



Lesson 3

Who Is God?

Tips for Family Discipleship

- Adapt this content to meet the needs of your family
- Focus on Jesus
- Be a guide, not a general
- Feed your own growth
- Share personal stories/testimonies
- Pray with your child and for your child

Families of younger children might choose to focus on the point that “God is everywhere.” Play hide-and-go-seek with your little ones. Talk about how even though you didn’t know where they were hiding, God knew! Because God is everywhere, you can pray to him anytime, no matter where you are. Have your child list different places you go. Then, use those places to emphasize that your child can pray in all those places (in bed, in a car, at a friend’s house, and even at the grocery store)!

Introduction

God exists. He created all things. He is awesome, He is real, and we are alive for His purposes.

Without a clear view of our Creator, kids (and parents!) will find it hard to follow Jesus. It is very important to develop an accurate, scriptural understanding of who our God is.

SUPPLIES NEEDED: Playdoh or any craft supplies that you have available, such as paper, tape, and markers.

ACTIVITY, part 1: Using the supplies, ask your child to create an animal (existing or fictional).

DISCUSS: When you made the animal, was it real? Were you able to give it life?

ACTIVITY, part 2: Next, take away the supplies and ask your child to create another animal from nothing.

DISCUSS: Can you make something from nothing? No, we can’t, but God can and He did! God created everything by just speaking it into existence. The world wasn’t created by accident.

PRAY: Father God, thank you for making the world and everything in it. Help me to see you when I see your creation. Help me to learn more about you today.



Point #1 – GOD IS REAL

Creation reveals that God is real. The beauty, complexity, and design of the universe demands the presence of a Creator. Nature is a witness of God’s existence.

Parent note: Evolution and atheism are topics that are frequently brought up in today’s culture. Children can struggle in their faith if they do not have a strong foundation in God’s Word. Be aware of the subtle influences in your child’s life that might contradict the truth that God is real and that God created the world.



**OPEN YOUR
BIBLE**

READ Psalm 19:1.

Have your child find the words “declare” and “proclaim.”

Spend some time dissecting and discussing this verse:

What does “heavens” mean? (possible answers: the sky, sunset, clouds, etc.)

What does “declare” mean? (promise, tell, say)

Put them together: How can the “heavens” (the sky/sunset/clouds) “declare” (promise/tell/say) about the glory of God?

Point #2 - GOD IS NOT LIKE ME

In Lesson 1, we discussed that we are made in God’s image (Genesis 1:27). It is true that we are created to be relational, just like God, but God is so much more than we are. We are not like God. There is nothing or no one like Him. Holy means “set apart.” God is so very special, He is “set apart.” (optional: see Isaiah 6:3)

To better understand our Lord, let’s examine five ways in which the Lord is different than us.

- A. GOD IS ETERNAL – God has no beginning and no end. He has always existed, and He will always exist. He is not bound by time because He created it and He lives outside of it. (optional: see Psalm 90:2)



Take a piece of string (or pencil). Explain that the piece of string is like a timeline. It has a beginning and an end. We are a part of a timeline. We cannot go back in time and we cannot skip ahead to the future. (Have your child run his/her finger from one end of the string to the other end.) God made time and lives outside of it. (Have your child move his finger to the side, off of the string.)

- B. GOD IS EVERYWHERE – Wherever you go, God is there. He is always near to help. Because God is everywhere, He always hears us when we pray to Him. He can give strength, comfort, wisdom, and direction for life when you need it.



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READ Matthew 28:20.

Have your child find, “I am with you always.”



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FIND Jeremiah 32:27.

Discuss the meaning of this verse.

- C. GOD IS ALL-POWERFUL – The Lord can do anything. God has unlimited strength and might. He can also give us power to perform His will and fulfill His Word. Nothing can keep us from what He desires for us.

- D. GOD IS ALL-KNOWING – The Lord can understand everything and knows everything. Humankind can’t fully understand God because we can’t understand everything. However, we can fully trust God. (optional: see Job 21:22)

Play the game, “Rock, Paper, Scissors.” Would this game be fun for very long if you knew what the other person was going to do before he/she did it? How is it good that God knows everything?




E. GOD DOES NOT CHANGE - Though things in the world always seem to be changing, the Lord remains the same forever. The Lord's character, attributes, and Word remain fixed forever. We never need to have fear of Him shifting from His truth or His goodness. (optional: see Hebrews 13:8)



**Stuff to
Talk About**

What are some things that are different this year than last year? Do you look the same as you did a few years ago? Do you act the same? Although some change is good (like growing up), change can also be hard and unpredictable (like the changes from COVID).

Remind your child that God never changes. We can trust in God and His promises because He has always been the same and always will be the same.



The truths in today's lesson might seem a little simple, but they are also profound. When we live with an ongoing faith in who He is, we can experience great strength and security. If you help your child develop a God-centered worldview, your child will be better prepared to follow Jesus!



CLOSE IN PRAYER

Follow Me Challenges

PERSONAL: Invite folks on your "My 5 List" (those in your circle of influence who need the love of Jesus) to the Community Easter Service (April 4 at 10 am, Cartersville High School Stadium).

PUBLIC: Participate in, invite folks to, or host a Backyard Egg Hunt or Backyard BBQ. More information can be found at tabernaclebaptist.org/events.

PRAYER: Plan a day to fast and pray for the following:

- The Community Easter Celebration and for those on your "My 5 List" to come worship at the stadium with us and be receptive to the message.
- Backyard Egg Hunts to produce connections with neighbors and responses to invitations to the Community Easter Celebration at the Stadium.