

Names of God

Huddle 1 – *Elohim: Our Strong Creator*



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 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...

- How was Camp Grace today?
- What is your favorite song that we sing in Big Group?
- Who won the camp competition today? What did you have to do?
- Let’s talk about names. Were any of you guys named after someone? Does anyone have a nickname?

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**.

This week we are going to start focusing on looking up to God. One way we look up to God is by learning more about him – so, we are going to be learning some of His names. How many different names do you think God has in the Bible? (*Allow guesses*) God has over 200 names in the Bible! Our names, nicknames, and titles, tell others something about us as a person. For example, if someone had the name Mr. John M Smith III, you would already know that we were speaking of a man who has the same name as his father and his father’s father.

Well, God’s many names tell us about Him. The fact that the Bible has over 200 names for Him says He is a big, wonderful, amazing God that we can always learn more about. His names all have meaning and tell us something about His character.

Today, we are going to learn about His name **Elohim** (ěł ō hēm). Can you say that with me? *(Repeat together)* Elohim is found in Genesis 1:1 which says “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”

Elohim is the Hebrew name the Bible uses when it tells us about God creating the heavens and the earth and everything in them. Elohim tells us that God is our **strong creator**. God created the entire world. He created the sky, the mountains, the waters, the plants, animals, and us. God did all of this without needing any help and without becoming tired. Because He is Elohim; He is strong creator.

This week your challenge is to spend time looking at God’s creation and praising Him for it. See all that is around you and recognize God’s unique creation and the strength and power of the Creator.

Huddle Up, Pray, & Break

ACTIVITY: Creation Challenge

Materials:

- PVC pipes
- Paper towels rolls
- Tape
- Staplers
- Whatever items you desire

No one but God is able to create anything without something being given to start with. God is the strong creator. He created life and everything around us out of nothing. Only He can do that, He has creation power - He is Elohim.

But, we can still create some fun things with the materials God has given us. As huddle teams, you are going to create something together with the supplies we’ve given you. Let’s see how you reflect God’s image and the creativity that He has given you. Work together for the next 5 minutes and let’s see what you can create.

ACTIVITY: Hebrew Lettering

Materials:

- Print out Hebrew word, Elohim - אֱלֹהִים
- Markers
- Craft Paper/Card Stock

Students can freehand copy the Hebrew letters for Elohim or copy them on transfer paper and then decorate.

Add Genesis 1:1 to the bottom of the page, “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”



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