

Names of God

Huddle 4 – *El Elyon: The Most High*



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 to help the children begin to think about the names they have learned thus far.

- Can anyone remember any of the names of God we’ve learned so far? (El Shaddai, Elohim, Jehovah Yahweh) Can you tell me what they mean? (God Almighty, Strong Creator, I Am)
- What are some events in the Bible or in your life where you can see God’s power? (parting of the red sea, Jesus feeding 5,000, God providing manna, Jesus healing, etc)
- Read Genesis 14:18-20 – What is God called in this passage? What do you think God’s name, The Most High God, means?

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 learn about another name for God. This name is El Elyon – can you say it with me? El Elyon means The Most High. You can also think of it as God is the MOST perfect, powerful, wise, kind, good, faithful, creative, generous, patient, wonderful, glorious... and the list could keep going! Do you have any ideas of what we could add? (*allow responses*)

God is greater than anyone or anything. He is El Elyon, the Most High.

Think of some of the great leaders or great people that you know or know of. Can you name some? (*George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, dads, teachers, sport stars, etc.*) All of these people get their gifts and abilities from God. We can appreciate how wonderful they are but we also know that God is even greater. God is the best; He is the Most High. The King of Kings, the great I Am. Our God is El Elyon, the Most High.

Psalm 47:1-2 says “Come, everyone! Clap your hands! Shout to God with joyful praise! For the Lord Most High is awesome. He is the great King of all the earth.” We should recognize how mighty and how high our Lord is and praise Him for how wonderful He is!

Every breath we take is given from God. He causes our hearts to beat – He gives us life and His love. We can do nothing apart from God.

This week your challenge is to recognize the greatness around you. What is the most beautiful thing you see? What is the best thing you taste? Remember that God is SO MUCH MORE, He is EL Elyon The Most High!

Huddle Up, Pray, & Break

ACTIVITY: Night at the Museum

Materials:

- Flashlight
- Possibly paper and tape to cover room windows

All the lights in the room are turned off (because it’s nighttime at the museum) One person is the museum guard with a flashlight, and everyone else pretends to be statues in a museum exhibit. The museum guard faces away from the crowd, and the statues come to life. As soon as the guard turns around, the statues freeze. If the guard spots any movement with his flashlight, the statue is out. This game provides a lot of great opportunities to teach respecting “the guard” and not arguing about being called out.

ACTIVITY: Creating Psalm 104

Materials:

- Cardstock Paper – if they want to make it flat (they can also make it 3D)
- Yarn
- Felt, tissue paper, pipe cleaners
- Construction paper
- Markers
- Glue



Read Psalm 104 aloud. The goal of this activity is for children to create and reflect on what a mighty God we have using Psalm 104 as inspiration. (The pictured examples display children creating the trees from Psalm 104:16-17 but children are encouraged to be creative and use any part of the Psalm).

Psalm 104

- ¹ Let all that I am praise the LORD.
O LORD my God, how great you are!
You are robed with honor and majesty.
- ² You are dressed in a robe of light.
You stretch out the starry curtain of the heavens;
- ³ you lay out the rafters of your home in the rain clouds.
You make the clouds your chariot;
you ride upon the wings of the wind.
- ⁴ The winds are your messengers;
flames of fire are your servants.^[a]
- ⁵ You placed the world on its foundation
so it would never be moved.
- ⁶ You clothed the earth with floods of water,
water that covered even the mountains.
- ⁷ At your command, the water fled;
at the sound of your thunder, it hurried away.
- ⁸ Mountains rose and valleys sank
to the levels you decreed.
- ⁹ Then you set a firm boundary for the seas,
so they would never again cover the earth.
- ¹⁰ You make springs pour water into the ravines,
so streams gush down from the mountains.
- ¹¹ They provide water for all the animals,
and the wild donkeys quench their thirst.
- ¹² The birds nest beside the streams

and sing among the branches of the trees.
¹³ You send rain on the mountains from your heavenly home,
and you fill the earth with the fruit of your labor.
¹⁴ You cause grass to grow for the livestock
and plants for people to use.
You allow them to produce food from the earth—
¹⁵ wine to make them glad,
olive oil to soothe their skin,
and bread to give them strength.
¹⁶ The trees of the LORD are well cared for—
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.
¹⁷ There the birds make their nests,
and the storks make their homes in the cypresses.



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