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Theme

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Objective

Your students will discuss the importance of living a holy and obedient life for God every day.

Warm up

Begin by sharing with the students a story from your middle school or high school days when you were a bad testimony for Christ. If you weren't a Christian during those years, share a time when you were caught doing something that you weren't supposed to be doing.

Transition

Discuss: Where do you think God "lives?" Where do your friends think He is? Does God need a place to live? Why or why not?

Explain that some people think God lives in a church building; others think He is far away in Heaven. Talk about how in Old Testament times (before Jesus came to earth) even though God was everywhere, His presence dwelled in a place called the "Temple" – more specifically, in a room called the "Holy of Holies." People couldn't just walk right up to God's presence and start a

conversation. If they did, they would die on the spot because of God's incredible holiness and purity. However, when Jesus died on the cross, the curtain to the entrance of the Holy of Holies was ripped down the middle from top to bottom. This showed everyone everywhere that God could now be approached directly without fear of dying because Jesus had opened up the way and paid the price for sin. Those who trust in Him as their only hope of salvation can go to God anytime. Not only that, Christians have the amazing privilege of having God's presence live inside of them! The Bible tells us that our bodies are the "temple of the Holy Spirit" (**1 Corinthians 6:19**) – God is with us wherever we go and is a part of all we do.

Ask: How does the fact that Jesus lives inside you and knows everything about you make you feel? How would you react if you heard that Jesus was about to make a surprise visit to your home? Would you straighten things up? Would you change anything? Why or why not?

Video

Say, "We're going to watch a short video of what it might be like if Jesus came to your house and visited your 'crib.' As you watch, see if there are any scenes that you particularly relate to. Let's see if you understand the point of the video." Watch the "Cribs" video.

Transition

Discuss: In your opinion, what is the main point of this video? Did the man in the video seem disappointed? Why? Do you think Jesus would react the same way if He discovered dishonoring things in your room? Why or why not?

Bible Lesson

Read (or have one of the students read) **1 Corinthians 10:31** aloud. If possible, have it read from different versions of Scripture. Discuss: What do you think Paul is trying to say about the way we should live our lives? Why does God care so much about our lifestyle? In God's eyes, do you think there is a difference between our "public" and "private" lives? Why or why not?

Wrap Up

Say, "What this verse is telling us is that pleasing God in every area of our lives is incredibly important. Since He lives inside of us, we are actually the temple of God, and He cares very much that we bring glory to Him 24/7. Living for the glory of God is no more complicated than honoring Him or making His name famous by what we think, say, and do. The word for 'glory' literally means, 'to make heavy' – so we should live our lives in such a way as to add 'weight' to God's reputation. One of the main ways we do this is by keeping

our Sunday lives and Monday through Saturday lives the same. We dishonor Jesus when we have an empty cross around our necks and an empty beer can in the trash. We cause our Savior sorrow when we simultaneously fill our minds with Scripture and Slipknot."

Ask the students to close their eyes and imagine Jesus walking through their rooms and discovering every secret place. Explain that the dishonoring things that we say and do hurt Him because they ultimately hurt us. He loves us too much to let us self-destruct, so He wants us to glorify Him in all we do and say. Pass out the Student Guides and have the students write a list of things they need to get rid of or change so they can bring more glory to Jesus. Spend a few minutes praying for the things on the list and offering a time for recommitment. Say, "There may be some of you here who do not truly have a relationship with God. The rooms of your soul are empty because the One who made you has not been invited in. I want to give you a chance to change your life forever by beginning a new life through a relationship with Jesus Christ." Lead the students through the G.O.S.P.E.L. journey (www.dare2share.org/gospeljourney) then close in prayer.

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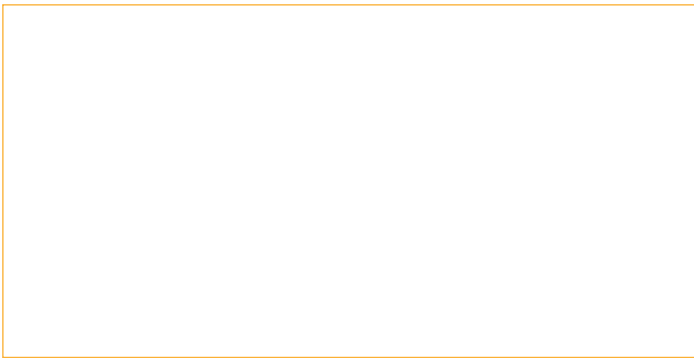
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