What Do We Believe?

Lesson 7

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Lesson 7: God the Father: He is Unique



Scriptures: Exodus 6:1 & 2; Exodus 15:11; Psalm 19:1; Psalm 148; Matthew 19:17; Isaiah 44:6 – 8; Isaiah 45:5 - 7

To introduce the learner to the concept of God the Father esson Goals:

To show the learner that God is unique

To help the learner know that God is perfect

Scripture Memory: For who is God, besides our Lord? And who is a rock, besides our God? (II Samuel 22:33)

People sometimes say, "This is one of a kind." They may be right, or maybe it is just the he Lesson: only one they know anything about. Sometimes it is like something else, but just not exactly like it. Sometimes it is something new that is not like anything else, but it is made of materials that are already in existence. There is a word that describes something that is not like anything else. The word is unique.

When we talk about people, each of us seems to be unique, in the sense that no one else is exactly like us. Even identical twins have some differences. It may be the color of our hair, or how tall we are, or how far apart our eyes are, or the color of our skin. Even the way our brain works makes us different from others. But, we are all humans and because of that we are not unique.

We know that every snowflake is different. But, they are not unique because there are many, many snowflakes. We know that every tree is different. But they are not unique because there are many, many trees. Every cloud is different, but there are lots and lots of clouds.

There is only one being who is unique. God is unique. He is different from anything or anyone else in every way. He is the one true God.

Most people in the world believe that there is a God. The Bible says that "The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." (Psalm 53:1) The Bible doesn't try to prove that there is a God. It just assumes that there is.

People most often think of God in human terms. God is above us, different from us, and beyond our imagination. Some people will argue about whether there is a God and/or what God is like. Humans worship many gods. There is no other God, but people fill their lives with other things, giving them importance over God, making them gods in their lives.

The one true God is called by several names. In Hebrew, the language spoken by God's first people, His name is Yahweh, or Jehovah. (Isaiah 42:8) A few weeks ago, we spoke about several more names that describe God and what He does. His name is a personal name. Jehovah God is the one who created and sustains everything that we know anything about.

God is unique in all things. He is the only creator. He is the only redeemer. He is the only Father of all of us. He is the originator of all love. He is the final judge of all things. He is the only ruler of the universe. He is the only one who has all power. He is the only one who is eternal. He is the only being who is three in one. He is the only one who is in control of time and eternity. He is the only one who

can be present everywhere. He is the only one who can be both above us and in us. He is the only one who is perfect.

God told Moses at the burning bush, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you." (Exodus 3:14) Only God can truly say, "I AM." All the rest of us, all of creation must say, "I am because..." God is His own source; he needs no one or nothing else.

God is holy. Psalm 99:3b says, "Holy is He." God's holiness is the source of all that is right and good. The word was first used for something that was separated or cut off from other things. So, God is separate, actually above all other things. The 148th Psalm in verse thirteen says, "Let them praise the name of the Lord. For His name is exalted; His glory is above earth and heaven."

God is good. He does everything right. He does good things for His own people. James 1:17 says, "Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is not variation or shifting shadow." No one else is as good as God is.

as He is. God is unique in all things. There is no other like Him. There is no other as great as He is. God is the only creator. Only God could create the heavens and the earth and keep them going. Only God could create something as wonderful as human beings!

God is the only redeemer. To redeem means to buy or pay off, to buy something back. God, the only creator, made us. He knows us. But instead of being faithful to Him, we run off with sin, disobeying what we know is right. We actually become slaves to sin. But God, the only redeemer, made a way to "buy us back." He did this by sending His One and Only Son to die on the cross for our sins. Jesus paid the price that our sins deserved and by doing so, he bought us back from the slave market of sin.

Are you aware of the sin in your life? Do you sometimes feel like a slave to that sin, doing what you don't want to do and not doing what you should? You need a Redeemer, and there is only One. God loved you so much that He sent His Son to pay the price. Will you turn to Him today? Will you let Him rescue you from the mess you have gotten yourself into? He's waiting . . .

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Planning for Lesson 8
God the Father:
He is Eternal

Learning Activities



- Memory Verse Activity Encourage each of your students to draw a picture of a mountain. At the bottom of the picture, have them write the memory verse. Discuss the verse, explaining that the nature of the questions leads to an answer that there is no one else like our God. There is no other God. Ask your students why God might be compared to a rock. Some answers might include, "Because He is strong," "Because He is safe," "Because He's not 'here today and gone tomorrow'."
- ◆ Make snowflakes. Encourage each of your students to make their snowflake different from everyone else's. When the snowflakes have been completed, talk about how each is different as you display them. Ask your students, "What are these?" The natural answer is "snowflakes!" Explain that even though each snowflake is different, it isn't completely unique because there are many of them. Talk about how God is unique because there is no other like Him.
- Make silhouettes of your students. Discuss our all human beings. Discuss God's uniqueness.
- ◆ Go Cloud Watching. If you have an appropriate area, lie on your backs outside and watch the clouds. Talk about how different they are. Remind your students that even in their differences, they are all clouds. The One who created them, though, is completely unique.
- Sing "God of Wonders" or "Indescribable."
- ◆ Read Psalm 148 responsively. When everyone has read the passage, go through it again, noting why God is worthy of praise.
- **Dig Deeper** Read through Exodus 7-12. God sent plagues upon Egypt that they might know that He is God. The Egyptians worshipped many gods and through the plagues, God punished those gods. (Numbers 33:4) The plagues were specific to the gods they worshipped. Make a chart that tells what the plague was, what Egyptian god was targeted, and the significance of the plague.

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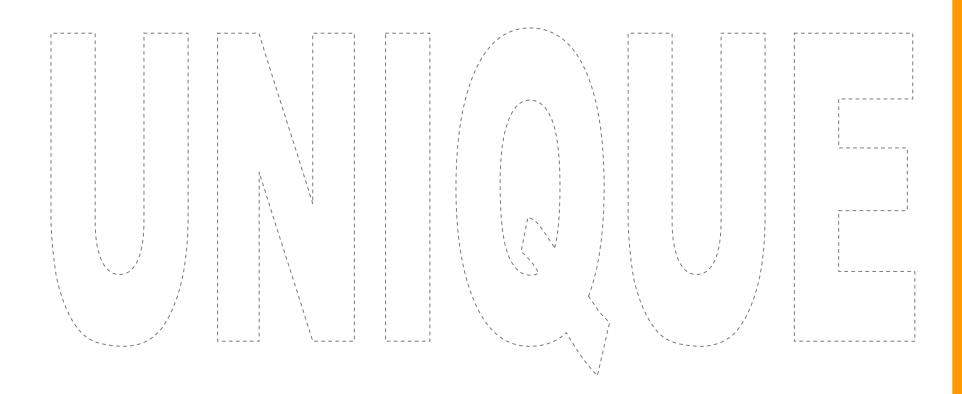
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AND WHO

is a rock, besides our God?

II Samuel 22:33

There is a word that describes something that is not like anything else. Trace the letters to find the word.



Word Search



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