



Promotion Lesson

Memory Verse: Psalm 57:11 “Be exalted, O God, above the highest heavens. May your glory shine over all the earth.”

Key Point: God is amazing!

Bible Verse: 2 Samuel 5

SCHEDULE:

Center Time

around 10 minutes

Help the individuals transition by actively engaging them from the beginning. Try setting up centers to color, play with blocks and Play-Doh, or do puzzles.

Memory Verse

Use the Memory Verse page and images to go over the memory verse by placing them in the correct order on the board (personal or pocket chart).

Coloring Sheet

Big Group Time

Lesson

- Read through the lesson below. For a shortened version, just read the bolded words.
- Within the lesson, there are numbers that correspond to the story point pictures. For example, (1) corresponds to the first story point and picture, and so on.
- Allow individuals to place pictures in sequential order on the table, floor, or in a pocket chart if available.
- Key Point

- Use the review questions to check for understanding.

Repeat Key Point & Memory Verse

Use the activities below for repetition of the story points, key points, and memory verse.

- Act out the Story.
- Bean Bag Toss: restate part of the story, memory verse, or key point when tossing.

Activity

Five Finger Gospel (optional)

LESSON:

Every week in our class, **we will talk about a characteristic of God** (1). “**Characteristic**” is a really big word that just **describes what someone or something is** (2). Over the next year, we will learn about 12 different things God is, or 12 different characteristics that tell us who God is and what he does. The really cool thing about **God is** that he is **all these things and more, all AT ONE TIME** (3).

God’s glory is made up of all the things we know about him (4). God’s glory cannot be contained. We will talk about this idea a lot this year. He is so many things to us, and for us, and all at one time. **He is CREATOR** (5), which means he created the earth and all that is in it, including us. **He is PROVIDER** (6), which means that he gives us everything we need. **He is ALL-POWERFUL** (7), which means he is stronger than we can even imagine and has the ability to do anything, even raise his son Jesus from the dead!

We get to see God's glory every day (8) when we see God working in our lives. God has many characteristics. **God's characteristics show us God's glory** (9). God wants us to know him and how wonderful he is. He is our Provider and Creator. He is All-Powerful and uses his power for us. **He loves us** (10)!

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ACTIVITIES:

Getting to Know You Ball Game

Supplies

- Fireworks
- beach ball, or any kind of ball (one per bin)

Explain that you will pass the ball around the circle (whether clockwise or counter-clockwise), and each time a child gets the ball, they will tell their name and one thing about themselves. Once everyone has had a chance to answer in the first round, you can switch things up and roll the ball to someone across the circle. Ask that child a random question (some examples are below, but feel free to be creative and make up your own), and then have them roll the ball to someone else. You can continue asking the questions or have the child who rolled the ball ask their classmate something. Make sure all children have a turn. Do this as long as time allows before Big Group.

Example questions:

1. How old are you?
2. What is your favorite food?
3. What is a food you think doesn't taste good?
4. What is your favorite color?
5. What is your favorite snack?
6. What do you like to play?
7. Do you have any kids in your family?
8. Do you have pets?
9. What is your favorite animal?
10. What do you like to play outside?

Fireworks Coloring Sheet

Supplies

Worksheet—coloring sheet side (one per child)
Crayons

Give each child a copy of the fireworks coloring page. Reinforce the idea from earlier that God is like the fireworks because his glory cannot be contained. His glory fills the earth much like fireworks fill the sky with light. Go over the verse with the children as they color.

God's Glory Firework

Supplies

- Worksheet - "God is..." side (one per child)
- Sheet of 12-15 star stickers (one sheet per child)

Have children turn to the "God is..." side of the worksheet. Point out that the colorful fireworks are like the ones on the wall. Talk through each attribute on the sheet, explaining what each means and what each tells us about who God is. As you talk about the attributes, have the children decorate the page with the star stickers.

***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. ***