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#### Lesson Series "God Is" Overview

Target Age Group: 3rd Grade

Series Theme: Understanding God's Nature and the Plan of

Salvation

Lesson Themes: Omnipotence, Omniscience, Omnipresence,

Immutability, Eternal, Trinity

**Duration:** 6 Lessons (One characteristic per lesson)

Key Components: Bible Story, Game, Object Lesson, Craft,

Discussion, Prayer, Salvation Message





**Omni Song** 

## **Lesson 1: Omnipotence (God is All-Powerful)**

**SOAP 9331** 



- Objective: To understand that God has unlimited power and can do anything.
- Bible Story: David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17) to show God's power in action.
- Game: "Power Relay" Teams complete tasks that require strength, ending with a reminder that God's power is much greater than ours.
- Object Lesson: Demonstrate a powerful but controlled chemical reaction (like baking soda and vinegar) to illustrate God's immense but controlled power.
- Craft: Power Shields Children create shields that represent God's power, decorated with symbols of strength (e.g., lightning, mountains).
- Discussion Questions:
  - O What does God's power mean to you?
  - Can you think of a time when you saw God's power in your life or someone else's?
- Prayer: Thank God for His power in our lives and ask for faith to trust in His strength in every situation.
- Salvation Connection: Explain how God's greatest display of power was sending Jesus to save us from our sins.

## Lesson 2: Omniscience (God Knows Everything)

**SOAP 9332** 



- Objective: Understand that God knows us completely and loves us.
- Bible Story: Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:1-26) - Showcasing Jesus's knowledge of the woman's life.
- Game: "God Knows Me Bingo" Each square has facts that might be true about someone. As facts are called that are true for them, they mark their square, aiming to show God knows all our "squares."
- Object Lesson: Use a jar filled with sand to represent people; pull out one grain to show God knows each of us individually.
- Craft: "Heart of Knowledge" Kids craft a heart, writing inside it things they wish God to know about them, reinforcing that He already knows and cares.
- Discussion Questions:
  - Why is it comforting to know God knows everything about you?
  - How can we trust God more, knowing He understands everything we go through?
- Prayer: Ask for the faith to trust God's plan for our lives, knowing He knows us fully.
- **Salvation Connection:** Emphasize that God knew we needed a Savior, and that's why He sent Jesus.

## <u>Lesson 3: Omnipresence (God is Everywhere)</u>

**SOAP 9333** 



- **Objective:** Learn that God is always with us, everywhere we go.
- Bible Story: Daniel in the lion's den (Daniel 6) Demonstrating God's presence even in dangerous
  situations.
- **Game:** "Find God" scavenger hunt Items related to the story of Daniel are hidden, and as children find them, they learn about God's constant presence.
- **Object Lesson:** Use a phone to represent communication we can't see the connection, but it's there, like God's presence.
- **Craft:** "Where I Am, God Is" Maps where children mark places they go and remember God is with them.
- Discussion Questions:
  - How does it feel to know God is always with you?
  - Can you share a time you felt God's presence?
- **Prayer:** Thank God for His constant presence and ask for help to recognize He is with us in every situation.
- Salvation Connection: Discuss how God's presence is assured to us through Jesus, who promised the Holy Spirit to be with us always.

## **Lesson 4: Immutability (God Never Changes)**

**SOAP 9334** 

• **Objective:** Realize that God's character and love for us never change.



- Bible Story: God's covenant with Abraham (Genesis 15) -Showing God's unchanging promises.
- Game: "Changing Chairs" Musical chairs but discuss how unlike the chairs (situations in life), God never changes.
- Object Lesson: Compare a rock to shifting sand to illustrate God's stability in our lives.
- Craft: "God's Unchanging Promises" Decorating stones with permanent markers to symbolize God's unchanging nature.
- Discussion Questions:
  - O Why is it important that God does not change?
  - How can we find comfort in God's unchanging nature?
- Prayer: Praise God for His consistency in a changing world and pray for faith to trust in His unchanging promises.
- Salvation Connection: Highlight that just as God kept His promises throughout the Bible, He keeps His promise of salvation through Jesus Christ.

## **Lesson 5: Eternal (God is Forever)**



**SOAP 9335** 

 Objective: Understand that God has no beginning or end

## Bible Story: God's Promise to Noah (Genesis 9:8-17)

- **Game:** "Timeless Relay" Race against time in a fun relay that shows time's limits, unlike God's eternal nature.
- Object Lesson: Use a circle to represent eternity a shape with no start or end — to explain God's eternal nature.
- Craft: "Eternal Bracelets" Create bracelets with beads forming an infinite loop to represent God's never-ending presence.
- Discussion Questions:
  - O What does it mean to you that God is eternal?
  - How does knowing God is eternal affect how we live our lives?
- **Prayer:** Thank God for being eternal and always with us, in the past, present, and future.
- Salvation Connection: Emphasize that eternal life is a gift from God through faith in Jesus Christ.

## **Lesson 6: Trinity (God Three-in-One)**

#### **SOAP 9336**



- **Objective:** Introduce the concept of the Trinity and how it shows God's complete character.
- Bible Story: The baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3:13-17) where the Trinity is present.
- **Game:** "Trinity Twister" A Twister game modified with colors representing the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Object Lesson: Use water in its three states (ice, water, steam) to explain the Trinity.
- **Craft:** "Trinity Shamrock" Crafting shamrocks to illustrate the concept of three-in-one.
- Discussion Questions:
  - What does the Trinity teach us about how God wants to relate to us?
  - How can understanding the Trinity help us understand God better?
- Prayer: Acknowledge each person of the Trinity, thanking God for the different ways He works in our lives.
- Salvation Connection: Discuss how the Trinity plays a
  role in salvation—God the Father's plan, Jesus' sacrifice,
  and the Holy Spirit living in us.

#### Wrapping Up the Series

Conclude the series by recapping the characteristics of God and reinforcing the message of salvation through Jesus Christ. Encourage children to reflect on what they've learned and how they can trust in God's power, presence, knowledge, unchanging nature, and the mystery of the Trinity in their daily lives. Offer a prayer of commitment, inviting the children to put their faith in Jesus as their Savior and to trust in God's everlasting love and power.

## **God Is: 1-Omnipotence of God**

### Objective

To help kids understand that God has unlimited power and can do anything.

#### Introduction (5 minutes)

- Start with a welcoming activity as students arrive.
- Brief introduction to today's lesson: Today, we're going to learn about how powerful God is and see His power in action through a very famous story from the Bible.

#### Bible Story: David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17) (15 minutes)

Storytelling Method: Use visual aids or props to make the story come alive. You could use a sling and stones to represent David's tools and a big picture of Goliath to show the difference in their sizes.

#### **Key Points to Emphasize:**

- David's confidence in God's power over Goliath's physical strength.
- The victory was not by human strength but by God's power working through David.
- **Discussion:** How did David show he trusted in God's power? Why do you think David was able to defeat Goliath when no one else could?

#### Game: "Power Relay" (10 minutes)

- **Setup:** Create a simple obstacle course or series of physical challenges in your space.
- **Execution:** Divide kids into small teams. Each team must complete the tasks, such as hopping on one foot, carrying a heavy book, or doing a teamwork puzzle.
- **Conclusion:** Highlight that even though we have some strength, God's power is infinitely greater and He can help us overcome any challenge.

#### **Object Lesson: Controlled Chemical Reaction (10 minutes)**

- Materials Needed: Baking soda, vinegar, a clear container, and food coloring (optional for effect).
- **Demonstration:** Mix baking soda and vinegar in the container to create a bubbling reaction.
- **Teaching Point:** Just like this reaction is powerful but controlled, God's power is immense yet perfectly controlled. He uses His power for good, and it's beyond anything we can imagine.

## Craft: Power Shields (20 minutes)

- Materials: Cardboard cut into shield shapes, markers, stickers, glue, symbols of strength (printouts or drawings of lightning, mountains, etc.).
- Activity: Guide the children to decorate their shields with symbols that represent God's power. Encourage them to write a verse about God's power on their shield, like Psalm 147:5.
- **Discussion While Crafting:** Talk about different symbols of power and what they can teach us about God's power.

#### **Discussion Questions (10 minutes)**

- Encourage open sharing and affirm each response.
  - What does God's power mean to you?
  - Can you think of a time when you saw God's power in your life or someone else's?

#### Prayer (5 minutes)

Invite children to share areas in their lives where they need God's power. Lead a prayer, thanking God for His unlimited power and asking for faith to trust in His strength in every situation.

#### Salvation Connection (5 minutes)

- **Explanation:** Share how the greatest display of God's power was sending Jesus to save us from our sins. Unlike earthly powers that can be corrupt or used wrongly, God used His power to show His love for us.
- **Invitation:** Offer a moment for the kids to respond to God's powerful love by accepting Jesus into their hearts.

#### Closing (5 minutes)

- Recap the day's lesson and remind the kids to take their Power Shields home as a reminder of God's omnipotence.
- Announce any upcoming events or next week's lesson
- Dismiss with a blessing, asking God to help them remember His power throughout the week.

#### **Take Home**

Provide a take-home sheet summarizing the story of David and Goliath, the main lesson points, and a couple of discussion questions for them to talk about with their families. Include the memory verse of the week, Psalm 147:5, "Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit."



**David & Goliath** 



Song



Ideas









## **True False**

- 1. David was the youngest of his brothers. **T**
- 2. David was a king before he fought Goliath. F
- 3. Goliath was a giant warrior from the Philistines. T
- 4. Goliath challenged David to a race. F
- 5. David's weapon against Goliath was a sling and a stone. **T**
- 6. The Israelite army was eager to fight Goliath. F
- David volunteered to fight Goliath because he trusted in God. T
- King Saul was confident that David could defeat Goliath. F
- 9. David picked up five smooth stones from a stream. T
- 10. Goliath laughed when he saw David coming to fight him. F
- David said that God would deliver him from the hand of Goliath. T
- 12. David wore the king's armor into the battle with Goliath. F
- 13. With just one stone, David hit Goliath in the forehead and defeated him. *T*
- 14. David boasted about his own strength after defeating Goliath. F
- 15. The Israelites won the battle against the Philistines after Goliath fell. **T**
- 16. Goliath was friendly to the Israelites before the challenge. F
- 17. David became famous in Israel because of his faith and bravery. *T*
- 18. David doubted his ability to fight Goliath without armor. F
- 19. God helped David defeat Goliath to show His power to Israel. *T*
- 20. After defeating Goliath, David was scared and ran away. F

#### 133: David and Goliath

#### **Bible Story:**

#### 1 Samuel 17:23 - David Kills Goliath

#### **Salvation Connection:**

David's victory over Goliath with only a sling and a stone demonstrates that God can accomplish great things through those who trust Him. This story teaches us about faith in God's power over our fears and challenges.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- What can we learn from David's courage when facing Goliath?
- 2. How can we rely on God's strength to face our own "giants"?

#### 309: God is Omnipotent

#### **Bible Story Reference:**

Genesis 1:1 - "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

#### **Salvation Connection:**

God's all-powerful nature is shown in His creation of the world and everything in it. His power is also seen in Jesus, who has the power to save us from our sins and overcome any challenge.

- What are some examples of God's power in the Bible?
- How can knowing God is all-powerful help us when we feel weak?
- 3. Why is it important for our Savior to be all-powerful?

#### **God Is: 2-Omniscience of God**

#### Objective

To help kids understand that God knows us completely, cares for us deeply, and loves us unconditionally.

## **Introduction (5 minutes)**

- Begin with a fun icebreaker that involves guessing facts about each other, leading into the theme that someone who knows us very well can guess these facts.
- Transition into the lesson by stating, "Just like our friends can know a lot about us, there's someone who knows us even better. Today, we'll learn about how God knows everything about us and still loves us!"

## Bible Story: Jesus and the Samaritan Woman (John 4:1-26) (15 minutes)

- Storytelling: Use visuals or act out the scene to make the story engaging. Highlight how Jesus knew all about the woman's life without her telling Him.
- Discussion: After the story, ask, "How do you think the woman felt when Jesus knew all about her? How would you feel if someone knew everything about you?"

### Game: "God Knows Me Bingo" (10 minutes)

- Setup: Prepare bingo cards in advance, each square filled with a statement that might be true about someone (likes pizza, has a pet, etc.).
- Play: As you call out the statements, kids mark off the squares that apply to them. The first to get a full line yells, "Bingo!"
- Point: Explain, "Just like we know what squares you have, God knows even more about us. He knows everything!"

#### Object Lesson: The Sand Jar (10 minutes)

- Materials Needed: A clear jar filled with sand, a spoon, and a magnifying glass.
- Execution: Show the jar to the kids. Use the spoon to pick out a single grain of sand and show it through the magnifying glass.
- Explanation: "This jar represents the world, and each grain of sand is one of us. Just like I picked out this single grain, God knows and cares for each of us individually among billions of people."

#### Craft: "Heart of Knowledge" (20 minutes)

- Materials: Construction paper, markers, stickers, and other decorative items.
- Activity: Kids create a heart from the paper and write or draw things inside they wish God to know about them, reinforcing that He already knows and cares.
- Discussion While Crafting: Encourage kids to share (if they're comfortable) something they wrote or drew.
   Reinforce the idea that God already knows our hearts and loves us fully.

#### **Discussion Questions (10 minutes)**

- Foster an environment where kids feel safe to share their thoughts and feelings.
  - "Why is it comforting to know God knows everything about you?"
  - "How can we trust God more, knowing He understands everything we go through?"

### Prayer (5 minutes)

- Lead a prayer that focuses on thanking God for His intimate knowledge of our lives and asks for the faith to trust in His plan for us.
- Invite the children to silently think of something they are going through and remind them that God knows and cares about that very thing.

## **Salvation Connection (5 minutes)**

- Explain that one of the things God knows about us is our need for a Savior to save us from our sins. "God knew we couldn't save ourselves, so He sent Jesus to us. This is the greatest proof that God knows us and loves us."
- Offer a moment for children to respond to God's love by accepting Jesus, emphasizing that God knows our hearts and invites us to know Him too.

#### Closing (5 minutes)

- Recap the lesson's main points and encourage the children to remember throughout the week that God knows everything about them and loves them unconditionally.
- Announce any upcoming events or activities, and dismiss the class with a blessing, asking God to help them feel His knowing presence and love every day.

#### **Take Home**

 Send kids home with their "Heart of Knowledge" craft as a reminder of God's all-knowing love. Include a handout for parents that summarizes the lesson and offers discussion starters to continue the conversation at home.



Story





Jir for Jesus

Song



<u>Ideas</u>











## **True False**

- 1. Jesus met a woman from Samaria at a well. T
- 2. The woman at the well was a queen. F
- 3. Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water. **T**
- 4. The woman at the well gave Jesus wine. F
- 5. Jesus talked to the woman about living water. **T**
- 6. The woman used a golden cup to draw. F
- 7. Jesus knew everything about the woman's life. T
- 8. The Samaritan woman had only been married once. F
- 9. The woman at the well left her water jar to tell others. **T**
- 10. The woman at the well was from Jerusalem. F
- 11. Jesus revealed to the woman that he is the Messiah. T
- 12. Jesus refused to speak to the woman. F
- 13. The Samaritan woman believed Jesus was the Christ. T
- 14. The disciples were surprised that Jesus was asking for food from the woman. F
- 15. Many Samaritans believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony. *T*
- 16. The well was in the city of Nazareth. F
- 17. Jesus said true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth. *T*
- 18. The Samaritan woman invited Jesus to her palace. F
- 19. The conversation at the well happened at noon. *T*
- 20. The Samaritan woman had never heard of the Messiah before meeting Jesus. F

#### 310: God is Omniscient

## **Bible Story Reference:**

1 John 3:20 - "Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything."

#### **Salvation Connection:**

God's knowledge of everything means He knows us completely and still loves us. He understands our needs, fears, and hopes, and His wisdom in Jesus guides us to live in His love.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What does it mean that God knows everything?

- 2. How does God knowing everything about you change how you pray or live?
- 3. Can you share a Bible story where God's knowledge helped someone?

#### 312: The Foundation of Wisdom

#### **Bible Story Reference:**

Proverbs 9:10 - "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

#### **Salvation Connection:**

The Bible tells us that true wisdom starts with respecting and honoring God. This wisdom is fully revealed in Jesus, who teaches us the best way to live and brings us closer to God.

- 1. What does it mean to fear or respect God?
- 2. Why is fearing God considered the beginning of wisdom?
- 3. How can we grow in wisdom as followers of Jesus?

## **God Is: 3-Omnipresence of God**

#### Objective

To help kids understand and find comfort in the fact that God is always with us, no matter where we are or what situation we're in.

#### Introduction (5 minutes)

- Start with a warm welcome and a fun icebreaker that involves being in different places in the room (e.g., "If you like ice cream, go to the left side; if you like cake, go to the right side").
- Transition into the lesson: "No matter where we moved in this room, we were still together. Today, we're going to learn about how God is with us everywhere we go."

#### Bible Story: Daniel in the Lion's Den (Daniel 6) (15 minutes)

- **Storytelling:** Use visuals, such as pictures or figures, to bring the story to life. Focus on the part where Daniel is thrown into the lion's den but remains unharmed because God is with him.
- Discussion: Highlight that even in the scariest place, God was with Daniel. Ask, "How do you think Daniel felt knowing God was with him in the lion's den?"

#### Game: "Find God" Scavenger Hunt (10 minutes)

- **Setup:** Hide items around the room related to the story of Daniel (e.g., pictures of lions, angel figures, a small den).
- Activity: As kids find items, discuss how each item represents God's presence with Daniel and how God is with us in every situation.
- Debrief: "Just like these items were in different places around the room, God is present in every place in our lives."

#### Object Lesson: The Invisible Phone Call (10 minutes)

- Materials Needed: A smartphone.
- **Demonstration:** Pretend to have a phone conversation. Highlight that even though we can't see the person on the other end or the connection, they're there.
- **Explanation:** "This phone call is like God's presence. We can't see Him, but He's always with us, ready to listen and help."

## Craft: "Where I Am, God Is" Maps (20 minutes)

- **Materials:** Large paper or cardboard, markers, stickers, and images of places (school, home, park).
- Activity: Kids create a map of their daily activities and mark them with the phrase "God is here." Encourage creativity in how they represent their world.
- Discussion While Crafting: Ask children to think about and share how knowing God is with them in each place makes them feel.

#### **Discussion Questions (10 minutes)**

- How does it feel to know God is always with you?
- Can you share a time you felt God's presence?
   Encourage openness and sharing, affirming each child's experience or feelings.

#### Prayer (5 minutes)

 Lead a prayer thanking God for His omnipresence. Invite children to silently think of places where they especially need to feel God's presence this week, and pray for their awareness of God with them in those places.

#### Salvation Connection (5 minutes)

 Explain that one of the greatest promises of God's presence comes through Jesus, who promised the Holy Spirit to be with us always. "Because of Jesus, we can know God's presence every day. When we choose to follow Jesus, we're never alone—God is with us everywhere we go."

#### Closing (5 minutes)

- Recap the lesson, emphasizing God's constant presence.
   Encourage kids to look for reminders of God's presence in their daily lives.
- Hand out take-home sheets with a summary of today's story, discussion questions for family talk, and a prayer they can say at home.

#### **Take Home**

 Provide each child with a small reminder of God's presence, like a bracelet or a sticker, to carry with them throughout the week.



Story





<u>Ideas</u>



Song











## **True False**

- Daniel was thrown into a den of lions because he prayed to God. T
- 2. Daniel was thrown into the lions' den for stealing. F
- 3. The king wanted to save Daniel but couldn't because of the law. **T**
- 4. Daniel was afraid of the lions and begged for mercy. F
- 5. God sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths. T
- 6. The lions were friendly to Daniel because he was a good person. F
- 7. Daniel stayed in the lions' den overnight. **T**
- The king punished Daniel by sending him to the lions' den. F
- 9. The king was very happy to find Daniel alive the next morning. **T**
- 10. Daniel's friends were thrown into the lions' den with him. F
- 11. Daniel continued to pray to God even when it was against the law. *T*
- 12. The king himself threw Daniel into the lions' den. F
- 13. The law that got Daniel into trouble was about worshiping only the king. *T*
- 14. Daniel stopped praying to avoid being thrown into the lions' den. F
- 15. After Daniel was saved, the king ordered that everyone must worship Daniel's God. *T*
- 16. Daniel was in the lions' den for a week. F
- 17. The king threw the men who accused Daniel into the lions' den. *T*
- 18. Daniel was the king of Babylon. F
- 19. Daniel's faith in God protected him from harm in the lions' den. *T*
- 20. The story of Daniel in the lions' den teaches that breaking the law is acceptable.

#### 308: God is Omnipresent

#### **Bible Story Reference:**

Psalm 139:7-10 - "I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence!"

#### **Salvation Connection:**

God's presence everywhere means that we can never be anywhere away from His love and care. This is comforting, especially when we feel alone or scared, knowing Jesus is always with us.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. What does it mean that God is everywhere?
- 2. How does it make you feel to know that God is always with you?
- Share a time when you felt God's presence in a difficult situation.

#### 164: Daniel's Faithful Prayer

#### **Bible Story:**

#### Daniel 6:10 - Daniel Prays Despite the Decree

#### **Salvation Connection:**

When a law was made against praying to anyone but the king, Daniel continued to pray to God faithfully. His commitment shows the importance of consistent prayer and trust in God, no matter the circumstances.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. Why did Daniel continue to pray even when it was against the law?
- 2. What can we learn from Daniel about prayer?

### 165: Daniel in the Lions' Den

## **Bible Story:**

## Daniel 6:4-16 - Daniel is Thrown into the Lions' Den

#### **Salvation Connection:**

Daniel's faithfulness led to him being thrown into a lions' den, but God miraculously saved him, proving His power and Daniel's faith. This story encourages us to remain faithful and trust in God's deliverance.

- 1. How did God protect Daniel in the lions' den?
- 2. How can we trust God to protect us in difficult situations?

## **God Is: 4-Immutability of God**

#### Objective

To help kids understand and find comfort in the knowledge that God's character and His love for us never change, even when everything else in life does.

#### Introduction (5 minutes)

- Begin with a brief interactive discussion asking children about their favorite things (toys, games, activities) and whether those preferences have changed over time. Highlight how our likes, feelings, and even situations change.
- Transition into the lesson: "Today, we're going to learn about someone who never changes—God. His love and promises stay the same forever!"

## Bible Story: God's Covenant with Abraham (Genesis 15) (15 minutes)

- Storytelling Method: Use storytelling visuals or engage the children by assigning parts of the story to act out as you read.
- Key Points to Emphasize:
  - God made a promise to Abraham that He would always keep.
  - This story shows that God's plans and promises do not change.
- Discussion: Ask, "How do you think Abraham felt knowing God made an unbreakable promise with him? Have you ever made a promise?"

#### Game: "Changing Chairs" (Musical Chairs) (10 minutes)

- Setup: Arrange chairs in a circle with one fewer chair than there are children.
- **Execution:** Play music as the children walk around the chairs. When the music stops, they must find a chair to sit in. Remove one chair after each round.
- **Discussion Point:** After the game, discuss how the chairs kept changing, but God is like a solid, unmovable chair that is always there for us, no matter what.

## Object Lesson: Rock vs. Shifting Sand (10 minutes)

- Materials Needed: A rock and a container of sand.
- **Demonstration:** Show the rock and the sand. Push on both to show how the rock stays firm while the sand moves away.
- Explanation: "The rock is like God—strong and unchanging. The sand is like the things in our life that can change. We can always rely on God to be our firm foundation."

#### Craft: "God's Unchanging Promises" Stones (20 minutes)

- **Materials:** Smooth stones, permanent markers, and maybe paint if desired.
- Activity: Children decorate their stones with words or symbols of God's unchanging promises (love, faithfulness, salvation).
- While Crafting: Discuss the significance of decorating stones as a reminder of God's steadfastness in our lives.

#### **Discussion Questions (10 minutes)**

Encourage thoughtful reflection and personal application.

- Why is it important that God does not change?
- How can we find comfort in God's unchanging nature?
   Share stories or instances where God's unchanging nature has been a personal comfort or strength.

#### Prayer (5 minutes)

- Lead a prayer session that focuses on praising God for His never-changing love and promises. Encourage the children to pray aloud if they feel comfortable, thanking God for being their unchanging rock.
- Include a prayer for faith to trust in God's promises, especially His promise of salvation through Jesus.

#### **Salvation Connection (5 minutes)**

- Draw the connection between God's unchanging nature and His promise of salvation. Explain how God's promise to Abraham extends to us with the ultimate fulfillment in Jesus Christ, who came to save us.
- Offer a moment for the children to respond to the message of salvation, emphasizing that God's promise of love and salvation through Jesus is for everyone and will never change.

#### Closing (5 minutes)

• Recap the lesson's main points, emphasizing the comfort and assurance we can find in God's unchanging nature.

#### **Take Home**

 Send children home with their decorated stones and a summary handout of the lesson for their parents, including discussion questions to engage the whole family in talking about God's unchanging nature and how it affects their faith.













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## **True False**

- 1. God promised Abram he would have as many descendants as the stars in the sky. **T**
- Abram was told by God that his descendants would live in Egypt for 400 years. F
- 3. Abram believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness. **T**
- God told Abram his descendants would be slaves in a land that was their own. F
- 5. God made a covenant with Abram that day. **T**
- 6. Abram asked God for a sign to prove that he would possess the land. F
- 7. God told Abram his descendants would be strangers in a foreign land. *T*
- God promised Abram that he would have a son with Sarai within a year. F
- 9. The covenant included the promise that Abram's descendants would inherit specific lands. *T*
- 10. Abram did not believe God's promise. F
- 11. Abram prepared a sacrifice at God's command. au
- 12. The animals Abram cut in half to make the covenant included a lion. F
- 13. God predicted that Abram's descendants would be enslaved and mistreated for 400 years. *T*
- 14. Abram was promised by God that he would live to see all his descendants. F
- God promised to punish the nation that enslaved Abram's descendants. T
- 16. Abram's wife Sarai was mentioned in God's covenant in Genesis 15. F
- 17. A smoking fire pot and a flaming torch appeared, passing between the pieces of the sacrifice. *T*
- 18. Abram was told his descendants would come back to the promised land because of their righteousness. F
- 19. The land promised to Abram's descendants extended from the river of Egypt to the Euphrates. *T*
- 20. The covenant was made during the day. F

#### 281: God is Immutable

#### **Bible Story:**

#### James 1:17 - God's Unchanging Nature

#### **Salvation Connection:**

The immutability of God means that He does not change. This attribute assures us of His constant love, justice, mercy, and truth, providing a stable foundation for our faith.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. What does it mean to you that God never changes?
- 2. How does knowing God is always the same help you trust Him more?

## 322: God's Promise to Abraham

#### **Bible Story Reference:**

Genesis 12:3 - "I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

#### **Salvation Connection:**

God made a significant promise to Abraham: that through his descendants, all the earth would be blessed. This promise was ultimately fulfilled through Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham. Jesus brought salvation to the world, offering blessing and hope to every nation and person who believes in Him.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. What was the promise God made to Abraham?
- 2. How was this promise fulfilled through Jesus?
- 3. What does it mean that all the earth is blessed through Jesus?

#### 323: Promise Fulfilled

#### **Bible Story Reference:**

Genesis 12:3 - "I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

#### **Salvation Connection:**

God's promise to Abraham was a big part of His plan. Through Jesus, a descendant of Abraham, every person on earth can receive the ultimate blessing—salvation and a relationship with God.

- 1. How did Jesus bless all the people on earth?
- 2. What does it mean for us that we can be part of Abraham's blessings?
- 3. How can we share this blessing with others?

## **God Is: 5-Eternal God**

## Objective:

To help kids understand that God exists outside of time, with no beginning or end.

#### Introduction (5 minutes)

 Briefly discuss things that have a beginning and an end, leading to the revelation that unlike these, God is eternal.

#### Worship (5 minutes)

 Select songs focusing on God's forever love and power, creating an atmosphere of awe for God's eternal nature.

## Bible Story: God's Eternal Promise to Noah (Genesis 9:8-17) (10 minutes)

- Introduction: (2 min) Set the scene of the post-flood world.
- Storytelling: (6 min) Narrate God's covenant with Noah, emphasizing the eternal promise symbolized by the rainbow.
- **Application:** (2 min) Connect the story to the concept of God's eternal promises and presence.

#### Game: "Timeless Relay" (10 minutes)

- **Setup:** (2 min) Brief explanation of the game and its stations.
- **Execution:** (6 min) Teams compete in the relay race.
- Discussion: (2 min) Reflect on the game's illustration of God's eternal nature compared to our time-bound experiences.

## Object Lesson: The Circle of Eternity (5 minutes)

- Demonstration: (3 min) Show the circle and discuss its symbolism.
- **Discussion:** (2 min) Relate the circle to the eternal nature of God.

## Craft: "Eternal Bracelets" (15 minutes)

- **Setup:** (2 min) Explain the symbolism of the craft.
- Activity: (10 min) Children create their bracelets.
- **Reflection:** (3 min) Discuss the significance of the bracelets as a reminder of God's eternal presence.

#### **Discussion Questions (7 minutes)**

 Spend about 3.5 minutes per question, encouraging children to reflect and share their thoughts on God's eternity and its impact on their lives.

#### Prayer (3 minutes)

 Lead a prayer of gratitude for God's eternal nature, asking for faith to embrace the promise of eternal life through Jesus.

#### Salvation Connection (5 minutes)

- **Explanation:** (3 min) Discuss how God's eternal promise is fulfilled through Jesus, offering us eternal life.
- **Invitation:** (2 min) Offer a moment for children to respond to the invitation for eternal life with Jesus.

#### Closing (5 minutes)

 Briefly summarize the key points of the lesson. Reiterate that God is eternal, which means He has always been there and always will be there for us. Remind them of the story of Noah and how the rainbow is a sign of God's eternal promise.

#### Take Home

#### 1. Take-Home Sheet:

- Provide a one-page summary of the lesson covering God's eternal nature, the story of Noah, and key discussion points. Include the Bible verse from Revelation 1:8 and a simple explanation of the eternal nature of God.
- Add a couple of reflection questions for family discussion, such as "Why is it comforting to know God is eternal?" and "How can we see God's eternal promises in our lives?"



Story



Song



<u>Ideas</u>





Games









## **True False**

- 1. God made a covenant with Noah after the flood. *T*
- 2. The covenant was only for Noah and his family. F
- 3. God promised never to flood the whole earth again. **T**
- 4. God used a lightning bolt as a sign of the covenant. F
- 5. The sign of God's covenant was a rainbow. *T*
- 6. The rainbow appeared before the flood as a warning. F
- 7. The covenant was also for every creature on earth. **T**
- 8. Noah was required to build another ark as part of the covenant. F
- 9. God said the rainbow would remind us of the covenant. **T**
- 10. God promised no more rain on the earth. F
- 11. Every time the rainbow appears, it signifies the everlasting covenant between God and all creatures. **7**
- 12. The flood destroyed only the land of Noah's enemies. F
- 13. The covenant promised that seasonal patterns would continue as long as the earth exists. *T*
- 14. The rainbow is a sign that only humans will be protected in future disasters. F
- Noah's family was saved in the ark because of Noah's obedience to God. T
- 16. Animals no longer needed to fear humans after the covenant. F
- 17. God's covenant is a promise of mercy and salvation. T
- 18. The covenant allowed people to eat vegetablest for the first time. F
- 19. The story teaches about God's forgiveness and the promise of a new beginning. **T**
- 20. The covenant required all people to become vegetarians. F

## 307: God is Eternal

#### **Bible Story Reference:**

Psalm 90:2 - "Before the mountains were born, before you gave birth to the earth and the world, from beginning to end, you are God."

#### **Salvation Connection:**

Understanding that God is eternal helps us see how He is the beginning and the end of everything, including our salvation story. God's eternal nature assures us that His promises and love for us will never end. God could not make an eternal promise of the rainbow without being

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. What does it mean to you that God has no beginning and no ending?
- 2. How does knowing God is eternal help you trust Him more?
- 3. Can you think of a Bible story that shows God's eternal nature?

## 034: Noah's Family Spared

#### **Bible Story:**

## Genesis 7:7 - Noah's Family Enters the Ark

#### **Salvation Connection:**

Noah and his family were spared from the flood due to Noah's faithfulness to God. This story teaches us about God's protection for those who are faithful and obedient to Him.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- What made Noah different from others during his time?
- How can you show faithfulness to God like Noah did?

## 035: Noah's Three Sons

### **Bible Story:**

## Genesis 7:13 - Noah and His Sons Enter the Ark Salvation Connection:

Noah's sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, were part of the new beginning after the flood. Their families repopulated the earth, showing how God preserves life and continues His plans through generations.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- What responsibilities did Noah's sons have after the flood?
- 2. What can we learn from Noah's family about working together as a family?

## 036: The Forty Days of Rain

#### **Bible Story:**

#### Genesis 7:12 - Forty Days of Rain

#### Salvation Connection:

The forty days of rain during the flood represent a period of cleansing and restarting the world. It symbolizes how God can bring renewal and new beginnings out of even the most challenging situations.

## **Discussion Questions:**

- How do you think Noah felt during the forty days of rain?
- 2. What does this story teach us about trusting God during hard times?

## 037: The First Rainbow

## **Bible Story:**

## Genesis 9:15 - God's Covenant with Noah Salvation Connection:

The rainbow was a sign of God's promise to Noah and all living creatures that He would never again destroy the earth with a flood. This story teaches us about God's mercy and faithfulness to His promises.

- 1. What does the rainbow remind us about God and His promises?
- 2. Can you think of other promises God has made to us in the Bible?

## **God Is: 6-Trinity (God Three-in-One)**

#### Objective

To introduce kids to the concept of the Trinity, helping them understand how it reveals God's complete character and impacts our understanding of salvation.

#### Introduction (5 minutes)

- Start with a brief activity where children find groups of three things in the room (e.g., 3 pens, 3 chairs). Discuss how each item in the group has a purpose but together they form a complete set.
- Transition into the lesson: "Today, we're going to learn about a very special group of three that helps us understand who God is – the Trinity: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit."

## Bible Story: The Baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3:13-17) (15 minutes)

 Storytelling: Use visual aids or act out the scene to make the story engaging. Focus on the presence of the Father (voice from heaven), the Son (Jesus being baptized), and the Holy Spirit (descending like a dove).

### • Key Points to Emphasize:

- This event shows all three persons of the Trinity together.
- Discuss the roles each played in this significant moment.
- Discussion: How do you think Jesus felt hearing His Father's voice? Why is it special that the Holy Spirit appeared?

#### Game: "Trinity Twister" (10 minutes)

- Setup: A Twister game mat with colored circles—assign each color to represent the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If possible, create custom mats with symbols or colors specifically for this lesson.
- **Execution:** As you call out which hand or foot to move and to which color, remind them of which part of the Trinity they are touching. The game intertwines physical movement with learning.
- **Discussion Point:** After playing, discuss how all three (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) work together in our lives, just as we had to move together on the mat.

### **Object Lesson: Water in Three States (10 minutes)**

- Materials Needed: A bowl of ice, a glass of water, and a kettle to produce steam (or a picture/video if not practical).
- **Demonstration:** Show each state of water and explain how it's all water, just in different forms.
- Explanation: "Just like water can be ice, liquid, or steam, God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Three persons, but one God."

#### Craft: "Trinity Shamrock" (20 minutes)

 Materials: Green construction paper, scissors, markers, and glue.

- Activity: Guide children to cut out shamrock shapes and decorate each leaf with representations of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They can draw symbols or write names/attributes on each leaf.
- While Crafting: Discuss how each leaf is part of the whole shamrock, just as each person of the Trinity is part of one God.

#### **Discussion Questions (10 minutes)**

- Encourage thoughtful conversation and personal reflection.
  - "What does the Trinity teach us about how God wants to relate to us?"
  - "How can understanding the Trinity help us understand God better?" Share insights on the relational nature of God and how the Trinity can deepen our relationship with Him.

#### Prayer (5 minutes)

 Lead a prayer that acknowledges each person of the Trinity, thanking God for the different ways He works and reveals Himself in our lives. Invite the children to say a personal thank you to God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

#### **Salvation Connection (5 minutes)**

- Explain how the Trinity is involved in our salvation: God the Father's love sent Jesus, God the Son, to save us through His sacrifice, and God the Holy Spirit lives in us to guide and comfort us.
- Offer a moment for children to respond to God's plan of salvation, emphasizing the unity and love of the Trinity in this plan.

#### Closing (5 minutes)

- Recap the lesson's main points, emphasizing the mystery and beauty of the Trinity. Encourage kids to keep their Trinity Shamrocks as a reminder of what they learned.
- Announce next week's lesson or any upcoming events.
- Dismiss with a blessing, asking the Trinity to be with the children throughout the week.

#### **Take Home**

 Provide a summary of the lesson and discussion questions for parents to engage with their child about the Trinity. Include the craft as a tangible reminder of the day's learning.









<u>Ideas</u>



Song









## **True False**

- 1. John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. T
- 2. Jesus was baptized in the Sea of Galilee. F
- 3. When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened up. T
- 4. During Jesus' baptism, it started to snow. F
- 5. The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus like a dove. T
- 6. A lion roared when Jesus was baptized. F
- 7. God spoke from heaven, saying, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy." *T*
- 8. Jesus baptized John the Baptist in return. F
- 9. John the Baptist initially hesitated to baptize Jesus, saying he needed to be baptized by Jesus. *T*
- 10. Jesus was baptized because it was his birthday. F
- 11. Jesus' baptism marked the beginning of his ministry. **T**
- 12. At Jesus' baptism, everyone present was also baptized. F
- The Holy Spirit appeared as a dove during Jesus' baptism.
   T
- 14. Fireworks appeared in the sky as Jesus was baptized. F
- 15. Jesus' baptism is an example for believers to follow. *T*
- 16. John the Baptist refused to baptize Jesus at first because Jesus had sinned. F
- 17. After Jesus was baptized, he immediately began to perform miracles. **T**
- 18. Jesus was baptized in a pool. F
- 19. Jesus' baptism showed his humility and righteousness. T
- 20. The baptism took place at night. F

# 306: Understanding the Trinity Bible Story Reference:

Matthew 28:19 - The Great Commission, "baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

**Salvation Connection:** The Trinity—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit—shows us the complete nature of God. Understanding this helps us grasp the depth of God's love for us and the comprehensive way He works in our lives.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. Who are the three Persons of the Trinity?
- 2. How do each of the Persons of the Trinity help us in our Christian life?
- 3. Why is it important to recognize the role of each Person in the Trinity in our daily faith?

#### 183: John Introduces Jesus

#### **Bible Story:**

## John 1:29 - John the Baptist Introduces Jesus Salvation Connection:

When John the Baptist called Jesus "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world," he was highlighting Jesus' mission as the Savior. This teaches us about the sacrifice Jesus was to make for us all.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. What does it mean that Jesus is the Lamb of God?
- 2. How can we help others understand this important truth?

#### 189: Jesus' Baptism

#### **Bible Story:**

## Matthew 3:13 - Baptism in the Jordan River Salvation Connection:

John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the Jordan River, marking the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. At His baptism, God showed His approval, affirming Jesus' identity and mission.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- What does Jesus' baptism tell us about His relationship with God?
- 2. How does our own baptism connect us to Jesus?

## 190: Divine Approval at Baptism

## **Bible Story:**

## Matthew 3:16-17 - God Speaks at Jesus' Baptism Salvation Connection:

At Jesus' baptism, God expressed His pleasure in Jesus and affirmed Him as His Son with the Holy Spirit's descent. This event underscores Jesus' divine sonship and mission.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- How did God show His approval of Jesus at the baptism?
- 2. What does it mean to us that Jesus is God's Son?

# 435: Who Should Be Baptized? Bible Story Reference:

Acts 2:41 - "Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day."

#### **Salvation Connection:**

Anyone who believes in Jesus and decides to follow Him should be baptized. It's a step of obedience, showing publicly that you have accepted Jesus as your Savior.

- 1. Who should be baptized according to the Bible?
- 2. What does choosing to be baptized say about a person's faith?
- 3. Can you think of reasons why someone would want to be baptized?