

WEEK 1

Our Amazing God!

Who is Our God?

Week's Objective:

To know who God is and why He is so amazing. The more we learn about God, the more we come to look up to Him and respect Him. Let's remember that God wants us to **Be Respectful!**

Prayer as you Prepare:

Father, help me to be able to clearly explain to my small group how great and big You are. I pray that You help us remember the incredible qualities You possess and the power You display. I pray that we remember what it means to respect You and model that respect to others. Amen.

IN THE CLASSROOM...

COLORING PAGE: Picture of ClipArt with God's character traits underneath each picture.

Hear It:

OBJECT LESSON: THAT IS MY NAME

[LEADER SAY]: Let's go around and share with our Kids Small Group our name. What is your name? Do your parents have a nickname for you?

Did you know that God also has many nicknames? Father, Lord, Savior, Healer, Comforter and Protector. These are just a few. There are just too many to mention!

Names are important because they set us apart from one another. Without our names, we would hear nothing but "Hey you!" or "Hi girl" or "Bye boy" when people are talking to us. Names also make us special. Our name is ours and maybe no one else in the whole wide world has our full name. Our names could also be handed down; maybe we were named after a family member or a Bible hero. Our parents chose our name for a reason.

Today, we are going to spend time together learning some names of God. We are also going to learn why He has those names. Let's listen and learn more about our great, big God!

STORY SUPPORT: HI, I'M _____

*Character trait name badges

Every time you say a new name or character trait of God, hand out that specified name badge to a student. That student is then to wear the badge for the remainder of class and to be a good representative of that character trait.

Find It:

1. What does it mean when we say that God is NEVER-ENDING?
God has always been around and He will never leave us.
2. What does it mean when we say that God is ALL-POWERFUL?
God can do anything—nothing is impossible for Him.
3. What does it mean when we say that God is PERFECT and HOLY?
God is always right and never makes mistakes.
4. What does it mean when we say that God is ALL-KNOWING?
He always knows what is going on – past, present and future.
5. What does it mean when we say God is EVER-PRESENT?
God is everywhere.
6. Because God loves us, who does He want us to love?
He wants us to love Him too.
7. Name at least three things God wants to do for us?
Protect, comfort, teach and guide us.
8. Where are God's words written down for us to read?
The Bible
9. What is it called when we talk to God?
Prayer
10. If you could ask God one question, what would it be?
Answers may vary

Say It:

Psalm 145:3a - "Lord, You are great. You are really worthy of praise."

See it:

Celebrate just how AMAZING God is by coloring in the beauty of nature.

Be it:

[LEADER SAY]: Our Bible story this week reminds us that God wants us to be respectful. Do you know what "respect" means?

"Respect" means to feel wonder towards someone and to look up to them. It also means to see someone else as great and worthy of our attention.

When we learn more about the people we care about and love them for who they are, we show respect. We can also respect God when we get to know Him better. The more we learn about God, the more we look up to Him, respect Him and see how amazing He is.

Show it:

The "R" hand shows respect in its "bowing down" movement. It is also like a salute, showing a respectful greeting to someone.

ACTIVITY: THE NAME GAME**Materials** – Ball

[LEADER SAY]: We are going to play a fun game called "The Name Game!" Since we are going to be spending the entire Kids Small Groups year together, the goal of this game is to learn all of our names by the end of class.

Let's all sit in a circle, "crisscross applesauce" style. We will have one ball that we will use to roll around our circle. When the ball is rolled to you, you will LOUDLY say your name. Once you do, roll it to another friend in the class and they will then say their name.

After we have all said our names at least 2 times, we are going to change the game up a little bit. In the second round, we will say the name of the person we are rolling the ball to. We cannot roll the ball unless we say a friend's name and roll it to them.

NOTE:

- Leaders should help the students with names if they are struggling.
- Leaders should also play so that the students learn their names.

FOLLOW-UP:

Would you rather have God's character trait of being ALL-POWERFUL or ALL-KNOWING?