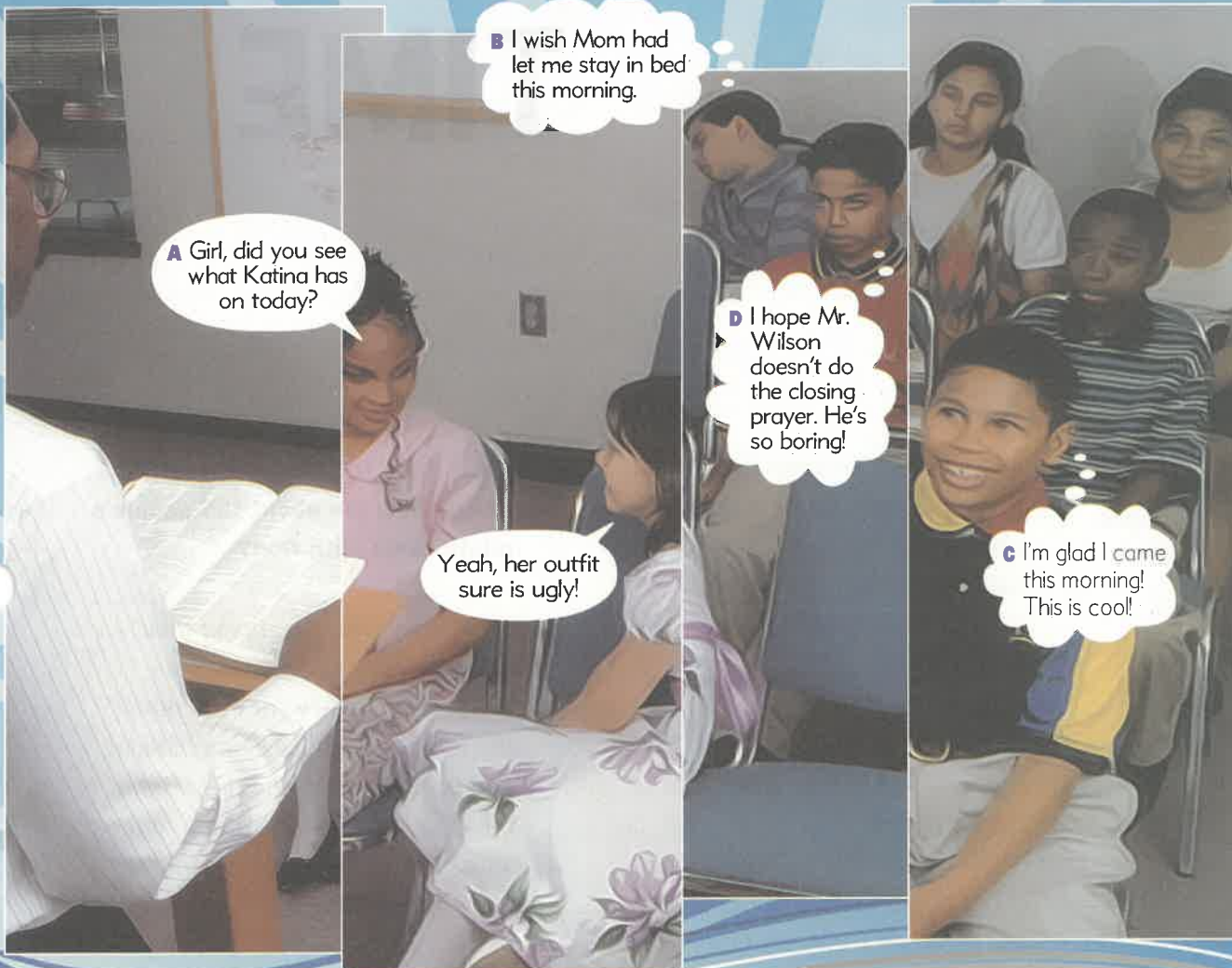


# Ready for Worship?

Suppose you were in the scene below and could hear the conversations and thoughts. Do you think these preteens are ready for worship? Shade in the box that best matches each student's attitude. Then explain why you shaded the box you did.



## Attitude Alert

**A** 1 2 3 4 5  
Uninvolved Worshipping

Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**B** 1 2 3 4 5  
Uninvolved Worshipping

Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**C** 1 2 3 4 5  
Uninvolved Worshipping

Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**D** 1 2 3 4 5  
Uninvolved Worshipping

Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# CLEANUP TIME

<sup>1</sup>Pronounced hez-uh-KIGH-uh.

**H**ezekiah<sup>1</sup> became the king of Israel at a young age. His first job as king was to get the temple<sup>2</sup> ready for worship. Ahaz, the last king, had not honored God.



## 2 Chronicles 29:3-5, 15-16a

In the first month of the first year of his reign, he opened the

doors of the temple of the LORD and repaired them. He brought in the priests and the Levites, assembled them in the square on the east side and said: "Listen

to me, Levites! Consecrate yourselves now and consecrate the temple of the LORD, the God of your ancestors.

Remove all defilement from the sanctuary."



<sup>2</sup>A beautiful worship place made of cedar, wood carvings, jewels, and gold. It took seven years for Solomon to build.

**What does the condition of the temple tell you about the people's relationship with God?**

*When they had assembled their fellow Levites and consecrated themselves, they went in to purify the temple of the LORD, as the king had ordered, following the word of the LORD. The priests went into the sanctuary of the LORD to purify it. They brought out to the courtyard of the LORD's temple everything unclean that they found in the temple of the LORD.*

Hezekiah opened the doors of the temple for worship. He also cleaned and repaired the temple. Then he gathered together the priests and Levites.<sup>3</sup> Hezekiah knew that the priests needed to purify<sup>4</sup> the temple.

<sup>3</sup>Priests and Levites (LEE-vites) led worship and instructed people in God's law.



Many years later, a woman asked Jesus how she should worship God.

**Read John 4:21, 24 to see how Jesus answered her. How did Jesus say we should worship God?**



<sup>a</sup>This included cleaning all sacred items and the removal of everything not used in worship of God.

The Jews needed the temple to worship.

They needed the priests and Levites.

This is no longer necessary to come before God. Jesus is our high priest, and through Him we come before God.



# My Attitude of Worship

Fill in the puzzle with clues that indicate a person is really worshipping God. There's a word bank to help you. Use the puzzle as a checklist. Are you ready to worship God with reverence and awe?

## KEY VERSE

"Let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe."

Hebrews 12:28

1. I    in prayer.

2. I      God in all I do.

3. I show         by praising God.

4. I show        where I worship.

5. I      God for blessings.

6. As the      is read, I listen.

7. I     with other Christians.

## Word Bank

thank  
respect  
Bible  
bow  
honor  
reverence  
pray

My  
Own  
Attitude  
Alert

Worshiping

1

2

3

4

5

Uninvolved