

When He healed people, taught the truth, and showed mercy to sinners, He revealed the glory of God. But the greatest moment when Jesus glorified God was at the cross. There Jesus showed God's justice against sin and His amazing love for sinners at the same time. Jesus finished the work the Father gave Him to do. He lived the perfect life we should have lived and died the death sinners deserve. Because of Jesus, those who trust in Him are forgiven and changed. Now believers can begin to live the life they were created for—to glorify God. Jesus not only shows us how to glorify God; He also makes it possible for us to do it.

Object Lesson — Tracing Paper and a Picture

Put a blank sheet over a picture and trace the lines.

Ask: Could you draw the picture as well without tracing it? Why does tracing help you get the picture right?

Explain: Jesus shows us the perfect pattern of how to live. Our lives should follow His example..

Go Deeper: Why can we never perfectly trace Jesus' life the way He lived it?

**Day 5 — Our Joy Is Found in God's Glory**

*Scripture: Jeremiah 9:23–24 Thus says the LORD: 'Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me...'*

People often think the purpose of life is to become smart, strong, rich, or famous. But God says those things should not be what we boast in. Instead, the greatest thing in life is knowing God. When we know God and love Him, we begin to understand why we were created. We were made to glorify Him. That means praising Him, trusting Him, obeying Him, and telling others about Him. And here is something wonderful: when we live for God's glory, we actually find the greatest happiness. God designed us so that our hearts are most satisfied when we are close to Him. That means the purpose of life and the greatest joy in life are the same thing: knowing God and glorifying Him forever.

Object Lesson — A Mirror Reflecting Light

Shine a light onto a mirror so it reflects onto a wall.

Ask: Where does the light come from? What is the mirror doing with the light?

Explain: Our lives should reflect God's glory the way a mirror reflects light.

Go Deeper: What are some ways teenagers are tempted to seek their own glory instead of God's?



## Day 1 — God Made Everything for His Glory

*Scripture: Revelation 4:11 Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.*

God made everything in the world. He made the sun that shines in the sky and the stars that sparkle at night. He made the oceans, the mountains, the animals, and the trees. But the Bible tells us something even more important, that God made everything for His own glory. Glory means showing how great and wonderful God is. When we see a beautiful sunset, we should think about how powerful and wise God is to make such beauty. When we see animals, flowers, or the huge sky above us, they are all telling us something about God. They show us that He is wise, powerful, good and perfect. God did not just make the world for His glory, He also made people for His glory. That means our lives should show how great God is. When we love Him, obey Him, thank Him, and trust Him, we bring glory to God. Everything God made points back to Him. The whole world is like a big sign that says, “Look at how great God is!”

### Object Lesson: Flashlight in a Dark Room

Turn off the lights and shine a flashlight across the room.

Ask: What happens when the light shines in the dark? Can people see better when the light is shining?

Explain: Just like a flashlight helps people see in the dark, our lives should shine so people can see how great God is.

Go Deeper: If God made everything for His glory, how should that change the way you think about your goals, talents, and future?

## Day 2 — The Heavens Show God’s Glory

*Scripture: Psalm 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.*

When you look up at the sky at night, you can see stars scattered everywhere. Some nights the moon shines brightly. Sometimes the sky glows with amazing colors at sunrise or sunset. The Bible tells us the heavens are declaring God’s glory and that means the sky is constantly telling us something about God. It tells us that God is powerful enough to create billions of stars and that God is wise enough to keep the universe working perfectly. It tells us that God is beautiful because He made such a beautiful world. The sky never stops preaching this message. Day after day and night after night, creation keeps pointing to God, but people sometimes forget to look at creation and think about the Creator. Instead of praising God, they simply enjoy the world without thanking Him. When we see the sky, the stars, or a beautiful sunset, we should remember why God made

them. They are meant to help us praise Him. God made the heavens to show His glory, and He made us to see that glory and worship Him.

### Object Lesson: Magnifying glass or picture zoomed in

Look through a magnifying glass or a picture zoomed in really close.

Ask: What do you see now that you could not see before? Did the magnifying glass make the object or just help you see it better?

Explain: Creation helps us see how great God is.

Go Deeper: If creation shows God’s glory, why do some people still not believe in God when they see the same world?

## Day 3 — Our Lives Should Glorify God

*Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.*

Sometimes people think glorifying God only happens in church but the Bible says everything we do should glorify God. When children obey their parents, they glorify God. When we tell the truth, help someone in need, or show kindness, we glorify God. Even simple things like eating a meal and thanking God show that we know He is the giver of all good things. God made us so that our whole lives would point back to Him. Our words, actions, and attitudes should show that God is great and worthy to be honored. That means we should not live just for ourselves. We should not live just to have fun, make money, or become famous. Those things are not the purpose of life. The purpose of life is to glorify God. And when we live the way God designed us to live, we actually experience the greatest joy. The more we honor God, the more we discover the life we were created to live.

### Object Lesson — A Trophy

Show a trophy or medal.

Ask: Why do people give trophies? Who gets the praise when someone wins a trophy?

Explain: Our lives should point to God the way a trophy points to the winner.

Go Deeper: What are some everyday activities that you could intentionally do for God’s glory?

## Day 4 — Jesus Perfectly Glorified God

*Scripture: John 17:4 I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.*

No person has ever glorified God perfectly except Jesus Christ. Jesus always obeyed His Father. Every word He spoke and every action He took honored God.