

Use “The Scene” to introduce “Meeting God Through Worship” the Young Teen Sunday school lesson for April 22, 2018. The lesson is found on page 49 of *Young Teen Teacher* by Standard Publishing.

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What do Hiddlestoners, Beliebers, Pine-Nuts, Swifties, the Beyhive, and Little Monsters have in common?

Some people might say a lot of craziness.

These are names for the superfans of actor Tom Hiddleston, singer Justin Bieber, actor Chris Pine, and singers Taylor Swift, Beyoncé, and Lady Gaga (respectively).

Such fans may camp out for days to see their favorite stars, spend hours online scanning for new images or trying to get their favorites to reply to their Tweets, or go see their movies/concerts/plays/appearances any chance they get.

So what sets apart a regular, everyday sort of fan from a true worshipper? As one reporter put it: “Mess with them, insult their master and feel the wrath of tens of thousands of followers on Twitter” (Eleanor Steafel, *The Telegraph*).

As students arrive, give each of them a copy of the article. Then discuss in this way:

Would you call yourself a fan of any particular celebrity? Why or why not? How would you describe a “superfan”?

Why do you think some people get caught up in worshipping or following a certain singer, actor, or athlete?

Do you think being a fan makes you feel closer to a celebrity in some way? Explain your answer.

As Christians, we have the unique privilege of following the biggest celebrity of all. Today we will learn what’s involved in true worship.