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BIBLE BASICS

Who Is God?

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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.

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.

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."

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: GOD IS.....BOOK

Instructions:

- Give each kid a Book template (page 5).
- Have kids cut out each square. Have them draw a picture that describes each trait for God.
- Then, have kids stack the squares together and staple along the left side to make a book.
- As the kids work, talk about each trait and read the verse that goes with each one.
 - 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](#))

Supplies needed: Book template (pg. 5, 1 set per kid), Scissors, Pencils, Crayons, Staplers

OPTION 2: WHO IS GOD Pictionary

Instructions:

- Before class, cut up the Pictionary words (page 6) and place in a bowl or basket.
- Have kids take turns pulling out a word and have them hand it to you. For each word, draw a picture on the whiteboard that depicts that word and see if the kids can guess what trait you're drawing.
- 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.

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

Key Points:

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

Memory Verse:

| 1 John 4:8 God is love.

Talk About It

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *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.

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