

ROOTS YOUNG PEOPLE

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BIBLE John 17.1-11

Warm up 5 mins W

Agree together a definition for the word 'glorify', providing dictionaries and thesauruses as well as the young people's own knowledge. Generate a list of as many synonyms for glorify as you can.

My prayer 10 mins W E

Before the session, ask a volunteer to rehearse and learn the words Jesus says, in the text, and perform it as a monologue. Ask the young people to imagine that they are the disciples, gathered around Jesus, when, after he has finished teaching them, he begins to pray. Ask them to imagine they are there hearing this prayer, and to think about what it means to them.

Questions to discuss

- How do you think you would respond if you were hearing Jesus pray this prayer?
- What would you expect Jesus to pray about?
- What do you think it means for Jesus to be glorified?


CONNECT

Come on, you reds! 10 mins W E

Ask the young people to share any chants they may use to cheer on their favourite football teams. Ask them what it means to 'lift up' their team or perhaps an individual sports star, musician, YouTuber or similar. Discuss how we 'lift them up' or 'glorify' them, perhaps referring back to some of the words generated in the *Warm up* activity.

A life that glorifies 10 mins W E S

Using large sheets of paper, draw around two members of your group to create two large people outlines. Ask the young people to think about what it means to live a life that glorifies Jesus, and write all the words and phrases they can think of that describe this inside one outline. In the second, they should write words and phrases that describe a life that does not glorify Jesus.

WEB PostScript: Linking this week's reading to the news 

Listen

WEB See *Young People* page or *Hymns, songs & music* for links to these tracks.

Glorify thy name, Shane & Shane on *Seven*

Unshakeable, Fred Hammond on *United tenors: Hammond Hollister Robertson Wilson*

How great is your love, Phil Wickham on *Living hope (the house sessions)*

EXPLORE

In our words... 15 mins W E


Ask the young people to create an acrostic poem for the word 'glorify' with each sentence an expression of praise to Jesus, lifting him up. Invite the young people to work in pairs, as a whole group, or individually. Share your completed poems, perhaps with the wider church.

Lift them up! 10 mins E

Paying due attention to safety measures, including using mats as appropriate and supervising safe lifting, challenge the young people to work all together to lift one young person high into the air, before safely returning them to the ground. Talk about how it feels to be lifted up, and how we can do this to Jesus. Repeat with other young people as appropriate.



Picture pointers **WEB**

Questions for reflection 

- What do you think these three figures are doing?
- What sort of things do you 'glorify' by the way you live?
- How best can you, as a church, lift each other up?

PRAY

Glorified 10 mins E S

Invite the young people to find a space where they can be still and quiet. Explain that you are going to play a worship song that uses the word 'glorified' to praise Jesus. You could provide copies of the lyrics, before playing the song 'Glorified' by Parachute band, inviting the young people to take the opportunity to reflect on the lyrics in prayer.

Praise words 10 mins W E

Distribute brightly coloured card stars or sticky notes and pens and ask the young people to write a single word of praise on each one (they can write on multiple stars). Gather the word stars together to create a shared prayer and invite the young people to call out words that stand out to them as you pray together.

Live your faith

Begin each day by praying that your actions that day will glorify, or lift up, God. **E S**