empty tomb.
- Forgiveness, reconciliation, and eternal hope give us every reason to worship.



Talk About It

- What does the story of Uzzah teach us about good intentions and obedience?
- When you worship, what usually has your attention?
- Which is harder for you: reverence, obedience, or wholehearted expression?
- What about Jesus makes you want to worship?



Family Challenge

This week, read 1 Chronicles 13:3-12 and 15:25-29. Each person names one thing the story teaches about God's holiness, one way to follow His Word more carefully, and one reason God is worthy of praise. End by thanking God together.



Prayer

Father, teach us to worship You with humble hearts, careful obedience, and genuine joy. Keep us from treating holy things casually or from going through the motions. Fix our attention on Jesus and help our lives say, 'You are worthy.' In Jesus' name, amen.