

Names of God

Huddle 18: *El Kana – Jealous God*



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...

- Go around the group, have everyone say their name and something that they love.
- Read Exodus 20:3-5a
- This verse tells us that we shouldn’t worship other idols. What does it mean to worship something?
- What do you think it means that God is a jealous God? (*Is God jealous of us? He is jealous for us.*)

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**.

Does anyone remember the name of God we talked about last week? (*Helper*) This week, we are learning about another name of God – El Kana (éł kä næ) means jealous God. In your team huddles, you read a verse that talked about worshiping. What do you think it means to worship something?

To want, think about, and love something most of all, and do anything to get it, is called worship. To worship something or someone is to make it most important or “most high” in our hearts. People can worship money, friends, being in charge, having fun or anything else. But the Bible says

that only God should be “most high” in our hearts. Nothing else should take God’s place and be god to us. Do you remember these words from the verse you read in Exodus?

“You shall have no other gods before me.” Exodus 20:3

Because God is the MOST HIGH, he wants us to worship and love Him most of all! The name El Kana reminds us of this. Can you say it with me? El Kana means jealous God. God is not jealous like we are. (*we get mad and angry because someone has something that we don't have*) God is not jealous of us or of things. He is God. All things are His, He is creator, and king. God is jealous for you.

Since God is the Most High, He deserves everything! He deserves to be number one in our lives. And El Kana – jealous God says, I will not be second to anyone or anything. He must be number one in our hearts. We must worship and love Him over all other things.

This week your mission is to look for ways to put God first – by thinking of others when you’re playing or when you’re at school, by loving your family well, by taking the time to read your Bible and talk to God.

Huddle Up, Pray, & Break

ACTIVITY: All My Neighbors

Materials:

- Spot markers (masking tape or another item to mark spots on the floor)

Instructions:

Form a circle with your group. Children should be spread out as much as possible. Once a circle is formed, place a spot marker (masking tape) on the floor in front of each child. There should be one less spot marker than there are people. A volunteer will stand in the middle of the circle and be the first caller.

The caller shouts out a fact about himself or herself using the phrase all my neighbors. For example, if a person is wearing black shoes then he/she may shout “All my neighbors wearing black shoes.”

Everyone wearing black shoes must find a new spot in the circle using the spot markers, including the caller. Those who are not wearing black shoes remain on their original spot.

The person left without a spot becomes the caller.

You may need to give some guidance to the caller if he/she cannot think of a fact to share. Use the questions below to help guide a child if needed. Encourage the children to be creative as they share something about themselves.

What is your favorite food?
What is your favorite color?
What grade are you in?
What is your favorite subject in school?
Do you have any siblings?
Do you play any sports?



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