



All-Knowing – Lesson 1

4K and 5K

Divine Attribute: God is All-Knowing

Heart Response: Listen to him

Memory Verse: Hebrews 1:1

“Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets...”

Points of Emphasis:

1. God knows everything.
2. God spoke his message through the prophets.
3. God teaches us to obey when we listen to him.
4. God is holy and knows we need to be rescued from our sin.

Personal Preparation:

It is important for us to understand that God knows everything. He created us, he called us into a relationship with himself, and he knows and desires what is best for us. He understands our hearts better than we do. We often do our own thing, judging ourselves by those around us and concluding that we are doing fine. But, when we compare ourselves to the amazing holiness, purity, and righteousness of God, we see ourselves as broken and sinful—needing to find mercy, needing to turn from our own ways, seeking forgiveness, and longing to turn back to God. That’s what he wants for us. That’s why he sent his Son to be our Shepherd and Savior.

In this unit, we see the same message from God to his people repeated time and again through the prophets. Through Isaiah, God reveals his holiness to his people and calls them to turn from their sin and follow him. Through Elijah, God reveals his power in order to call his people to turn from loving and trusting in idols to loving and trusting in him. Through Daniel, God sent a message to the Israelites to turn from trusting in themselves and their own ways back to following him and his ways. Turn, turn, turn—that is what it means to repent. And then, through Isaiah again, God

sends the message of a Rescuer for his broken and sinful people—a “turning” point for all people; the embodiment of his mercy and message—the Messiah. Ask Jesus to help you and the children listen to his message and turn from anything holding you back from following him.

CENTER TIME

10-20 minutes as the kids begin to arrive

To help the children transition into class, please use a center format at the beginning of each service. Set up three centers in your classroom to allow children options of activities. Ideas include, but are not limited to:

1. Read books on the floor.
2. Color at the table.
3. Play with blocks on the floor.
4. Play with puzzles at the table.
5. Play with Play-Doh at the table.

OPENING ACTIVITY

10 minutes at the start of service

The following activity is provided to begin engaging the children for the upcoming lesson. As the teacher of your class, you have an important opportunity to come alongside the parents of these children to teach them about God.

Memory Verse Poster

Supplies:

Memory verse poster (one per bin)

Piece of paper – already in room (one per child)

Hang the verse poster on the board. You can give each child a piece of paper to color as you go over the memory verse with them a few times, if you like.

Peek-a-boo Bag

Supplies:

“Peek-a-boo Bag” (one per bin)

Ask the children to guess what’s inside the bag. After several incorrect attempts, say something along the lines of, “What if _____ (child in the class) comes and ‘peeks’ inside and tells us what’s in the bag?” Have one child come and look inside and then report to the class what they saw.

BIG GROUP TIME

please check your classroom schedule

Please talk to your class about the purpose of this time—to have fun worshiping God together. Give your class practical ideas of what this means (obey the teachers up on the stage, sing and praise God with a happy heart, keep your hands to yourself, etc.). Teachers, you are crucial in helping create a peaceful, orderly environment to worship God during this time. Thank you for your help!

SMALL GROUP TIME

25-30 minutes

Bible Story

Supplies:

Bible

“Peek-a-boo” bag from earlier activity

Lesson picture - Isaiah and angel with hot coal (one per bin)

(Open your Bible to Isaiah 6.) We have a new verse this week. Let’s say it together. “Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets” Hebrews 1:1. (Repeat the verse with them two or three times.) Did you know that long ago, before all of God’s words in the Bible were written down, God would choose a messenger and tell his messenger his words? Then, the messenger would go and tell God’s people what God said. This special messenger was called a prophet. Can you say that? (Prophet.) Very good!

Well, a long, long time ago—long before all of God’s words in the Bible were written down—

God saw that his own special people were in trouble. They decided that they did not want to listen and follow God’s ways. They did not love God or obey him. Do you remember what it is called when we do not obey God? (Sin.) God’s people were choosing their own sinful ways and not God’s way. Do you think that God wanted to help his people? (Yes.) Yes, God loves his people very much. So, God chose someone to take his words to the people.

God asks a man named Isaiah to take his message to his people. Can you say Isaiah? (Isaiah.) Good! Isaiah is a prophet of the Lord. Can you say that again with me? Isaiah is a prophet of the Lord.

Before God asks Isaiah to take a message to his people, God wants Isaiah to know something VERY important! He lets Isaiah “peek” into Heaven in a special dream. (Have them cover their eyes with their hands and then peek through their fingers.) Do you know what Heaven looks like? No, we really don’t, and neither did God’s people. Just like we had someone look inside the peek-a-boo bag and tell us what they saw, God lets Isaiah look into Heaven so he can tell God’s people what he saw.

Do you know what Isaiah sees? He sees a great big throne—a special chair for a king to sit on. Can you sit up straight and tall and pretend to put a crown on your head like a king? Nice! Then, Isaiah sees a great beautiful fancy robe that a king would wear. It is so long that it fills up the whole room! Does it sound like Isaiah is seeing a very special place for a very special king? Yes. Do you know who the king is? (God.) That’s right! The king is God! God is showing Isaiah that he is the greatest king of all!

Then, Isaiah sees some amazing creatures praising God, the greatest king. These creatures have six wings! Can you flap your arms like wings? They are calling to one another. They are singing, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty. The whole earth is filled with his glory!” Can you tell me who is holy? (God.) That’s right, only God is perfectly holy. Holy means no sin—perfectly good!

Isaiah's peek into Heaven is so overwhelming that Isaiah cries out! He knows that God is SO holy and he sees that he is NOT holy. He is full of sin and so are God's people (whisper "and so are we"). But God shows Isaiah that his sins are forgiven! One of the creatures flies over and touches Isaiah's mouth with hot coal and says to him, "This has touched your lips. Your guilt has been taken away. Your sin has been paid for." (Show the children the lesson picture.)

Then God says from Heaven, "Who will take a message to the people?" And Isaiah says, "Here I am. Send me." It was like Isaiah had raised his hand saying, "God, pick ME!"

God gave Isaiah a message to take to his people that God is holy and they need to turn and follow him! How do we follow God? That's right! We need to listen to him and obey his words.

God is all-knowing. He knows everything, and he knows our sin. God has to judge sin because he is holy. But remember, God had a plan because he loves us. He made a plan to wash away our sin and make us brand new. Do you know how we can have our sins washed away, too? We just have to ask Jesus and he will forgive us. Then we get to love him, listen to him, and obey his words.

Prayer

Prayer time may not be appropriate immediately following story time. If this is the case, we ask that you be intentional about praying spontaneously or formally with the children at other times during class.

Dear God, we are thankful that you are all-knowing and love us. Thank you for forgiving us when we ask you to. Help us to listen to you and obey your words. Amen.

God's Message Megaphone

Supplies:

Megaphone half sheet (one per child)
Stickers (two-three per child)

Give each child a megaphone half sheet. Have them color and decorate it with stickers. Then, help them turn the half sheet into a megaphone by rolling the paper until the "O" is over the "X." Tape the "O" corner and the top to secure the megaphone cone. Remind them that God used the prophets to send his message. Go over the memory verse with them a few times. Show them how the megaphone works and encourage the children to use their megaphone when they practice saying the memory verse from today.

***Have fun and let them do the crafts themselves, as much as possible. This is a hands-on way for them to learn who God is and remember what they learn. It doesn't matter if they place the label or stickers in the wrong spot. What matters is teaching them who God is. ***

SNACK & ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

last 30 minutes

Please wash the children's hands before snack time and say a prayer thanking God for the food. As they are eating their snack, please take time to go over the review questions.

Review Questions

1. Who did God ask to be a prophet? (Isaiah.)
2. When God gave Isaiah a special dream, where was Isaiah able to "peek" into? (Heaven.)
3. Isaiah saw that God is the greatest _____ of all? (King!)
4. Why did God have to send a message to his people? (They were not listening and obeying God; they were not loving and worshiping the one true God.)
5. God never sins. He is _____? (Holy.)

Memory Verse Telephone

Ask the children to sit in a circle to play a game of listening. Tell the children, **“We are going to play a game where it is very important to listen. I will whisper a message to the person on my left and they will then whisper to the next friend until the message makes it all the way around the circle.”** Break down the verse into three or four words at a time, depending on what the children can remember, and whisper it into the first child’s ear. Encourage the children to listen carefully and repeat what they hear to the next friend. When you are finished, remind the children that God is all-knowing and it is important that we listen to him. We can hear God when we spend time with him by praying to him and reading his words in the Bible. He knows everything, and he loves us and knows what is best for us.



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