

WEEK 2

GOD IS ONE

GOD IS FATHER

PRIMARY LESSON GUIDE



THE FOUR KEYS

KEY VERSE

Yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist.
1 Corinthians 8:6a

KEY IDEAS

1. God is our perfect Heavenly Father.
2. God loves us perfectly.
3. God's perfect love never changes.

KEY PASSAGE

Luke 12:22-31

KEY PRINCIPLES



EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW . . .

God is our Heavenly Father and He is perfect.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD FEEL . . .

loved by a Father who is perfect, cannot sin against us, and whose love never fails.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD BE ABLE TO . . .

pray to the Father in the name of Jesus our Lord.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD WANT . . .

to trust the Father who loves perfectly.

INTRODUCTION

God alone is the Creator of the universe. He has always existed and always will exist, before all time and creation. He is the first and the last, Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End. God knows everything, sees everything, and has power over everything. Apart from him, there is no other god. Our God is one, but He has three forms. He is God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit. Each one of God's forms has a different job and is distinct, but He is still one God, perfectly unified, and His ways and thoughts are higher than ours.

OPENING ILLUSTRATION

Begin class by asking the kids what they think it means for something to be perfect. On the board make two columns. One should say "perfect" and the other should say "imperfect". Help them list the reasons why something is perfect and reasons why it is not. For example: something is perfect never makes mistakes and something is imperfect if it does make mistakes. After writing a few examples, talk about how we are imperfect but how God is perfect. Since God is perfect that means everything He does is perfect. His love for us is perfect, too, and He can never sin against us.

STORY

Read Luke 12:22-31.

In this passage in Luke, Jesus is talking to His disciples, or followers. He begins to tell them about how they should not worry about what they will eat or what they will wear or about anything in life that might cause them to worry because God the Father knows exactly what they need and He takes care of His children. He is a perfect, loving Father. Jesus says that even the birds of the air are cared for by God who feeds them and people are worth far more than birds! The lilies of the field are taken care of by God who brings the rain to water them and people are worth far more than lilies! Our God is a good Father who knows what we need and cares for us more than anyone else ever could because He is perfect and He loves us perfectly.

ACTIVITY

Give each child a sheet of blue construction paper. On a separate sheet of pink paper, help each child trace their hand fingers spread. Cut it out. On white or brown paper, trace their hand again fingers together and cut it out. Glue the first hand onto the middle left of the blue paper. Use green paper to draw and cut a flower stem, then glue below the pink hand. Then glue the second hand next to the flower. Use yellow paper to cut out a beak to go on the second hand, forming a bird (thumb should be on top w/ beak glued to the wrist end). Draw an eye for the bird. Write: "God cares for the birds and clothes the flowers, so we do not worry because He loves us even more!" Luke 12:22-31

PRAYER

Thank God that He is a good and perfect Father who loves and care for His children.
Ask God to help you love and honor Him.

SONG

Trinity Song by U-Nite

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

Philippians 4:6,19; Matthew 6:27, Matthew 28:20, 1 Peter 5:6-7

ACTIVITY

Use the 21 Attributes of God handout in your take home packet to talk to your child about all the characteristics of God the Father. Use a bandana to blindfold your child and lead them on a walk, telling them they have to trust you to lead them the right way. Remind them that we can trust God to lead us and care for us because He is our Father and He knows what our future holds.

DISCUSSION

- How is God a good and perfect Father to us?
Discuss how God always keeps His promises and provides exactly what His children need. God's love is perfect because He is perfect and He knows us best.
- How are our lives better because of God the Father?
We don't have to worry about anything because of Father in Heaven takes care of us.

PRAYER

Thank God that He is a good Father and He loves us perfectly. Ask God to help you trust that He loves you perfectly and desire to learn more about His perfect nature.

21 Attributes of Our Father God

He is...

Loving - 1 John 3:1

Kind - Eph. 2:7-8

Compassionate - Ps. 103:8

Giving - John 3:16

Faithful - Lam. 3:22-23

Merciful - Eph. 2:4-5

Strong - Ps. 24:8

Forgiving - 1 Jn. 1:9

Good - Ps. 136:1

Righteous - Ps. 145:17

The One Who Makes All Things New - Rev. 21:5

Caring - Matt. 6:26

Sovereign - Ps. 103:19

Shepherd - Ps. 23:1-3

Ever-Present - Ps. 46:1

Refuge - Ps. 91:1-2

Gracious - Ps. 116:5

Healer - Ex. 15:26

Powerful - 1 Chron. 29:11-12

One Who Saves - Zeph. 3:17

Helper - Is. 41:10