

# Take Your Stand for True Worship (Part 1)

Based on chapter 16 of the book *What Does the Bible Really Teach?* available on [jw.org](http://jw.org).

**OBJECTIVE:** Explore what you believe and why, examine what the Bible teaches, and see how you can explain your beliefs to others.



## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO TAKE A STAND FOR TRUE WORSHIP?

### 1 EXPLORE YOUR BELIEFS

What might some people say?

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What do *you* believe?

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Why do you believe that?

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## 2

## EXAMINE WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES

### Taking a stand for true worship includes giving Jehovah exclusive devotion.

(See chapter 16 of the *Bible Teach* book, paragraphs 1-5.)

#### Read Exodus 20:4, 5 and 1 John 5:21.

How do these verses reveal God's view of the use of images in worship?

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#### Read Deuteronomy 18:10-12.

How do these verses reveal God's view of ancestor worship, which amounts to spiritism?

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**Just as you wouldn't eat candy picked up from the gutter, you would not participate in celebrations with pagan origins**

## Taking a stand for true worship includes rejecting celebrations that Jehovah disapproves of.

(See chapter 16 of the *Bible Teach* book, paragraphs 6-12.)

### Read Genesis 40:20 and Mark 6:21.

Why is it significant that the only two birthday celebrations mentioned in the Bible are those of people who did not worship Jehovah?

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### Read Isaiah 52:11 and Ephesians 5:10.

Why do the origins of religious holidays matter?

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Why are you determined to take your stand for true worship?

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## EXPLAIN YOUR BELIEFS

IF SOMEONE SAYS...

**I don't *worship* images; they simply help me feel closer to God when I pray.**

YOU MIGHT REPLY...

**It's good that you want to draw close to God through prayer. But the use of images is another matter because...**

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What scripture could you share with the person?

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Bearing in mind the person's viewpoint, how would you reason on that scripture?

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IF SOMEONE SAYS...

**Nobody today celebrates birthdays and holidays for pagan reasons; these are just occasions to be with your family.**

YOU MIGHT REPLY...

**Spending time with family is important. But I believe that the origins of a celebration matter because...**

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What scripture could you share with the person?

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Bearing in mind the person's viewpoint, how would you reason on that scripture?

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