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Lesson 11: God the Father: He is at Work in the World Today

Scriptures:

Joshua 3:10-14; Psalm 42:1-5; 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10; Hebrews 3:12-14; John 6:26-58

Lesson Goals:

To help the learner see God as the Living God
To help the learner see God as Savior
To help the learner see God as sovereign

Scripture Memory:

**But the Lord is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King.
(Jeremiah 10:10a)**

The Lesson:

You may have said to your parents, “That was then, this is now.” We usually say that when parents talk about how things were when they were growing up. It’s like they can’t understand what it is like now, because they grew up a long time ago. And, maybe that is how we think about God.

Some people say that history is about dead people. Some people, when they read history, don’t realize that today is just the next chapter. And, because we read about what God has done in a book, the Bible, most of which is more than 2,000 years old, we might think of God as living in the past. He doesn’t seem to be someone we would meet today. His is an old story...history.

We read all those stories about how God created the world...about how He chose the people of Israel and helped them become a great nation...about how He sent Jesus into the world to save us from our sins. That was a long time ago.

However, God is still alive and at work in our world today. Some people worship inanimate things... things that have no real life. Some have worshipped the sun or the moon...stones and plants...trees and mountains. But, God is not like things that people worship. He has all the characteristics of living things. He is purposeful, powerful, wise, loving, compassionate, present, aware, He can be angered, and other things that tell us that He is alive.

We can speak to God right now. He is listening for us to talk with Him. You can be sure that when you speak to him...we call it praying...He is there and hearing every word.

God is our Savior. He sent Jesus, His only Son, to pay the price for our sins. As Christ Jesus, He saves us from eternal death and gives us eternal life. We really don’t know why God chose to provide salvation as He did. We do know that He was not willing that anyone should die without hope of eternal life with Him.

God is sovereign. That means that He has independent power and authority. There is no one more powerful than God, and He decides how and when to use His power. He can create an ocean, or give a bird a song. He can calm a storm or whisper to you and me in our soul. He has all the power that is needed to keep more planets in space than we can count.

God has all authority. He doesn’t have to ask any one for permission to do anything that He wants to do. He tells the angels what should be done and they obey. Even His worst enemy Satan must acknowledge that God is the greatest.

When God was ready to send the great flood that would destroy most of the world, He did it. He chose to save Noah, his family, and all the animals without asking anyone else what they thought about it. He decided to save the Hebrew people from slavery in Egypt and did it when He thought best. He didn't need any advice from anyone else.

God has spoken to people all through history. He spoke to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and even came to walk with them in the evening. He made only one rule for them and they broke it. When they did, God, with His authority, sent them out of the Garden. With His power, He closed the garden forever.

God spoke to Paul the apostle on the road to Damascus. He has chosen to speak to many, many people since then. Some of them have shared with others what God has said. He speaks to people today. He rarely speaks in a voice that anyone else can hear. He speaks to our mind if we will listen very carefully.

Our God is alive and well...right now!

Life Application:

God is at work in the world today. He still speaks to people today. He rarely speaks in a voice that anyone else can hear. He speaks to our mind if we will listen very carefully. Are you listening? Do you want to know more about this God who lives? Do you want to know more about communicating with this God? Do you want to have a personal relationship with the living God? If you do, it is because God is speaking to you! Will you answer Him and let Him have His way in your life? He loves you so much that He sent His Son to die in your place. Give your life to Him today.

If you have heard God speak to you and draw you to Him, if you have given your life to Him, there is also something else that He wants from you. There is work that He wants you to do. John 6:29 says that "God's work is to believe in the One He has sent." It's great that you have done that, but there are others who do not know Him yet. Will you be the one to take the message of God's good news to them?



Planning for Lesson 12
 Jesus the Son:
 He is God and
 Man



- ◆ **Memory Verse Activity** - Discuss what kinds of things people worship. For example sports, money, fame, etc. Review the memory verse. Stress God as the true God. He is living. He is everlasting.
- ◆ Make a list of things that your students (or their parents) would remember from when they were younger. Talk about how different things are now and how irrelevant the past seems. Lead into the lesson.
- ◆ Because God is at work in the world today, we need to communicate with Him. He is the one working and moving in all that we see. Prayer is how we communicate with and listen to God. Read the Lord's Prayer in Luke 11:1-4 and Matthew 6:5-15. Be sure to stress that mindless repetition of the Lord's Prayer is not what Jesus had in mind. Go through the prayer, part by part, modeling how to pray through each part. Encourage your students to pray as well.
- ◆ Sing "As the Deer," "God Will Make a Way," "Blessed Be the Lord, God Almighty," "We Are Called to Be God's People," and "Ascribe Greatness."
- ◆ **Dig Deeper:** Read Psalm 42:1-5. Discuss the importance of water, the need for refreshment, to a wild animal. Are we thirsty for God, the living God?
- ◆ **Dig Deeper Still:** Read Hebrews 3:12-14. Look at Psalm 66:18 as well. If time permits look up the following as well - Job 36:21, John 9:31, James 4, Ephesians 4:17-32, 1 Thessalonians 5:11, and Romans 14:19.

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