



ROLL CALL

NAMES OF GOD



THIS PROGRAM - OVERVIEW

The heart of this program is for kids to know God and gain a sense of His character, His heart for us and His divinity. By exploring the different titles and attributes of God revealed in the bible, we are believing kids will be able to connect with Him on a deeper level with a personal understanding of who God is and who He is to them. We serve a wonderful God, He is our Father, our creator, our refuge and our strength. He is our king and we glorify His name, the one true God.

Our Repeated phrase is: *Our God is the one true God, the name above all names.*

Memory Verse is: "There is no one like you, Lord, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears." - 1 Chronicles 17:20

WEEK 4: GOD OF KNOWLEDGE

God is Omniscient, Omnipresent and Omnipotent; All Knowing, All present and All Powerful. We cannot hide from God, He knows us and His world intimately, He names every star and sees every sparrow, the very hairs on your head are numbered. He is mighty in power and His understanding Has no limits. (Luke 12:7, Psalm 147:4-5). While God's understanding is unsearchable, He is most deeply interested in your heart. His desire is that our hearts would be set towards Him, just like His heart is set toward us. He knows our motivations - whether good or evil, but His desire is that you would turn to Him to be freely pardoned (Isaiah 40:6-7)

RESOURCES

- Blue painters tape, paper, pens, scissors, water bottles, bananas, wrapped biscuits and sandwich ingredients for the game
- A whiteboard, chalkboard or large drawing pad and the appropriate writing tool for the illustration.
- A Bible, colouring pens and pencils and this week's worksheet for connect groups

PREACH OUTLINE

Story: Tell the story of God's choice to anoint David as King in place of Saul. Saul was a strong warrior, but His heart was set on pleasing man and not God. After many chances for Saul to change his ways, God found a replacement in David - a young boy whom God called 'a man after God's own heart.' God tells Samuel that man looks at appearance, but God looks at the heart.

Points to hit:

1. **God is all knowing, all present and all powerful** - God's knowledge is complete and infinite, there is no limit to His wisdom! In Psalm 139 we see David questioning 'where can I go from your Spirit, where can I flee from your presence?' God is everywhere, He sees all things, knows all things and is all powerful, He can't be compared to anyone. (Ps 147:5, 139, Is 40:25-28)
2. **The Lord looks at the heart.** David says of God 'you are familiar with all my ways' (Psalm 139) and He certainly is - God knows what's in our heart and we cannot hide from Him. God looks at our heart. He wants us to love Him with all our heart, just like He loves us (Deuteronomy 6:5, Hosea 6:6). He shows this when He chose David as King. 'Man looks at outward appearance,' He says, 'But God looks at the heart' and David is chosen as 'a man after God's own heart.' (1 Samuel 16:7, 13:14)
3. **Turn to Him and be freely pardoned** - God does see the intentions of our heart, good or bad, but He does not want to judge us, but to save us and wash away our sins. Isaiah 40:6-7 encourages us to seek God, turn to Him and be freely pardoned. He may be all knowing, all present and all powerful, but He is also a God of unconditional love ready to forgive us.

ILLUSTRATION IDEA

Write out the words Omniscience, Omnipresence and Omnipotence. (use a dictionary if you like). Explain that Omni means 'all' and write 'all' underneath each word. Explain that science means 'knowledge' from the Latin word Scientia. Presence means existing/being present in a place and potence means power/strength. write each definition in the appropriate place. Explain that the bible tells us God is these 3 things, using the verses above. He is all knowing, all powerful and present everywhere!

CONNECT GROUP QUESTIONS

Connect groups are a time to build friendships and engage kids in discussion about the preach. Remember to keep it fun and to pray every week together!

1. Read Psalm 139 together (have the kids take turns reading verses). What are some of the things it shows about God?
2. Why does God care so much about our hearts?
3. Does it make you nervous that God knows all your thoughts? How can we be freely pardoned for the things we do wrong?
4. Read Hosea 6:6a ESV or NLT version. What does it say God desires most?
5. God is omnipresent, omnipotent and omniscient. What does that mean? Say the words over again together.

GAME: NO THUMBS CHALLENGE

Do you really need your thumbs?

1. Pick 2-4 players to play this game. Have them tuck their thumbs into the centre of their hands and wind painters tape around their thumbs and hands so they can't use their thumbs.
2. Have the contestants race to do a series of challenges, without using their thumbs! Challenges could include:
 - a. Writing their names on paper and cutting the paper in half
 - b. Undoing the lid on some water and skulling it the fastest
 - c. Peeling and eating a banana
 - d. Opening a wrapped biscuit, placing it on your forehead and wriggling it into your mouth using only your face muscles
 - e. Making a sandwich (open bread, spread and use plastic knife)

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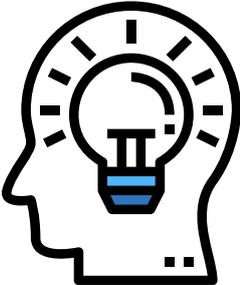
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WEEK 4 CONNECT WORKSHEET

Fill in the missing vowels to discover what these three words mean and colour in the pictures.

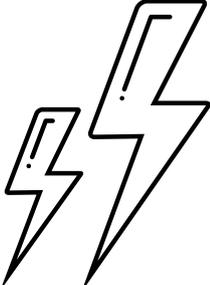
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Use the pictures as clues to finish this scripture.

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