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# **Lesson Overview**

In today's lesson, we're going to learn about God. We talk about God every week in church but today we're going to talk specifically about some important traits that define God. After all, he's the most important person we can ever know so we should learn what makes him so special. First, God is strong. Did you know that he created everything in the whole world? He did. He created the flowers, sharks, cotton candy and recess! Second, God is perfect. He never makes mistakes. If he went to school with you, he would get a perfect score on every test because he knows everything! Third, God IS love. He isn't just good at loving us, love is who he is. The most loving thing God has done for us is sending Jesus to die for us. Jesus came to save us from our sins so that we could be in relationship with him. God is amazing. Make sure to take the time to get to know him.

### Big Idea

God is love and he sent Jesus to die for us.

### **Key Question**

How else does God show his love for us?

## **Memory Verse**

1 John 4:8 "God is love."

### Classroom Agenda

- 1. (5 min) PLAY: Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.
- 2. (5 min) WARM UP: What is your favorite thing to draw and why? (Tip: It's fun to create our own impression of how something looks when we draw it ourselves. We can't see God so it's hard to know what he looks like. But, just because we can't see God, that doesn't mean we can't know what he's like.)
- 3. (5 min) PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard. Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
- 4. (20 min) LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to class to finish this guide.
- 5. (2 min) RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).
- 6. (3 min) KQ: Answer the Key Question. (Answer: He gives us special talents and abilities that help us to live out his plan for our lives (You are God's special creation. He loves you so much and he took great care when he made you. He's given you special talents that your siblings or friends don't have. And, he has a great plan for your life and he'll help you to accomplish it.)
  - Bonus Questions: What are some of your special talents? How will those talents help you as you grow older?
    4-5th: How does knowing that God has a plan for your life impact the way you view your future?
- 7. (5 min) EXPLORE: Read Romans 8:37-39. How can we know how much God loves us? How does Jesus give us hope and security? (Answer: God proved just how much he loves us by sending Jesus to save us. Jesus came and suffered and died for OUR sins, not his. This is the greatest act of love of all time. When we put our trust in Jesus, we are in God's family and we're guaranteed a future in heaven.)
- 8. (10 min) PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.
- 9. (5 min) CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class. Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents and remind them to go online to pursueGOD.org/kids to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

# OPTION 1: FIND THE BOOK IN THE BIBLE

#### Instructions:

- Divide the class into pairs. Give each pair a bible.
- When you say, "Go!", have them race to find the books below. First pair to find the book wins that round. The winning team has to say if each book is in the OT or NT and they get to read that verse(s) to the class.
- After reading each passage, see if the kids can identify what trait of God that verse(s) is describing.
  - God is strong. He made everything by just speaking a word. No-one compares to him. (Isaiah 40:25-28)
  - God is perfect. He never makes mistakes and he always does the right thing. (Psalm 19:7-8)
  - God is love. God doesn't just love well, he is love. He won't ever do anything unloving. (1John 4:7-10)
  - God is creative. He created every bird, animal and flower. He created everything! (Genesis 1:20-22)

Supplies needed: Bibles

# OPTION 2: WHO IS GOD PICTIONARY

#### Instructions:

- Before class, cut up the Pictionary words (page 5) and place in a bowl or basket.
- Divide the class into two teams. Choose a kid from each team to come to the board to draw. Pull a word from the bowl and show it only to the kids who are at the board. When you say, "Go!" have the kids start drawing something that depicts the trait on the card. First team to guess correctly wins that round. You may need to whisper some suggestions from below to the kids if they don't know what to draw.
- Suggestions:
  - Strong: An arm with a flexed muscle, a person lifting a big rock or a weight bar.
  - Perfect: A+ on a test, an angel.
  - Love: A heart or the cross.
  - Smart: A brain or an A+
  - Protector: A kid on a bike with a helmet or a tree giving shade from the sun.
  - Creative: A funny looking animal or a cactus.

Supplies needed: Pictionary words (pg. 5, pre cut, 1 set per class), Bowl/Basket

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God is so great that we will never fully know him. These three things are a good start.

## **Key Points:**

٠	God is	and started everything from nothing
•	God is	and always does the right thing.
٠	God is	and sent Jesus to die for us.

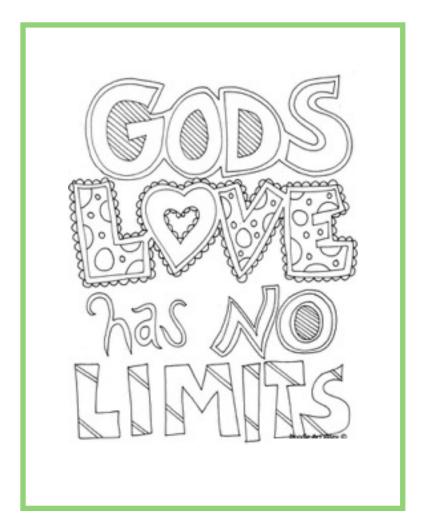
# Memory Verse:

1 John 4:8 God is love.

## Talk About It

- What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?
- What is your favorite thing to draw and why?
- 3. God created everything in the whole world. What do you think is the most beautiful thing God has created?
- 4. What is the most loving thing God has done for us?
- 5. Read Romans 8:37-39. How can we know how much God loves us? How does Jesus give us hope and security?
- 6. How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?

**Instructions:** Color the picture and solve the puzzle.



# Big Idea

# **Key Question**

# **Memory Verse**

1 John 4:\_\_\_\_ "God is \_\_\_\_\_."



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GOD IS	GOD IS
STRONG	PERFECT
GOD IS LOVE	GOD IS SMART
GOD IS OUR	GOD IS
PROTECTOR	CREATIVE