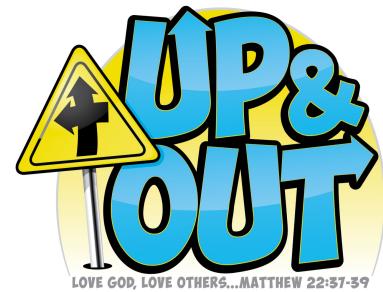


Names of God

Huddle 11: Jehovah Or – The Lord is Light



SETTING THE ATMOSPHERE

As children arrive, collect the “In” slips and see which grade they are in for their huddle teams. Remember to check all slips to make sure children are to be in Up & Out this hour.

Team Time

Each team leader (student leader) should spend time getting a conversation started within the team to find out more about each child. Spend time today discussing the following questions up front...

- Have you had any times this week that you thought about God being powerful and the Lord of Hosts?
- What was a highlight of your week?
- What was a low point of your week?
- Ask for prayer requests and pray together as a team. Student leaders may pray or you may get kids to pray for one another.
- Read 1 John 1:5 together.

Huddle Teams

- 1st & 2nd grade girls
- 1st & 2nd grade boys
- 3rd & 4th grade girls
- 3rd & 4th grade boys

Opening Prayer

Leader prays for the group.

LESSON HUDDLE

Let's all come over together and get started this morning. Good morning, Up & Out! Where we look up (pause for the group to respond) **TO GOD** and look out (pause) **TO OTHERS**.

Who remembers what name of God we learned about last week? Jehovah Sabaoth – The Lord of Hosts. What does it mean that God is the Lord of Hosts? (God of angel armies – Psalm 91:11, he will command his angels to guard you).

Our name of God for this week is Jehovah Or. Repeat that with me...Jehovah Or.

It means the Lord is Light. When you hear the word light there are a couple of meanings. Who can tell me a meaning of the word light? (Not heavy; not dark; goodness – they probably won't say this one)

Why do you think God is light? When the Bible talks about God being light, it may mean the light we see that leads us and overcomes darkness. It may also refer to the light that means goodness or without sin.

We can be led by the light because it allows us to see what's around us. What would happen if I turned off all of the lights (and blocked out all of the windows) and I asked you to find something I had hidden? You wouldn't be able to see and wouldn't know where to go. What if I turned on a flashlight? I could lead you by the light from the flashlight. That little bit of light would make a big difference. The dark cannot defeat the light. Light always wins. Who knows a story in the Bible where God provided a light to lead His people? (Leading his people by the light from the fire at night – Exodus 13:21)

In the Bible, light may also refer to goodness or being without sin. In 1 John 1:5 the Bible tells us, "This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all." God is full of goodness and holiness. There is no evil or sin in God. We can trust that God is good – all the time, every single part of him. As we come to know Him, God reveals His goodness to us and gives us a love for the light.

Psalm 27:1 says

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

This week your mission is to remember that the Lord is light. When we are afraid we can remind ourselves that God is in control and that He is good. Therefore, we do not need to fear. And, when we aren't sure what to do, we can follow Him because He is the light.

Huddle Up, Pray, & Break

ACTIVITY: Candle Making

Materials:

- Wick
- Honeycomb wax
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. Cut a piece of wick that is 1 inch longer than you would like your finished candle to be.
2. Place the wick on the edge of the honeycomb with $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of it hanging off of each end. With the wick side closest to you, start to roll the honeycomb over the wick away from you. There is no hurry in this process, you may roll slowly as you keep the whole edge

going together. A tighter roll will burn more evenly.

- Once the candle is rolled, choose the end where it will be lit and gently roll this end at an angle to close the beeswax. You could use your fingers to gently roll and close the end. This will make the wax a bit denser. Trim the wick from the opposite end to be flush with the bottom



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