

KNOWING THE GOD OF

**WOW!**

## Theme Song:

# THE GOD OF WOW

### VERSE 1

You have no birthday,  
You have always been  
You alone have no beginning  
And no middle and no end  
You're always with me,  
You are everywhere  
In New Jersey or in Egypt  
Even outer space—You're there  
Everything You are and do  
Is unbelievable but true

### CHORUS

You're the God of Wow!  
Amazing! How could this be?  
You're the God of Whoa!  
You're more than  
I could ever, ever dream  
The more I learn about You  
Exclamation points abound  
To the God of Wow!

### VERSE 2

You're never needy,  
how could You be?  
You made everything on Earth  
And in the sky and in the sea  
You're never lonely, the Trinity!  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
Yet You're reaching out to me  
Inviting me to come to You  
Inconceivable, but true!

### BRIDGE

I can't find the words that could be  
Big enough, loud enough  
There could be no song that I could  
Sing enough or shout enough  
When I want to praise Your name  
But don't know how I just say  
Wow! Amazing! How could this be?  
And I say Whoa! You're more  
Than I could ever, ever dream

### TAG

Designer of the dinosaurs (WOW!)  
Mapper of the ocean floor (WHOA!)  
Of all the wows below, above  
The best of all is Your great love  
You're the God of Wow!

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Theme Verse:

# ISAIAH 40:25-31

<sup>25</sup> “To whom will you compare me?  
Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One.  
<sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens:  
Who created all these?  
He who brings out the starry host one by one  
and calls forth each of them by name.  
Because of his great power and mighty strength,  
not one of them is missing.

<sup>27</sup> Why do you complain, Jacob?  
Why do you say, Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the Lord;  
my cause is disregarded by my God”?  
<sup>28</sup> Do you not know?  
Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He will not grow tired or weary,  
and his understanding no one can fathom.

<sup>29</sup> He gives strength to the weary  
and increases the power of the weak.

<sup>30</sup> Even youths grow tired and weary,  
and young men stumble and fall;

<sup>31</sup> but those who hope in the Lord  
will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.

Memorize this  
whole passage  
phrase by phrase,  
adding a few  
words each lesson!

## Lesson 1:

# GOD IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE + GOD IS TRINITY

### What Does it Mean?

#### God is Incomprehensible

God is not like anything else in creation. We will not 100% *understand* exactly what He is like, but we can *know* things that are 100% true about him. We know these things about him because God revealed specific things he wants us to know about himself in the Bible.

#### Worship & Pray:

**Adoration:** Worship God because his ways are above our ways, and his thoughts above our thoughts

**Confession:** Confess the times you have limited God to your own "box" or understanding

**Thanksgiving:** Thank God that he has revealed some things about himself in his word so that we can know true things about him.

### What Does it Mean?:

#### God is Trinity

There is one God with three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. No one person of the Godhead became before or after another, and no one person of the Godhead is greater or less than another. All three persons are co-eternal, and together equal. There is only one will of God. All three persons of God always work together. The trinity is a mystery. It is something that is incomprehensible about him!

#### Worship & Pray:

**Adoration:** Worship God as a holy trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Confession:** Remember to maintain your awe in the mystery of the Triune God.

**Thanksgiving:** Thank God that he is our loving father, our sacrificing savior, and always with us as the Holy Spirit.

#### Look Up & Read:

Matthew 11:27

John 10:30

John 1:19

Hebrews 1:14

John 1:1-2

Colossians 1:15

#### Discuss:

When you think about God, how do you picture Him?

How is your mind's current image of God good, and how is it incomplete?

Which attribute of God do you need to learn more about most?

How do we learn more about God?

What is the difference between "knowing about God" and "knowing God"?

If someone has an unbalanced understanding of the Trinity, what falsehoods might that lead them to believe about God?

#### Memorize:

**"To whom will  
you compare me?"**

## Lesson 2:

# GOD IS INFINITE

### What Does it Mean?

God has no limits, and his attributes have no limits either. This means that God is infinitely loving, infinitely powerful, infinitely sovereign, etc.

### Think About It:

There are some things you can measure yourself. You can use a ruler to measure how long a jumprope is. You can use a scale to measure how heavy you are. You could count how many times your friend plays tag with you.

Then there are things that you could not measure yourself, but maybe someone else could. For example, a scientist can tell you much water is in the ocean, a doctor can count blood cells with a microscope, or economists count how much money the whole country spends.

And there are some things that humans can't measure because it is just too hard, like how many stars are in the universe, or how many times you think about your pet.

Just because we *can't* measure these things doesn't mean that they are infinite. It just means they're really hard to measure. There is a finite (limited) number of stars in the universe, even if we don't know the number.

God, on the other hand is limit-less. He is *infinite*. You cannot measure God's power, or strength, or love...not just because it would be very hard to do, but because *there is no end*.

### Worship & Pray:

**Adoration:** Worship God because he is infinite, measureless, and without limit.

**Confession:** Confess the times you have limited God to your own understanding.

**Thanksgiving:** Thank God his mercy, love, and power are limitless, and cannot be thwarted.

### Look Up & Read:

Revelation 4:8

Psalms 147:5

1 Chronicles 16:34

Psalms 145:3

Job 9:10

### Discuss:

What emotions do you feel when you think about how infinite God is, and how finite we are?

What are some things we can thank God for because he is infinite?  
(Example: His infinite love, which doesn't run out when we mess up)

We want to be godly, but we can't be limitless like God is (because he is the creator, and we are created). But how *can* we reflect God's infinity in our actions? List as many as you can.  
(Example: loving people even when they don't deserve it.)

### Memorize:

**"To whom will  
you compare me?  
Or whom is my  
equal?"**

## Lesson 3:

# GOD IS HOLY

### What Does it Mean?:

God is distinct, separate, and in a class by himself. He is absolutely 100% morally pure.

### Think About It:

The Bible doesn't say God is "love, love, love," or "merciful, merciful, merciful" but it does say that God is "holy, holy, holy." God's holiness is central to his character in a special way.

Because of God's holiness, we must treat him with reverence. God can be our friend, but he is not our equal. He is holy, and is worthy of all honor and glory.

One way we do this is with our words. When Jesus was teaching his disciples to pray, the first thing he tells them to pray for is that God's name would be regarded as holy. And the second of the ten commandments demands that we do not use God's name as a swear word. To use God's name in the wrong way would show that we do not understand (or believe) that he is Holy.

Read Isaiah 6:1-7. Isaiah was a righteous man. But when he saw God's holiness, he was terrified.

The Bible says later in Isaiah that our righteousness is dirty rags compared to God's holiness. We can never be as holy as God. Even our best actions are not good enough. This is why the good news of Jesus is so good. We will never be good enough, but Jesus is. When Jesus saves us, he covers us in his perfect righteousness so we can be holy too.

### Worship & Pray:

**Adoration:** Worship God as holy, holy, holy.

**Confession:** Confess the times we have not treated God with the reverence, glory, or honor that he deserves.

**Thanksgiving:** Thank Jesus for dying on the cross that so that we could have a relationship with a holy God.

### Look Up & Read:

Exodus 15:11

1 Samuel 2:2

Psalms 77:3

Isaiah 6:3

2 Samuel 22:31

Hebrews 12:14

1 Peter 1:15-16

Revelation 4:8

### Discuss:

Why is it important to understand God's holiness?

How does it change the way we act when we understand that God is holy?

What should we do if we want to be holy like God is?

### Memorize:

**"To whom will you compare me? Or whom is my equal?" says the Holy One.**

## Lesson 4:

# GOD IS TRANSCENDENT

### What Does it Mean?

God is very different than us. He is beyond or above the range of normal or merely physical human experience. He is awesome, amazing, majestic! He is exalted far above the created universe.

### Think About It:

Here are three ways to think about God's transcendence:

First, we need to understand that *God's ways are higher than our ways*. Sometimes we don't understand why God does things the way he does them, and this is okay. God is our creator, and everything else in existence was created by him. Since God is so much bigger and greater than us, it makes perfect sense that we would not know or understand everything like He does, right? When we don't like what God has done, we need to remember that God's ways are higher than our ways. He sees, understands, and controls everything perfectly.

Second, We need to understand that *God's experience is very different than our own*. We need things to survive, he needs nothing. We are limited to a certain time and place. God exists outside time and space, because time and space are things he created!

Third, we need to understand that the whole universe is *for God and about God*. Everything belongs to Him - even us! Even the things we own have been given to us by God. He doesn't need anything to survive, or be happy. He created the universe to glorify himself.

### Worship & Pray:

**Adoration:** Worship God because he is transcendent.

**Confession:** Confess the times you have lowered God's place in your mind, and failed to recognize that he is exalted far above the created realm.

**Thanksgiving:** Thank God that he reaches across the creator/created divide and chooses to have a relationship with us.

### Look Up & Read:

Romans 11:33-36

Isaiah 40:22

Isaiah 55:8-9

Romans 9:20-21

### Discuss:

Does God need us?

What is the point of the universe?

What is our purpose?

What should you do if you don't like something in God's word?

What should you do if you feel like God isn't being fair, just, or righteous?

How does understanding more about God's transcendence influence our view of the birth of Jesus?

### Memorize:

**Lift your eyes and  
look to the  
heavens:**

Every time you add a new phrase, practice the whole passage from the beginning so that you build on to your memorized portion each lesson.

## Lesson 5:

# GOD IS CREATOR

### What Does it Mean?

God made the universe, and everything in it. He even created time! Unlike everything else in the whole universe, God is *uncreated*. This sets him apart in a significant way. Everything was made by him, and for him, and he owns it all.

### Think About It:

One of the primary ways to understand God's transcendence is to understand that he is our creator. While everything else in existence (people, angels, trees, frogs, telephone poles) was *created*, God is the creator. The difference between created and *creator* cannot be overstated: God is exalted far above the universe he created!

Read Genesis 1. Pay careful attention to *how* God created the universe...he spoke all things into existence. With just his word, he made things...out of nothing!

The Bible says we were created in God's image. In this way, we like to "create" things like God. We like to be artistic, productive, and admire the fruits of our labor like God does. But there are some very key differences, aren't there?

We cannot speak things into existence, we have to use pre-existing materials. And we cannot breathe life into our creations. Only God can do that.

### Worship & Pray:

**Adoration:** Worship God because he is our creator, and has made all things.

**Confession:** Confess the times we have failed to acknowledge God as our almighty creator and provider, or failed to appreciate the great gift of his creation.

**Thanksgiving:** Thank God for his sustenance and provision in our lives and for the beautiful ways his creation blesses us.

### Look Up & Read:

Genesis 1:1

Isaiah 44:24

Isaiah 48:12-13

Psalms 33:6-9

John 1:1-3

Colossians 1:15-17

### Discuss:

Why did God create everything?

What are some ways that God is different from us?

What are some ways we are like God?

What are your favorite parts of God's creation?

How does knowing God is creator influence the way we act, or how we think about our world?

### Memorize:

**Lift your eyes and  
look to the  
heavens: Who  
created all these?**



## Lesson 6:

# GOD IS SOVEREIGN

### What Does it Mean?

God possesses supreme or ultimate power. He is in control of all things, and he sustains all things. No one can stop or control him, and nothing happens unless God wills it. He is the King of the universe!

### Think About It:

The Bible is very clear about God's sovereignty, but it brings a tension: Does God decide who gets saved? Or is it our responsibility? If it's God's decision, how can those who are unsaved be held accountable? The truth is that God's sovereignty and our responsibility are both 100% true and in perfect tension.

This can be a hard truth for our broken worldviews to swallow. Our first reactions are to shake our fists at God – to resist his authority, to scream that he is unfair, to shift our blame. But we must seek to submit to God's sovereignty and trust what we know is true – even if we can't comprehend it: God is good, and he is sovereign.

As King, God is good and right to demand our obedience and worship. We need to worship him not only because he is a good and loving God, but because he is king, and has the right to tell us what to do.

### Worship & Pray:

**Adoration:** Worship God as sovereign ruler over all creation.

**Confession:** Confess the times we forget God's sovereignty and give way to worry and fear.

**Thanksgiving:** Thank God for being in control of all the circumstances of our lives, and our ability to trust him to take care of us.

### Look Up & Read:

Job 42:2

Lamentations 3:37

Psalms 33:8-11

Psalms 115:3

Isaiah 45:7

Romans 9:19-21

### Discuss:

How can God be good and sovereign, and there still be sin in the world?

If God is in control, are we still responsible for our sin?

What should our response to God's sovereignty be?

What ways do we try to control God?

What ways do we fight against God's sovereignty?

### Memorize:

**He who brings out  
the starry host one  
by one and calls  
them each by  
name**

## Lesson 7:

# GOD IS OMNIPOTENT

### What Does it Mean?

God is all-powerful. He is in control over all things, stronger than all things, and he will never give his power to anyone else.

### Think About It:

One important demonstration of God's omnipotence is in Jesus's miracles. Jesus, taking on the nature of man, humbled himself and gave up independent use of his divine attributes. This means that when Jesus was a baby, he still had to learn to talk and walk like any other baby. He had given up his omnipotence.

But in his public ministry, Jesus demonstrates that he is God by doing miracles: he turns water to wine, he gives sight to the blind, and even raises up people from the dead. These miracles require doing something scientifically impossible, but God overrides the laws of physics to demonstrate his power.

God doesn't always use miracles to do his will. Sometimes his plans lie in everyday decisions and circumstances that we don't even notice. The important thing is to remember that all things are possible with God, and that we can always trust him to make things work together for his glory and our good.

Because we know that this is true, we can ask God to do amazing things -- like heal someone who is very sick, give us something that we want very badly, or save us even when we are so weak and sinful.

Even better - when Jesus's spirit lives within us, we have the ability to be strong in the Lord, and his mighty power!

### Worship & Pray:

**Adoration:** Worship God for being all-powerful.

**Confession:** Confess the times you have doubted the wisdom of God's strength or ability.

**Thanksgiving:** Thank God that his arm is not too short to save.

### Look Up & Read:

Romans 1:20

Matthew 19:26

Jeremiah 32:27

Hebrews 1:3

Ephesians 6:10

### Discuss:

What should you do if you are afraid?

Can we fight God and win?

Is anyone too big of a sinner for God to save?

What should you do if you have a big problem?

Is Satan more powerful than God?

What are some examples of God's omnipotence in the Bible?

### Memorize:

**Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.**

## Lesson 8:

# GOD IS IMMANENT

### What Does it Mean?

God is closely involved with and interested in his creation. He actively holds all things together, entered creation and became a man, and pursues a relationship with us.

### Think About It:

All of God's attributes can be organized into around two ideas: those relating to God's immanence (Loving, Merciful, Gracious, Good), and those relating to God's transcendence (Holy, Self-Existence, Omnipotence, Just).

The word "immanent" means "existing or operating within; inherent". When we say that God is immanent, we are talking about how God is close and present with his creation.

"Transcendence," on the other hand, speaks about God's "otherness" and difference from his creation. God is transcendent because he is our creator, and ontologically different from his creation. God is immanent because he is closely related to his creation, and actively sustains all things together.

Holding the tension between God's immanence and transcendence is so important because it is only in that tension that we can understand how truly miraculous the incarnation is. The transcendent God came to earth as a human baby – he experienced intimately what it meant to be human. And through this he knows – *really* knows – what it means to be a human. More than that he humbled himself and sacrificed himself for us so that we can have a close, intimate relationship with him.

### Worship & Pray:

**Adoration:** Worship God because he is immanent – that he is closely with us, understands us, and is intimately involved with our lives.

**Confession:** Confess the times we have viewed God has cold or distant.

**Thanksgiving:** Thank God that he knows and understands us and our circumstances thoroughly. Thank Jesus for coming to earth to experience life as a man, and can understand our weaknesses.

### Look Up & Read:

Colossians 1:17

Hebrews 1:3

Proverbs 16:9

Philippians 2:6

John 1:14

1 Timothy 2:5

Romans 8:34

1 John 4:19

### Discuss:

How does God's immanence make us feel comfortable?

How does God's immanence make us feel uncomfortable?

Why does God's immanence rebuke our need to complain? (a tie in with this lesson's memory verse!)

### Memorize:

**Why do you say,  
O Jacob,  
and complain,  
O Israel**

**Don't forget to go back and practice the whole passage from the beginning!**

## Lesson 9:

# GOD IS OMNISCIENT

### What Does it Mean?

God knows all things, and he knows everything about all things.

### Think About It:

God knows everything. He knows everything there is to know about his creation: beyond the furthest reaches of science, beyond our ability to observe, record, or comprehend. He also knows the future – events that have yet to happen -- he has ordained and understand completely.

God also knows and understands us completely. What a blessing to be understood! Even when we are lonely and suffering, we can rest assured that God knows, and understands.

There is nothing too complicated for God to understand, no situation in which we can hide our actions from him. There is no time when we will need help outside of his knowledge.

While it is comforting to know that God knows us and our circumstances, it should give us pause to consider that none of our sins are hidden from God. God's omniscience should be a deterrent to sin as much as it is a reassurance of his ability to take care of us.

### Worship & Pray:

**Adoration:** Worship God because he is omniscient (all-knowing).

**Confession:** Confess the times we have complained that God doesn't see us or know our needs.

**Thanksgiving:** Thank God for knowing us and our lives intimately, while also knowing all the mysteries of science, conflicts around the world, and whatever worries us about the future.

### Look Up & Read:

Daniel 2:21-22

Isaiah 40:28

Jeremiah 1:5

Jeremiah 23:24

Psalms 33:13-15

Psalms 139:1-4

Proverbs 15:3

Matthew 10:29

Hebrews 4:13

### Discuss:

Who knows more about humans what they need: humans or God? Why is that important to acknowledge?

When is it most important to remember that God is omniscient?

### Memorize:

**Why do you say,  
O Jacob, and  
complain, O Israel,  
"My way is hidden  
from the Lord;**

## Lesson 10:

# GOD IS JUST

### What Does it Mean?

God always does what is right and fair.

### Think About It:

Isn't it comforting to know that if someone has done something mean or bad to you that Jesus knows and hates it just as much as we do? When someone is mean to us, we might be tempted to do something mean back, but God promises to bring justice for us.

Sometimes it is hard for us to understand how God can be just when we don't feel like what's happening in our lives is right or fair.

When we feel this way, we need to remember that sin has messed up God's perfect world. When God created Adam and Eve, everything and everyone was perfectly just. But when Adam and Eve disobeyed, the just thing to do was to give them the punishment of death. All of the bad things in this world are due to sin, and the just punishment of sin. The Bible says that we all have sinned and we all deserve to be punished.

But – even though God is Just, he is also merciful. Even though we don't deserve it, God has provided a way for us to be saved. When Jesus died on the cross, he took the punishment for our sins – the punishment that we justly deserved! Jesus did such an amazing thing on the cross that God is just to forgive us! 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and JUST and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

We aren't forgiven because of what we have done, but because of what JESUS did to earn us our salvation.

### Worship & Pray:

**Adoration:** Worship God because he is just.

**Confession:** Confess the time you have questioned God's judgment or thought of him as unfair.

**Thanksgiving:** Thank God he avenges the oppressed and punishes the wicked.

### Look Up & Read:

Psalm 145:20

Psalm 50:6

Isaiah 61:88

Micah 6:8

Romans 12:19

1 John 1:9

### Discuss:

What are some ways that God has demonstrated his justice in the past?

What are some situations that you are looking forward seeing God bring justice to?

How can you be just like God is?

Why do we sometimes feel like God is being unfair?

### Memorize:

**"My way is hidden from the Lord; My cause is disregarded by my God?"**

## Lesson 11:

# GOD IS IMMUTABLE

### What Does it Mean?

God never changes.

### Think About It:

The Bible tells us that God never changes. He never differs from himself. He does not change his mind capriciously. His actions are not dictated by his mood or emotions. He has never been less holy (or sovereign, powerful, gracious, etc.) than he is now, nor will he ever be in the future.

When the Bible discusses God's immutability, it is often in comparison to the fickleness and weakness of humanity. God's immutability sets him apart from man, as it is a characteristic only he could hold. But, as followers of Christ, we are called to become more consistent, faithful, and steadfast like God is.

It is important to make the distinction between "immutable" and "stubbornness." It is not a mere unwillingness to change that is admirable. As sinners, we are called to change to be more like Christ. That's a good change! But our transformation is from a person who is "tossed back and forth like the waves of the sea" to a person who is trustworthy, faithful, and self-controlled.

### Worship & Pray:

**Adoration:** Worship God because he is immutable.

**Confession:** Confess the times you have doubted God's good and unchanging nature.

**Thanksgiving:** Thank God his power and mercy will never change.

### Look Up & Read:

Hebrews 13:8

Numbers 23:19

Psalms 102:26-27

1 Samuel 15:29

Isaiah 46:10

Malachi 3:6

James 1:17

### Discuss:

Why is it comforting to know that God will never change?

What kinds of things change?

How do you change?

What are some ways that we can become more godly by not changing? (Examples: Being more trustworthy, faithful, not letting emotions and moods control us)

### Memorize:

**Do you not know?  
Have you not  
heard?**

Don't forget to go back and practice the whole passage from the beginning!

## Lesson 12:

# GOD IS ETERNAL

### What Does it Mean?

God has no beginning and no end.

### Think About It:

Everyone alive has had a “beginning.” There was a time before they were born. But God has always been. No one created him, and no one was there before him. He has always *been*.

All of us will have an “end” (at least in bodily form). There will be a time when our body will die and be buried. But God will never end. He always will *be*.

This is incomprehensible to us! We cannot fathom how something or someone could have no beginning or end. But it gets even more amazing: Since God himself is eternal and created time itself, he does not experience time like we do. All the time words we use like “future,” and “past” refer to our experience, not to God’s.

This means that nothing ever surprises God, and nothing holds him in suspense. He never has to wait for things to happen. He knows the future, because he is already there. He has prepared us for everything we are experiencing now, and he intimately dwells with us even now. And he can’t forget anything from the past because he is there now.

Even though this is impossible to understand, we can be comforted to know that all of time lies in the hands of our loving Father. And we can rejoice that through Jesus, we will have *eternal* life to spend learning more about him!

### Worship & Pray:

**Adoration:** Worship God because he is eternal, and has no beginning or end. He is God from everlasting to everlasting.

**Confession:** Confess the times we limited God to our own understanding of time, or doubted his steadfastness.

**Thanksgiving:** Thank God he will live and reign forever, and that he is Lord over the past, present, and future.

### Look Up & Read:

Deuteronomy 33:27

Psalms 90:2

1 Peter 1:23

2 Peter 3:8-9

Revelation 1:8

Psalms 102:25-27

Job 36:26

Habakkuk 1:12

### Discuss:

When are you most reminded of how temporary our lives are?

Does God have a birthday?

Why is it comforting to know that God is eternal?

What are some ways that it isn’t comforting to know that God is eternal?

### Memorize:

**The Lord is the everlasting God**

Don’t forget to go back and practice the whole passage from the beginning!

## Lesson 13:

# GOD IS OMNIPRESENT

### What Does it Mean?

God is everywhere

### Think About It:

We can only be one place at a time. But God is infinite. He can be everywhere at once!

There is no secret place that you can hide where God cannot see you. If you climb on a high mountain, God is there. If you dive deep into the ocean, God is there. No matter what you're doing, God can see you.

God can see you when you do good things. When you help your mom in the kitchen or you take care of your baby brother, God sees you and is pleased with you.

God sees you when you do bad things, too. When you don't obey your parents right away or when you lie to your teacher, God can see you. Even if no one else knows what you did, God always knows.

God is not far away, he is close by you. Right next to you, watching your face right now!

When you feel afraid or nervous, God is there to comfort you.

When you feel lonely, remember you are not really alone. God is there with you.

When you feel sad, remember that God knows what you're going through, because he is right there with you.

### Worship & Pray:

**Adoration:** Worship God because he is omnipresent.

**Confession:** Confess the times you have doubted God's ability to see or be near you.

**Thanksgiving:** Thank God for never leaving or forsaking us.

### Look Up & Read:

Psalm 14:1

Jeremiah 23:23-24

Psalm 139:7-10

Matthew 18:20

Matthew 28:19-20

Deuteronomy 31:6

Romans 8:38-39

### Discuss:

Is there a place where God cannot help you? Hear you? See you?

Is there anything you can do to make God leave you?

Are you ever alone?

What should you do when you feel lonely?

### Memorize:

**The Lord is the everlasting God,  
The Creator of the ends of the earth.**



## Lesson 14:

# GOD IS SELF-EXISTANT + GOD IS SELF-SUFFICIENT

### What Does it Mean? God is Self-Existant

God has always existed and needs nothing to exist. There is no time when God did not exist, and there will be no time when God will not exist. He doesn't need anything or anyone else to exist, so he cannot be controlled.

#### Worship & Pray:

**Adoration:** Worship God because he is self-existent.

**Confession:** Confess the times that you thought of God as someone who could be controlled or dictated.

**Thanksgiving:** Thank God that he is Yahweh, the Great I AM who needs nothing and no one to exist.

### What Does it Mean?: God is Self-Sufficient

God is self-sufficient, which means he does not need anything, ever. He needs no support, help or defenders. In fact, all life is a gift from God, as he is the origin of all things. God is never lonely. He is completely content and satisfied in himself.

God's self-sufficiency speaks to the very core of our understanding of God, and our purpose in the world. For we were not created to fill up what God lacked, but instead to allow him to fill up what we lack. In this way, our thirst, hunger, and unrequited desires serve to demonstrate our utter dependence on God. It is only when we are fully aware in content in this dependence that we will find true satisfaction.

#### Worship & Pray:

**Adoration:** Worship God for his self-sufficiency.

**Confession:** Confess the times you have attributed anything you have to anyone other than God.

**Thanksgiving:** Thank God he has given us our life, and everything else that we have.

#### Look Up & Read:

Psalm 14:1

Exodus 3:14

Acts 17:24-25

Genesis 17:1

Psalm 50:9-12

John 5:26

James 1:17

#### Discuss:

In what ways do we depend on others or other things to exist?

How are we controlled?

If everyone stopped believing in God, what would happen?

What if no one gave their money to Jesus, what would happen?

If God doesn't need us, why should we still worship him/obey him/give to him?

#### Memorize:

**He will not grow  
tired or weary**

## Lesson 15:

# GOD IS WISE

### What Does it Mean?

God understands everything.

### Think About It:

Knowledge is when you know something is true. Wisdom is when you understand how it is true, and how it works.

God has both all knowledge and all wisdom. God doesn't just know a lot of things...or understand just most things. He knows EVERYTHING and understands EVERYTHING. He not only knows the square footage of the ocean, he understands why each square foot of that ocean functions the way that it does.

This can be a comfort to us when we don't know what to do next, or the circumstances of our life feel chaotic and out of control. God knows, understands, and knows the answers.

Since God is wise, we should trust the things he tells us in the Bible. Imagine: the creator of the universe, who knows and understands all things thoroughly, has chosen what is most important for us to know and revealed them to us in a book. What an exciting and important book for us to read!

Another exciting aspect of God's great wisdom is the realization that God understands us completely. It can be so frustrating when we feel like no one understands us or how we're feeling. But the truth is God understands us better than we understand ourselves! He even humbled himself to come and live on this earth so that he would know on an experiential level what it is like to be a human.

### Worship & Pray:

**Adoration:** Worship God because he is wise.

**Confession:** Confess the times you have doubted God's plans with your life.

**Thanksgiving:** Thank God that he imparts wisdom to us in his word, and that he will give wisdom to anyone who asks.

### Look Up & Read:

Psalm 147:5

Jeremiah 10:12

Daniel 2:20-22

Romans 11:33

Isaiah 55:8-9

Proverbs 2:6

James 1:5

Hebrews 4:15

### Discuss:

Is there anything too difficult for God to understand?

What should we do if we need wisdom?

Why is it important to understand that God's wisdom is greater than ours?

### Memorize:

**He will not grow  
tired or weary and  
his understanding  
no one can fathom**

## Lesson 16:

# GOD IS LOVING

### What Does it Mean?

God wants what's best for us.

### Think About It:

When God instructs us to love others, he is asking us to want what's best for them. To love God with all your heart, soul, and strength, we must desire God's glory above all else.

This definition of love can be helpful when we encounter the question, "How can God be loving and still allow bad things to happen?" The answer to this question relies upon us recognizing what ultimately is "best for us." Sometimes what's best for us and what we want to happen (in the moment) are different things. But if we were able to see God's perspective we would be able to see that everything happens is for his glory and for our good.

In this way, when we encounter difficult or scary circumstances, we ought to trust God that his love has not failed us. Instead, we should expect that God will use these circumstances to make us more like Jesus (which would be best for us). For example, a disease that makes us closer to God *is better for us* than a life of health that leads us away from God.

Best of all, God demonstrates his love for us by dying for us. We rebelled against our Creator, and though he owed us nothing, God pursued reconciliation with us. He reconciled us to himself because a restored relationship with Him is the best for us. He saves us because he loves us.

### Worship & Pray:

**Adoration:** Worship God because he is loving.

**Confession:** Confess the times you have doubted God's never-ending love for you.

**Thanksgiving:** Thank God he has loved us so much that he has sent his son to die for us.

### Look Up & Read:

John 3:16

Jeremiah 31:3

Psalms 86:15

Zephaniah 3:17

John 15:13

Romans 5:8, 8:37-39

Ephesians 2:4-5

1 John 3:16, 4:8

### Discuss:

Does loving someone mean always giving them exactly what they want?

Why do you think God sometimes brings things into our lives that we do not like? Is he unloving to do this?

What are some ways God has loved us?

### Memorize:

**His gives strength  
to the weary and  
increases the  
power of the weak**

## Lesson 17:

# GOD IS FAITHFUL

### What Does it Mean?

God always keeps his promises.

### Think About It:

People make promises all the time. You might promise to do your homework after supper, or pay someone back if they lend you money. Someone might promise you to give you money after you work for them, or take a special trip if you get good grades at school.

But people don't always keep their promises, do they? Sometimes people are lying from the beginning and never intended to keep the promise. Other times someone made a promise with good intentions, but ran out of time and couldn't do what they said they were going to do with a good excuse.

But God *always* keeps his promises. He never lies, and he can *always* follow through and do what he says he will do.

God is the most trustworthy person in the whole universe because he is perfectly loving and powerful enough to always do what he says he will do.

When God makes us a promise (like, "I will never leave you or forsake you,") we can trust that promise with 100% certainty because God is always faithful.

### Worship & Pray:

**Adoration:** Worship God because he is faithful.

**Confession:** Confess the times you have doubted God's faithfulness to you, or that his promises will be kept.

**Thanksgiving:** Thank God that always fulfills his covenants.

### Look Up & Read:

Deteronomy 7:9

Numbers 23:19

2 Timothy 2:13

2 Thessalonians 3:3

1 Corinthians 10:13

Psalms 33:4

1 John 1:9

Hebrews 10:23

### Discuss:

What are some promises you make?

What are some promises other people make to you?

What are some promises God has made to us?

What are some ways that we be faithful like God is?

### Memorize:

**Even youths grow  
tired and weary  
and young men  
stumble and fall;**

## Lesson 18:

# GOD IS SPIRIT

### What Does it Mean?

God is a person that we can know, but he is not bound to the material world.

### Think About It:

When we think about God being spirit, there are three important aspects to remember.

First, we must understand that God is personal. He is not an impersonal force (like in Star Wars). He is a person that we can know and have a relationship with.

Second, we must remember the mystery of the incarnation. God is invisible, but Jesus has a body. Sometimes the Bible uses poetic language to describe God's form, but these are metaphors. God is spirit and therefore does not have wings or an arm, for example.

But Jesus really was a human being! He was born as a baby, had a heart and lungs, ate food, and was scarred by the nails on the cross. But God isn't limited to the bodily form of Jesus. God is spirit, and as such can be omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, etc....even while the boy Jesus was learning to walk.

Third, we must recognize that since God is Spirit, he wants us to worship him with our spirits, not just our bodies. God sees and knows our inner being just as well as he sees and knows our physical bodies. Since God is Spirit, we must worship him in spirit and in truth...which is actually more difficult than just following a bunch of external rules.

This is what makes the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in our hearts so special. God is changing us from the inside out!

### Worship & Pray:

**Adoration:** Worship God because he is spirit, a living person that we can trust and relate to.

**Confession:** Confess the times you have limited God to our understanding of the physical world.

**Thanksgiving:** Thank God for sending his son Jesus to earth to pursue a relationship with us in bodily form.

### Look Up & Read:

Psalm 115:2-7

Psalm 84:2

1 Timothy 1:17

John 1:18

Colossians 1:16

Luke 24:39

John 4:24

### Discuss:

When you think about God, what form do you picture?

What does it feel like to commune with Christ's spirit in your heart?

When we meet Jesus face to face, how familiar do you think he will feel to us?

Why is it important to view God accurately?

### Memorize:

**but those who  
hope in the Lord**

**Don't forget to go back and practice the whole passage from the beginning!**

## Lesson 19:

# GOD IS MERCIFUL

### What Does it Mean?

God takes our punishment.

### Think About It:

God is merciful, which means that he does not give us the punishment we deserve. (This differs slightly from grace – in which God *does* give us blessing or favor that we *do not* deserve.)

In order to talk about God's mercy, we must first understand that we are already condemned. We deserve punishment. We have sinned and rebelled against God's laws. God, as our sovereign creator and judge, is completely just in demanding an eternity of punishment for our sin.

God's mercy is a surprise. In spite of our sin, God reaches out in mercy. Amazingly, this mercy is given through the sacrifice of Jesus himself. He does not give us the punishment we deserve because Jesus took that punishment for us.

This mercy is so vast and powerful, that we can never "out-sin" it. It overwhelms and covers us. We are able to stand completely justified before the Father – because of his mercy.

**Adoration:** Worship God as the redeemer who has had mercy on us, his creation.

**Confession:** Confess the times we have failed to be merciful to others as God has been merciful to us.

**Thanksgiving:** Thank God for his endless mercy, and that no matter how much we have sinned, his death on the cross pays for it all, in full.

### Look Up & Read:

Micah 7:18

Deuteronomy 4:31

Nehemiah 9:30-31

Psalms 103:9-10

Lamentations 3:22-23

Hebrews 4:16

James 2:13

Ephesians 2:4-5

### Discuss:

If God is merciful, how can he send people to hell?

If God is merciful, how come we sometimes experience consequences of our sin here on earth?

If God is merciful, why does it matter how we live? Why do we have to stop sinning?

Do we, like God, "delight to show mercy"?

### Memorize:

**will renew their strength**

## Lesson 20:

# GOD IS GRACIOUS

### What Does it Mean?

God gives us good things we do not deserve.

### Think About It:

Mercy is not receiving the punishment that is rightly deserved. Grace is receiving a reward we did not earn.

One way that God gives us grace is that he gives the desire and the ability to do what is right. Sin is always a bad choice that always hurts us and the others around us, even if we do not realize it.

When God mercifully saves us from our sin, he also graciously lavishes on us the wisdom to see the destruction of our own sin. Only through God's grace are we able to pursue doing the right thing for the right reason, and reap the great blessing that comes from it.

Even when a non-Christian does something righteous, it is God, not him/her that should be praised. God is so gracious he even gives grace to those who do not worship him.

Because we recognize that this desire and ability comes from God and not ourselves, we let go of taking the credit for our righteousness and give all our praise to God. All good deeds, including the faith to receive Jesus, are gifts of God's grace, "so no one can boast."

### Worship & Pray:

**Adoration:** Worship God because he is gracious.

**Confession:** Confess the times you have forgotten to credit your defeat over sin to God's extensive grace

**Thanksgiving:** Thank God he has given us the desire and ability to do right.

### Look Up & Read:

Ephesians 2:8-9

Romans 3:24

Romans 11:6

2 Corinthians 12:9

James 4:6

2 Corinthians 9:8

Hebrews 4:16

Titus 2:11

John 1:14

### Discuss:

Can anyone brag that they are a better Christian than anyone else?

Are we basically good or basically bad?

Why do we want and need grace?

How do we get more grace?

### Memorize:

**They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary,**

## Lesson 21:

# GOD IS GOOD

### What Does it Mean?

God is kind and loves to bless us.

### Think About It:

The goodness of God is a wonderfully encouraging attribute to meditate on. It can be so easy to forget the immense kindness, patience, and love our Father has for us. In fact, he delights in us, his creation; those made in his image.

The Bible paints beautiful pictures of God as a good shepherd – leading us beside still waters and green pastures: providing for not just our needs but for our pleasure. Jesus is described as a good shepherd too, risking his life for his sheep, and rejoicing with he is reunited with his lost lamb.

God is also described as a good Father who gives his sons good gifts when they ask, and who runs to embrace his prodigal son.

### Worship & Pray:

**Adoration:** Worship God because he is good.

**Confession:** Confess the times you have doubted God's desire to bless you or his good plan for your life.

**Thanksgiving:** Thank God his kindness leads us to repentance.

### Look Up & Read:

Psalm 31:9

Psalm 23:6

Psalm 34:8

Romans 2:4

Romans 8:28

James 1:7

Titus 3:4-5

### Discuss:

What are some ways God has shown his kindness to you?

How has God blessed you?

What good gifts has God, your good Father, given you?

When bad things happen in our life, is God still good? How can this be?

How can uncomfortable circumstances "work together for good"?

Is it possible to love God's gifts more than you love God/ What should you do if this happens?

You should be able to quote the whole passage now!

### Memorize:

**they will walk and not be faint.**