

God's Plan: 4 Us 2 KNOW Him!

Bible Story

The Personification Revelation

John 1:1–2,14; 5:1–9; 6:16–21;
11:57; 14:1–7

What is
God like?

Bible Verse

Preschool: Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life." (See John 14:6.)

Elementary: "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'" John 14:6–7

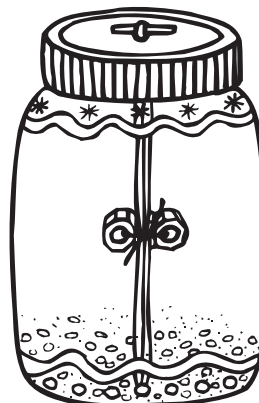
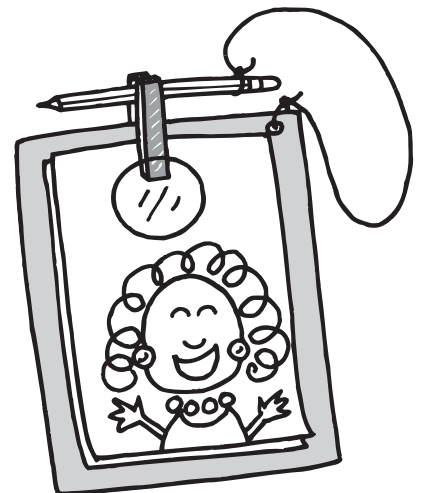
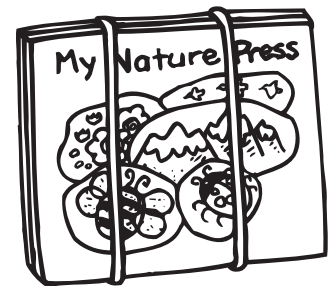
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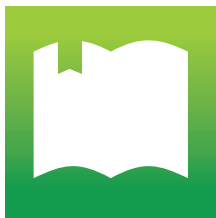
Session Goals

1. PARTICIPATE in telling the story of Jesus' life.
2. IDENTIFY ways to learn more about God.
3. THANK God for His Word, the Bible, and that we can know Him by reading about Jesus.
4. CHOOSE to live as a member of God's family.

Spark Principle— Motion

Objects at rest stay at rest until a force puts them in motion. People were stuck in sin until Jesus came and put God's plan in motion.





Bible

God sent His Son, Jesus, to Earth so that we can know God better. Jesus said if we know Him, we will know God. We can know

Jesus by reading about His life in God's Word, the Bible. When you see a Bible, you can remember that God wants us to know Him.

Heart Prep

What is God like? The question has been asked through the ages. Many answers have been given. Some are false. All were incomplete until the Lord Jesus Christ came and explained, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father" (John 14:9).

The account of Christ's life in the Bible is limited. This is one of the proofs of the Word. Had someone invented a history of the life of Christ, how exaggerated would have been the tales, like the ancients told of their gods. Jesus spoke as no other person spoke—this we know; but He also did what no other person did. Crowds kept coming after Him, seeking a sign to prove who He was. What signs did He furnish? He said, "the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them" (Matthew 11:5). He never catered to the demands of idle curiosity, nor was any work ever done selfishly. He only desired to show that He was sufficient for the needs of the body and the spirit.

He did want all people to know that He is the Christ. He not only called Himself the Son of God, but He also allowed Peter to make it a public confession. Every other thing in Jesus' character that we know to be true would have compelled Him to quickly deny such a statement if it had been untrue.

Some say that Jesus is the greatest of all teachers; yes, the best man who ever lived. But this is not enough, for this man was to be our Savior; and if He is not God, then He cannot redeem a lost world.

Bible Story Recap

Jesus was with God in the beginning, when everything was created. He was there when sin came between people and God. After hundreds of years passed, the Word—Jesus, the Son of God—became flesh. That means He became a human being with skin and bones and hands and feet and hair and eyes!

Jesus grew up and chose 12 friends to be His disciples. The disciples traveled with Jesus and got to know Him as their Teacher and their Friend. They watched what He did and listened carefully to everything He said.

During their time with Jesus, the disciples saw Him do amazing things. He healed the sick and the lame. He calmed the winds and water during a violent storm at sea. But most of all, He taught people about God and how much God loves everyone.

But not everyone loved Jesus. The religious leaders made plans to trap Jesus and arrest Him, even though Jesus had done NOTHING wrong!

Jesus told His friends that He was going away but that they knew the way to get there. Thomas said, "Lord, we don't know where you are going. So how can we know the way?"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father" (John 14:6–7). Reading about Jesus' life in the Bible is one way we can know about Jesus. And when we know what Jesus is like, we know what God is like.

Daily Recap

At the end of each session, take time to reflect on what happened. Use these questions as a guide:

- 🕒 What worked well today? What truth did you discover from God's Word?
- 🕒 Did the kids take away their need to know Jesus by reading God's Word?
- 🕒 Be prepared to briefly tell about the time when you experienced God's presence in your life.