

LESSON 1

ONE TRUE GOD: WHO IS GOD?

OBJECTIVES

1. To recognize that God is Spirit.
2. To understand that God is all-knowing, all-powerful, and always present.
3. To know that the God we worship is holy, loving, and faithful.

MEMORY VERSE

"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

(John 4:24)

PRAYER

We thank and praise You, Lord, for the love that You have for us every day. You created the Earth for us to enjoy, and You have blessed us with families to learn what true love is. Today, we are going to learn more about Your nature and Your being. Please help us so that we can concentrate in class and remember the teachings from the lesson.



Overview

1. Bible Discovery & Spiritual Teaching

- a. God Is Spirit!
 - How do we worship Him, then?
- b. The Three O's
 - Omniscient
 - Omnipotent
 - Omnipresent
- c. The Virtues of God
 - Holy
 - Loving
 - Faithful

2. Life Application

- a. Testimonies
- b. I Will Worship the One True God

3. Activity—"My God is..." Bookmark



Background Knowledge for Teachers

The existence of God is an age-old question. Every day, there are people all over the world who question His existence. However, as Christians, our knowledge of God comes from the universe that He created and the Bible that He inspired. In the True Jesus Church, we have the blessing not only to experience Him in creation, but also to testify to His existence through the Holy Spirit that He has given to us. The God that we worship is the true and living God!



Reaching Out to Your Students

The abstract concept of God as a spirit will be difficult for the students to comprehend. It is important to create links between abstract concepts to objects or ideas that students are familiar with. For example, we can compare a spirit to wind. They are both things that we cannot see with our eyes or touch with our hands. However, we are still able to experience them. By drawing these connections for your students, they will have a better understanding of God and His character.

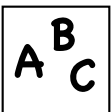


Opener

5 Minutes

Say to the students: "I am thinking of something that you cannot touch, hear, see, taste, or smell. What do you think it is?" [Wait for students to answer.] "Yes, I am thinking of wind!"

Wind is something that we cannot see with our eyes or touch with our hands. Still, it exists, along with other things that we can't see or touch, such as oxygen. Today, we are going to learn about how the God we worship cannot be seen or touched, just like wind.



Vocabulary

omniscient: all-knowing; knowing everything
omnipresent: present everywhere at all times
omnipotent: all-powerful; having unlimited power



Bible Discovery & Spiritual Teaching

30-35 Minutes

FOR TEACHERS

Hand out Bible Discovery Worksheet #1 to the students. The students will fill out each of the sections as you teach the lesson. For the example portion, students can choose to write down the example given by the teacher or one that they would like to share. The definitions for the "three O's" have been given in the vocabulary section.

God Is Spirit (Jn 4:24)

The most basic understanding of God is that He is Spirit. This means that we cannot see or touch Him with our physical bodies (refer to the example of wind). Even though God is Spirit, He still reveals Himself to us in different ways, such as through His creation and the precious Bible. God has chosen us to be His worshippers, so exactly what kind of God do we worship?

A. God Is Omniscient (Psalm 147:5)

God knows everything about us. Whether it is what we are thinking or what we are feeling, God knows!

Let's turn to Genesis 18:9-15. While in the tent, Sarah laughed to herself when she heard God tell Abraham that Sarah will have a child. Sarah was already past the age where she could have children, so she thought that having a child was impossible for her. When God asked why Sarah had laughed, she denied that she had. However, God knew that Sarah had laughed in her heart!

Since God knows everything that we are thinking in our hearts, this means we cannot hide anything from Him. If we have told a lie or if we have unclean thoughts, God knows it!

B. God Is Omnipotent (Matthew 19:26)

God has the power to do anything that He wants to do and nothing is too difficult for Him. He has control over all things.

Let's look at Exodus 14:21. When Pharaoh changed his mind and wanted to bring the Israelites back to Egypt as slaves, the Israelites were quite afraid. Behind them was the fast-approaching Egyptian army and ahead of them

was the Red Sea. They were stuck! It was at this time that God opened a way for them by dividing the waters of the Red Sea so that the Israelites could cross the sea on dry ground. After all the Israelites had crossed, God washed away Pharaoh's army as they were fleeing from the Israelites across the Red Sea. This was a great miracle!

When we encounter a difficult situation in our life, we can always ask God to help us with it. There is nothing that He cannot do!

C. God Is Omnipresent (Psalm 139:7-8)

God is Spirit, so this means that He is everywhere at all times. He is not limited by time or space, which means that He can be in more than one place at a time!

Let's turn to Jonah 1:3. In the story of prophet Jonah, we can see that Jonah thought he could run away from God, but when he did, God still knew where he was. Jonah tried to travel in the opposite direction of where God wanted him to go by sailing away. However, God sent a big storm to disturb the sea. The storm was so strong that the sailors were afraid that the ship would break. It was only until Jonah was thrown into the sea and swallowed by the big fish that the storm stopped. Jonah could not run away from what God wanted him to do.

Today, God is everywhere; He even dwells inside of us through the Holy Spirit! There is nowhere we can go to hide from Him. God is able to see all of our actions wherever we go!

From these three characters, we know that the God we worship is an almighty and all-knowing God. That is not all God is, though. Let us look at three virtues of our God!

FOR TEACHERS

Hand out Bible Discovery Worksheet #2 to the students. You can choose to go over one virtue at a time, or have the students complete the worksheet first and then go over the worksheet to check their answers.

Our God Is Holy (Revelation 4:8)

For God to be holy means that He is perfect and clean in every way. Not only is God holy, but He also commands His chosen people to be holy, too. God says, "You shall be holy; for I am holy" (Lev 11:44). Today, we also have to strive to be holy. What are some ways that we can be holy?

- We can be holy in our mind by making sure that our thoughts are pure and free of harmful worldly pursuits.

- We can be holy in our actions by doing acts of kindness, such as picking up trash that we see or greeting older members.

God wants us to be holy just He is holy because we are His precious children. We will be able to be even closer to God if we are clean and pure just as He is.

Our God Is Loving (1 John 4:8)

God is love. This love is not like any other love that we find in the world; it is a perfect love. God loves us so much that He sent His son Jesus Christ to be crucified on the cross for us, so that we can be saved. God's love for us is so great that it is immeasurable. Since we have a God that loves us so much, we can repay His love by showing love to the people around us. What are some ways that we can show love just as God did? Remember, God's love is not like the love of the world; it is a love where you put the needs of others before your own.

- We can show love to our parents by being obedient, even though we may not like it.
- We can show love to our siblings by letting them go first when playing with our toys.

Our God is Faithful (Deuteronomy 7:9)

God is faithful because God will definitely fulfill any promises that He has made to us. He has the power to fulfill them because He is all-powerful (omnipotent) and He is everywhere at once (omnipresent). This means that He is able to fulfill His promises to everyone, everywhere (2 Cor 1:20). Since God is faithful, we can put our trust in Him and rely on Him in our times of difficulty. Think of a time when God was faithful to you in times of difficulty or in His promises to you. [Have students share.]

- God poured out the Holy Spirit on them
- God blessed them for honoring their parents
- God healed them from being sick
- God protected them from danger

The God that we worship is not only almighty, but also caring and deeply loving. He knows all of our thoughts and needs, and He has the ability to provide for us. We are very blessed to know the only true God and to be able to come and worship Him.



Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs

2-5 Minutes

One True God

There is only one God that created the world that we live in, and it is this same God that chose us to be His people. This is why it is important to understand the character of the one true God that we worship, because by knowing Him, we have a better understanding of how to serve Him.



Check for Understanding

5 Minutes

1. **What is spirit? How is God spirit?** Spirit is something that you cannot experience with your five senses. God is spirit because we cannot see Him or touch Him with our physical body. Even though God is spirit, He still allows us to experience Him!
2. **What does it mean that God is omnipotent?** God is all-powerful and has the power to do anything that He wishes.
3. **What does it mean that God is omniscient?** God knows all of our thoughts and has vast knowledge of everything.
4. **What does it mean that God is omnipresent?** God is everywhere at all times.
5. **What are a few of the virtues of God?** God is love, God is faithful, and God is holy.



Life Application

10 Minutes

1. TESTIMONIES

[Pass out Life Application Worksheet #1.]

Read the testimonies and go over the discussion questions.

2. I WILL WORSHIP THE ONE TRUE GOD

[Pass out Life Application Worksheet #2.]

From the Bible, God has already shown us how He wants us to worship Him. In John 4:24, God clearly tells us to worship Him in Spirit and truth. This means that when we worship, there has to be the abidance of the Holy Spirit and of the words of the Bible. As God's children, we should do things that please Him instead of do things that displease Him. He is our Father in heaven! Just as our parents are happy when we are obedient to them, God is happy when we behave and live according to His ways. Now we are going to review the virtues and characteristics of God and fill out the flow chart. What are some virtues or characteristics that we learned about today? [Wait for students to answer.]

Using these virtues, we will reflect on how we should worship God at church and also how we should live our daily life.

- Example 1: My God is Holy (Leviticus 11:44) ! So I worship Him with a fearful heart during service. In my daily life, I will make sure that I am holy by watching what I say to my friends.
- Example 2: My God is Omnipresent (Psalm 139:7-8) ! So I worship Him by making sure I arrive on time to service. In my daily life, I will know that God is always with me, so I have no reason to feel alone.



Activity

"My God Is..." Bookmark

10-15 Minutes

Objective: To remind the students of God's characteristics and virtues.

Materials

- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Crayons, markers, colored pencils
- Single-hole punch
- Bible

Instructions

1. Cut the cardstock into pieces that are small enough to fit into a Bible. Each piece will be one bookmark.
2. Pass out one bookmark to each student.
3. Have students write down or draw the following somewhere on their bookmark:
 - My God is _____.
 - A verse that supports the statement
 - A symbol that is related to the statement (e.g., draw a heart to represent love)
 - Their name
4. Decorate and/or color the front and back.
5. Punch a hole in the center at the top of the bookmark and tie a ribbon to finish the bookmark.

HOMWORK ANSWER KEY

1. B
2. C
3. A
4. C
5. C
6. God is holy (Lev 11:44); God is loving (1 John 4:8); God is faithful (2 Cor 1:20)
7. Answers may vary. Possible answers: Sarah, Jonah, Ananias/Sapphira
8. Answers may vary.

WHO IS THE GOD THAT I WORSHIP?

God is _____ (Jn 4:24)

The THREE O's

1. Psalm 147:5

O _____ means _____

Example in the Bible

2. Matthew 19:26

O _____ means _____

Example in the Bible

3. Psalm 139:7-8

O _____ means _____

Example in the Bible

EXTRA! CREDIT!

Can you think of another story in the Bible where God displays one of the three O's?

The Virtues of God

Instructions: For each group of verses, underline the key words that are describing God. Then determine which of God's virtues it is describing.

- **Leviticus 11:44a**

"For I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy."

- **Joshua 24:19a**

"But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the Lord, for He is a holy God.'"

- **Revelation 4:8**

"The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: 'Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!'"

Conclusion 1: God is _____ and worthy of our praise.

- **1 John 4:8**

"He who does not love does not know God, for God is love."

- **John 3:16**

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

- **Zephaniah 3:17**

"The Lord your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."

Conclusion 2: God is _____, even though we have done nothing to deserve it.

- **Deuteronomy 7:9**

"Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments."

- **2 Timothy 2:13**

"If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself."

- **2 Corinthians 1:20**

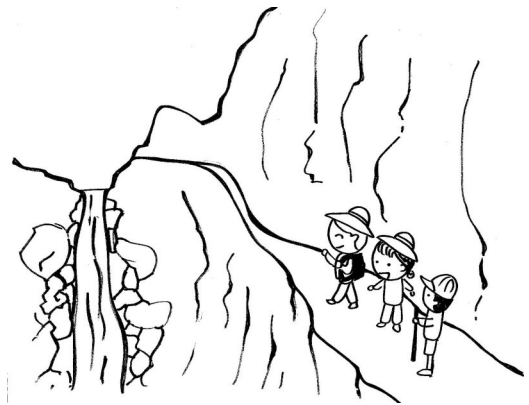
"For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us."

Conclusion 3: God is _____, so we know that He will keep His promises to us.

Testimonies

TESTIMONY 1 : GOD HAS POWER OVER NATURE

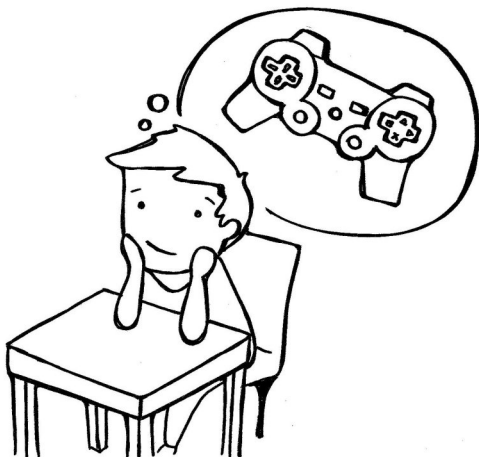
20 minutes, the sister heard a loud rumbling sound and then she saw rocks flying all over the place. In her panic, she shouted, "Hallelujah!" She couldn't go right or left because she was on an extremely narrow path. Suddenly, she felt a force pushing her into a groove along the wall of the canyon. At that moment, a huge rock fell down in front of the sister. It landed two to three meters ahead of her and shattered into countless pieces. Almost immediately, another huge rock fell, but it also missed her. After what seemed like hours, the sister looked around and she saw some friends whom she thought had succumbed to the falling rocks. They were so glad to see one another alive and well. God had saved this sister and protected her. The sister was grateful for the protection and grace of God!



TESTIMONY 2 :

GOD HAS POWER to change hearts

There was a brother who was addicted to playing video games. He couldn't control himself and the addiction worsened to the point where he would think about playing all the time, even during church service or RE class. One day while praying, the brother felt very cold and empty, so he realized that he really needed to change. He repented to



God and asked God to help him overcome this temptation. Suddenly, in the prayer, he felt God hugging him warmly and then giving him a new heart. The brother shed many tears during that prayer, and he made the determination to change his ways when he returned home. After that prayer, the brother felt that video games would no longer be a problem for him anymore. When he returned home, the brother was able to put away his video games and find joy in doing other things, such as helping his parents in the kitchen or reading the Bible. Praise the Lord!

I will worship the
ONE TRUE GOD!

There are many different virtues and characteristics that describe the God whom we worship. Choose three of these and fill out the flow chart accordingly.

My God is

Verse:

So, I worship Him by...

In my daily life, I will...

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Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Weekly Bible Reading: _____

Bible Reading: Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

Prayer: Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. (John 4:24)

Matching

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. ___ All-powerful | a. Omnipresent |
| 2. ___ All-knowing | b. Omnipotent |
| 3. ___ Everywhere at all times | c. Omniscient |

Multiple Choice

4. ____ : What is the essence of God?
 - a. Water
 - b. Flesh
 - c. Spirit
5. ____ : How should we worship the one true God?
 - a. With a heart of joy
 - b. With a heart of reverence
 - c. Both

Short Answer

6. List three virtues of God and support each virtue with a verse from the Bible.
7. Find and write down an example in the Bible that shows that God always knows what we are saying in our hearts.
8. How will you worship God at home? Write down 2 ways.