



Glorifying God Forever

MAIN IDEA

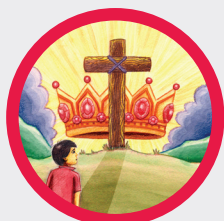
- **We were created in a special way for a special purpose—to glorify God forever.**
- **Through the complete gift of salvation, God enables His chosen people to clearly and fully see the greatness and worth of Jesus so that they might rightly know, love, and worship Him forever.**

MEMORY VERSE

*I give thanks to you,
O Lord my God, with
my whole heart, and I
will glorify your name
forever.— Psalm 86:12*

SCRIPTURE

- 1) Psalm 16:11b
- 2) Psalm 27:4
- 3) Psalm 86:11-12
- 4) 1 Corinthians 13:12
- 5) Revelation 5:11-13
- 6) Revelation 21:3b-4



LESSON SUMMARY

No more death. No more pain. No more tears. Everything good, right, and peaceful. That is a description of life in the new heavens and earth. But something very important is missing from this description—the most important aspect of all.

...the highest, best, final, decisive good of the gospel, without which no other gifts would be good, is the glory of God in the face of Christ revealed for our everlasting enjoyment. The saving love of God is God's commitment to do everything necessary to enthrall us with what is most deeply and durably satisfying, namely himself.¹

We began this study with the truth that we were created in a special way for a special purpose. Namely, we have been created in the image and likeness of God so that we might glorify God forever. Apart from salvation, we cannot live in God's presence and glorify Him forever. In this lesson, we focused on the final goal of salvation—God enabling His people to glorify Him in all their thoughts, feelings, and actions—all of the time. Giving Him all the honor, praise, thanks, and devotion He deserves. This is what will satisfy us forever and give us pleasures forevermore!

PRAYER POINTS

As you review this lesson with your child, pray...

- *that your child would be enthralled with the greatness and worth of Jesus, desiring Him above all.*
- *that your child would long to make much of Jesus.*



AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

- Read Psalm 86:12. Talk about what is meant by the term “with my whole heart.” **Could anyone honestly say that any of us already loves, thanks, praises, honors, and glorifies God with our whole heart? Why not? But for everyone who is trusting in Jesus for salvation, what has He promised? Read Philippians 3:20-21 and 1 John 3:2. What will this enable you to do forever? Why is that the best news ever?** Talk about Revelation 21:3b-4; Psalm 27:4; and Psalm 16:11.

1. Piper, John. *God is the Gospel: Meditations on God's Love as the Gift of Himself.* (Wheaton, Ill.: Crossway, 2005), 13.

- If you were only to have one wish, what would you wish for? Why? If you received this one wish, would it make you happy forever? Why or why not? Talk about Psalm 27:4 and Psalm 16:11. Do you desire to see Jesus face to face more than anything else? Do you desire to be with Him forever? Why might someone find this unappealing or even boring? Is it a problem with who Jesus is, or a problem with a person’s heart?
- Read 1 Corinthians 13:12a. Explain that Christians do not yet fully see Jesus as they should. Until their salvation is completed and they undergo glorification, they will struggle in their minds, hearts, and wills. Other things will tug at them for their greatest love, honor, and praise. Are there things in your life that seem more wonderful and exciting than Jesus? Why do they seem so? Is there anything that would help you to make these things become less important and Jesus more important? Can you do this apart from Jesus’ help? Why not? What would

help you to see Jesus more clearly and fully this week? How will doing so be for your good even before heaven?

- Read Psalm 86:12 again. Explain that the word “glorify” can be used in relation to many things. A person can glorify a sports star, a movie star, or even him- or herself. “Glorify” simply means to give praise, honor, and devotion to someone or something. Everyone glorifies something or someone. God created us to be “glorifiers.” **Suppose someone gave your dad a brand-new car, and he decided to just park it in the garage and use it as a refrigerator. Do you think the person who gave it to him would be pleased? Why not?** Explain that we can never be happy unless we fulfill the purpose for which we were created. God created us in His image and likeness so that we might glorify Him. **If you are glorifying God in your life, how would someone else see glimpses of that in how you speak and act?**

ACTION STEPS

On a piece of paper, write out Psalm 86:12 and hang it up in your room as you memorize it this week. Then, starting with the “S,” circle every other letter in the list to find the missing letters to complete the statements. Finally, think of one thing that would help you see more of the greatness and worth of Jesus this week.

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Glorifying God forever means finally _____ and _____ the greatness and _____ of _____ as we were _____ to.

Glorifying God forever means giving Jesus the _____, praise, _____, thanks, and _____ He _____.

Glorifying God forever means experiencing _____ of _____ and _____.

One thing I could do this week to see more of the greatness and worth of Jesus is...