

STOWMARKET BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY BIBLE CLUB

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Hello and welcome to this weeks Sunday Bible Club story. It's Jackie writing this week.

I hope that you've had a good week. We are all missing you on a Sunday afternoon and pray that you and your family will be kept well and safe.

With love from everyone at Sunday Bible Club

Today we will be thinking about the 2nd commandment which can be found in Exodus chapter 20 verses 4-6, which says...

⁴You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Do you miss singing at Sunday Bible Club? I do! So, I've written out the words to a song which helps us understand what it so important to worship the one true living God.

I hope that you will sing it, why don't you ask someone from your family to join in with you? I'm sure you will know it.



My God is so BIG, so STRONG and so MIGHTY
There is nothing my God cannot do.
My God is so BIG, so STRONG and so MIGHTY
There is nothing my God cannot do.
The rivers are his, the mountains are his,
The stars are his handiwork too.
My God is so BIG, so STRONG and so MIGHTY
There is nothing my God cannot do.

Did you do all the actions as well?

Last week we learnt about the 1st commandment which tells us, we should not love other gods, but only the one true God. The Philistines had an idol god call Dagan, but in the night, it smashed to pieces and was not able to help them in anyway.

The 2nd commandment tells us that we should not make, or worship idols because our God is so **BIG**, so **STRONG** and so **MIGHTY**. We don't know what God looks like because he is Spirit. God is above (more special than) anything we can think of.

God is full of love and he is faithful to all those who trust in him. God is willing and able to help us in everything good. We have so much to thank God for every day. That's why we should worship him, he is great, holy (perfect) and good. We should worship God alone because he is worth it.

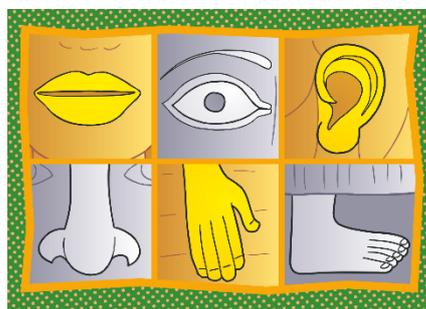
In Psalm 115 verses 1-11, we learn more about why we should worship God alone and not idols. It says...

¹Not to us, LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.
²Why do the nations say, 'Where is their God?'
³Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.
⁴But their idols are silver and gold, made by human hands.
⁵They have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but cannot see.
⁶They have ears, but cannot hear, noses, but cannot smell.
⁷They have hands, but cannot feel, feet, but cannot walk, nor can they utter a sound with their throats.
⁸Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them.
⁹All you Israelites, trust in the LORD - he is their help and shield.
¹⁰House of Aaron, trust in the LORD - he is their help and shield.
¹¹You who fear him, trust in the LORD - he is their help and shield.

How sad!! In Bible times the people of God had turned away from worshipping God. They had made idols (statues) instead. God allowed them to be taken away to a far county. After 70 years, the Israelites (God's people) came back home. They had learnt their lesson and realised their God, was the one true God who was in control of all that happened to them and was looking after them,

The idols they had made were not any use at all, even though they were made of silver and gold.

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| The idols had... | mouths but cannot speak. |
| They had eyes... | but cannot see, |
| They had ears... | but cannot hear. |
| They had noses... | but could not smell. |
| They had hands... | but cannot feel. |
| They had feet... | but cannot walk. |



The idols were useless! It's a complete waste of time to worship idols. But our God, hears and answers our prayers. He speaks to us today through the words in the Bible. He can do much more than we ask for or even think about. He is a wonderful, magnificent God.

Remember the 2nd commandment: **"You shall not make yourself an idol"**.

That means we should not make a picture or statue of God in order to worship.

But it also means...

We should not let anything in our lives be more important than God. So, we shouldn't worship created or made things either. The Bible says that would be wrong.

Only God can save us from our sin, because of what the Saviour Jesus Christ did. When we trust in the Lord Jesus, he will help and protect us. We should give thanks to God for our life, and for all the good things he gives us to enjoy every day. So, we should worship God with all our heart, and no-one or nothing else. God deserves all our love and worship.

Thank you, Lord, for all the good things you give to enjoy every day, my life, my home, my family, my food, my friends. Help me always to be thankful and to love, trust and worship you in the right way. Amen.