

# LESSON 1

## ONE TRUE GOD

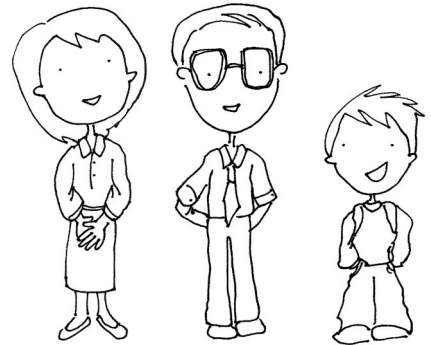
### Worksheets

- Bible Discovery Worksheet: Who Is God?
- Life Application Worksheet, Pages 1 and 2: Treasuring and Building Up Our Personal Relationship with God
- Homework

### Who Is God?

Read Acts 17:24-27.

1. God made \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 24)
2. God doesn't \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 24)
3. God is \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 26)



Attribute of God	What I can do in return
God is omni_____ This is important to me because it means that...	
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### Why is God in my life?

Read Psalm 9:1-2 and fill in the blanks.

*I will praise you, O LORD, with my \_\_\_\_\_;*  
*I will tell of all Your \_\_\_\_\_ works.*

## Treasuring and Building Up Our Personal Relationship with God

### A Brother's Reflection—Examining Our Faith

On a recent trip to China, I marveled at how God had led His church through extremely difficult times. I visited places where our church has hundreds of thousands of believers in a single county.

Deeply intrigued by how the church survived the Cultural Revolution, I inquired of an elderly minister who had witnessed and experienced the ordeal. He told me that when the church went underground, Bibles were burned and ministers were arrested.

Yet when the church seemed to have been destroyed, many brave women risked their lives and visited the members from house to house to care for their spiritual lives. They stood tall in the harshest of times and the work of God triumphed in the face of oppression.

Deprived of the freedom to worship, believers hungered for spiritual nourishment. When persecution was lifted from the church in China and the material life of the people went on a climb, this minister realized that the trials the church suffered were actually good for the faith of her members. He lamented that, as the people in China began to enjoy the freedom of worship, their hunger for God's word and fervor to serve Him also sadly dwindled.

As I listened to his words, I couldn't help but reflect on how we haven't taken our freedom to worship and to serve God for granted. How ironic it is that people yearn to serve God and to draw close to Him the most only when they are deprived of the opportunity! The experience of the church in China has taught us the often forgotten value of the freedom in our relationship with God and our ministry.

**Question: What can we learn from this brother's reflection?**

### How can I have a personal relationship with God?

A personal relationship must start with having a \_\_\_\_\_ with God every day.

Devotions are times in which people get to \_\_\_\_\_ God. These times usually involve prayer and Bible reading in some way. There is an old saying that there are three kinds of people: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who wonder what happened. Which type do you want to be? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you know that spending time alone with God was a regular event on Jesus' schedule? Let's look up **Mark 1:35**, "Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He \_\_\_\_\_."

What do you think He got out of it? That's right! He received \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ from God! Jesus has a very close relationship with God.

**Now, what are some rules we need to keep in mind when it comes to devotions?**

1. Devotions should be \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Devotions are best done early in the \_\_\_\_\_ (before we go to school).
3. Devotions should last for at least \_\_\_\_\_ minutes (reading the Bible and prayer).
4. Devotions should make you feel \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

Devotions are opportunities we have to know and build a personal relationship with God. Devotions are also when you set aside "quiet time" to spend with God. We need devotions because no one can meet all our needs as **God** can. Our parents care for us, but when you draw close to and experience God, He is the one who really loves and cares for you unconditionally. When you experience that, you build a strong relationship with Him.

I want you to imagine that you're a middle school student. You come into class and find a list of impossible assignments on the board. You go home thinking that you will never get your homework done! It is too hard!

You sit down to do your homework and someone knocks at the door. It's a tutor (the Holy Spirit) who says, "The Teacher sent me to help. The Teacher and I will supply what you need to finish the assignments."

Don't you desire that kind of help from God daily? That's God Himself who helps you! God's wisdom and God's power!

God is our Father; He delights in our praise and companionship (e.g., He walked with Adam in the garden of Eden). Like any parent, He would like to hear from us when we pray to Him frequently, and He would like to see that we desire to read the Bible daily to get to know Him. That's how we build a strong and close relationship with God!

Now, let's turn to the Life Application worksheet! Let's find out what happens when we have devotions with God every day!

### **5 Easy Steps to Doing Daily Devotions!**

- 1) My personal devotions have to be a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) Do devotions as soon as I \_\_\_\_\_ up. Get a good start on the day!
- 3) Start by reading the \_\_\_\_\_, and then spend time meditating and \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ one verse. Use flash cards or index cards.
- 5) Keep a devotional \_\_\_\_\_. It can be a very useful tool for remembering how things touched you and for reflecting further or at a later date. A dedicated notebook and pen are useful for this and should be kept with your Bible.

\_\_\_\_\_ the relationship.

**What a great way it is to start the day by conversing with God!**

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# Homework Assignment

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bible Reading:** Please put a checkmark in the space when you complete the reading each day.

**Prayer:** Please put a checkmark in the space on the days you prayed to God.

## What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

## Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. **(Matthew 22:37-38)**

\_\_\_\_\_

### Fill In the Blank

*(resurrected, Savior, Jesus, True God, ascended, redemption, Creator, died)*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Christ, the Word who became flesh, \_\_\_\_\_ on the cross for the \_\_\_\_\_ of sinners, \_\_\_\_\_ on the third day, and \_\_\_\_\_ to heaven. He is the only \_\_\_\_\_ of mankind, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the heavens and earth, and the only \_\_\_\_\_.

*(heart, love, commandment, soul, God, mind, first, Lord)*

2. "Jesus said to him, 'You shall \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ with all your \_\_\_\_\_, with all your \_\_\_\_\_, and with all your \_\_\_\_\_.' This is the \_\_\_\_\_ and great \_\_\_\_\_." (Matthew 22:37-38)

### Short Answer

1. What are three attributes of God?
2. What kinds of roles does God play in your life? Why?
3. If we truly love God, what are some things we would do/not do?
4. What are some idols in your life that may be preventing you from prioritizing God?
5. Write down at least four actions you're going to take in order to improve your relationship with God. (This can be anything from listening to your parents, playing fewer games, to praying every night. Think about your own habits, the idols in your life, and your lifestyle both at home and at school, and consider things you do that God might not condone.)