

# STUDY GUIDE 1

## We Are a Worshiping People

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Chapter 1**.

✦ God has done too many good things for us to count. He loves us so much that he wants us to share in his life. Through worship we praise God.

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✦ God chose the Israelites to be his people. He taught them how to worship him. Jewish people today still pray to God in synagogues.

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✦ God chose to reveal himself to the Israelites, who responded with love. Then, through Jesus, Christian worship grew out of Jewish worship.

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✦ Even those who do not know the true God are still God's children. God wants all to come to him, and he wants all Christians to help.

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✦ Jesus taught the first Christians the Lord's Prayer and how to worship his Father. For all Christians, the greatest act of worship is the Eucharist.

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✦ The word *alleluia* comes from the Hebrew words *hallel* ("praise") and *yah* (the first syllable of "Yahweh," a name for God).

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✦ We honor God through worship. Two ways that we can worship are through prayer and loving service.

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✦ Prayer is an important way we worship. In prayer, we can ask for help, but we also praise our Creator. We can pray alone or as a community.

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✦ All prayer is important to God. Any time we pray, together or alone, God listens and responds.

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✦ Jesus told us to love God and to love others. Treating everyone with love and respect is a way we give loving service. It is a way to worship God.

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