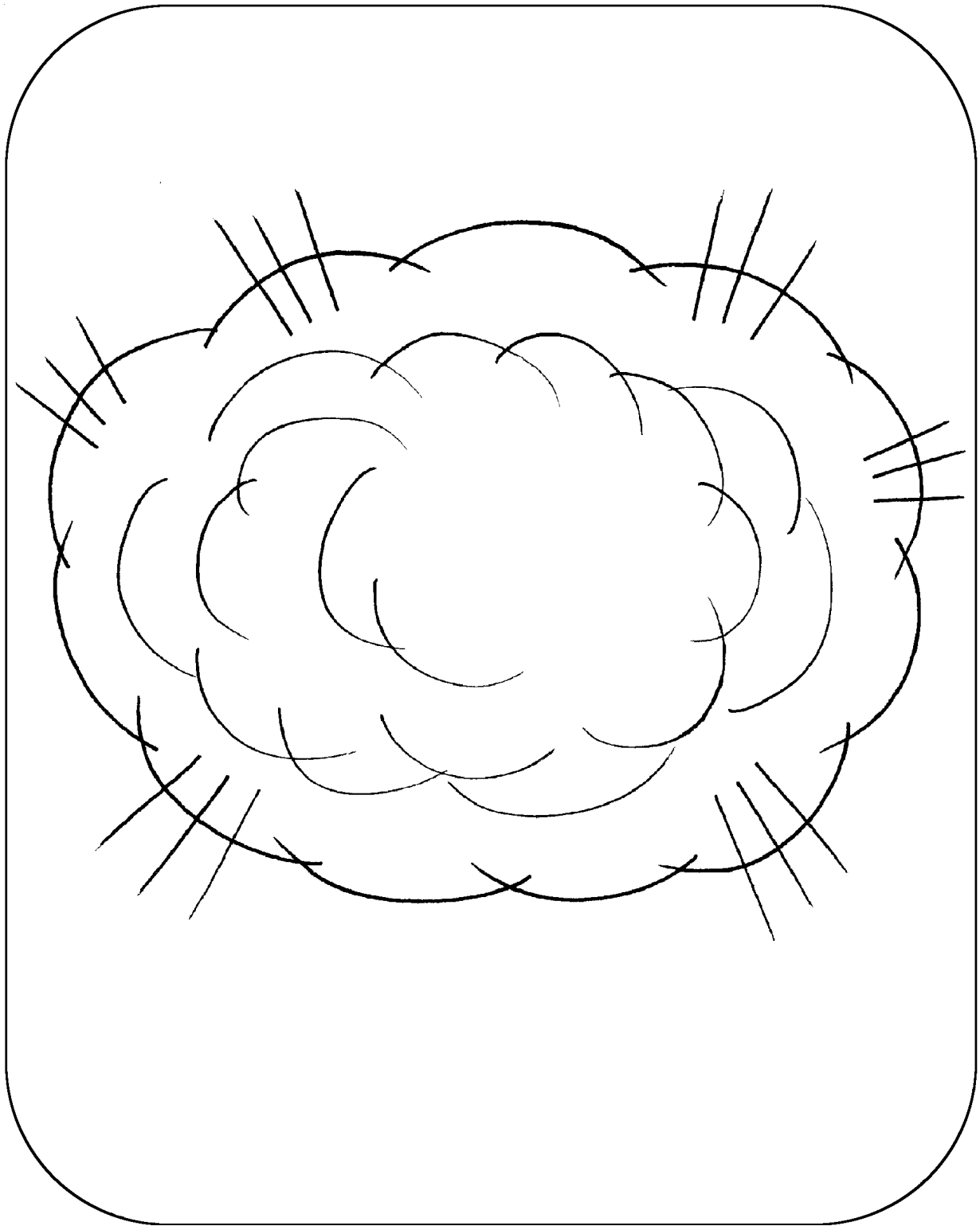


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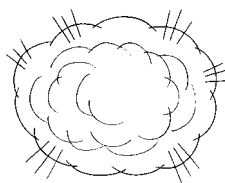


*Know ye that the LORD He is God:
it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.*

Psalm 100:3

Story 1: Job 38; Acts 17:16-34

Who Is God?



The Scriptures give us a picture of God throughout their pages. According to Genesis 3:8, God spent time with Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. There they talked with Him. Later, because of **sin**, they were separated from that time with God. They were condemned to death as each of us is today (Gn. 3:8-24). There is **hope** for us because of who God is (Jn. 3:17).

In Job 37, which may have been written during the time of Abraham, Elihu pointed out the power of God. But then he said, "The Almighty -- we cannot find Him..." Perhaps God had set things in motion and then removed Himself from His creation.

However, beginning with Job 38, God spoke directly to Job. God asked Job about many wonderful things He had done. Finally, Job 42:6 says that Job repented in dust and ashes. Job said that God could do **all things**. No purpose of God's could be stopped.

In the Old Testament God made Himself known to many people at different times in various ways (Heb. 11:1-2). Some of the people were Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. There were also Moses, Joshua, Samuel, David, Elijah, Isaiah, Daniel and Haggai.

The glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle in the wilderness. That is where the people worshiped God. God called the tabernacle, "the tent of meeting." The tabernacle was a picture of Christ, or God the Son, who was to come (Ex. 35-40). We will learn more about the Tabernacle in Exodus.

After some four hundred years of silence, the New Testament opens with Matthew. It begins with the genealogy of Jesus Christ. He was the son of David, the son of Abraham. Luke took the lineage back to Adam who was created by God.

John began by saying, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." In John 14:6 Jesus said

that He was the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father but through Him. Jesus said that those who had seen Him had seen the Father (Jn. 14:19). In John 14:16 Jesus said the Father would give another Helper who is the Holy Spirit (Jn. 14:26). The **Father, Son and Holy Spirit** are **one**. They were all present at creation (Gn. 1:2, 26, Jn. 1:1-3).

In Acts 17 Paul pointed out the altar the people had made to the unknown God. Paul said the unknown God was the **Creator** of the world and everything in it. God gives life. From one man God gave life to every nation. God sovereignly determined the times and boundaries of the nations. He said God's divine nature is **far above** what our minds can think or describe.

However, God is loving and merciful. He gives us what we do not deserve. He was willing to overlook the times man had ignored Him. God calls man to **repent** because a day of righteous judgment has been set through His Son whom He raised from the dead. Some people rejected what Paul said. Some wanted to hear more, and some joined him in belief. The New Testament ends by pointing us toward an eternity with or without God.

Not only the Scriptures, but also all that God has made clearly shows and helps us understand about God's eternal power and His divine nature (Rm. 1:18-21). No one has an excuse not to know God, who wants us to love and worship Him. Paul says that when we do not honor God or give thanks to Him, we are in danger of becoming fools and of being led into sin. We are worshiping the creature rather than the Creator.

Who is God? When Moses asked that question in Exodus 3:13, God replied by saying, "I AM THAT I AM." He made us, and He wants us to come to Him. He is far more than we can understand.

QUESTIONS: What are some things you know about God?
 Who was in the beginning? Who do you think God is?

Lesson 1: Who Is God?

Passage for Study:  Job 38; Acts 17:16-34

DAY 1  **ACTIVITY PAGE:** Do as many of the activities as you can.

Genesis 1:1 says that God is the Creator. The Holy Spirit was hovering over the waters God created. John 1:1, 14 tell us that God's Son was present at creation. Trace the words "Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

Father Son
Holy Spirit

Have someone help you find and read Psalm 100 in your Bible.
Make a border around it below.
What does it tell you about God?

Psalm 100

- 1 Make a joyfull noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
- 2 Serve the Lord with gladness;
Come before His presance with singing.
- 3 Know ye that the Lord he is God;
It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
- 4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise.
Be thankful unto Him; and bless His name.
- 5 For the Lord is good;
His mercy everlasting,
And His truth endureth to all generations.

DAY 2 BIBLE STORY: Who can help you read the story? _____

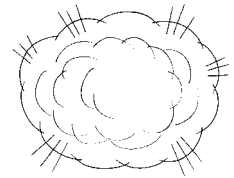
The Bible story page is another way of learning about this week's passage. Listen carefully as someone reads the passage and the story page to you this week. Be ready to tell them what you think is important about the passage and ask questions about things you do not understand. We can enjoy growing in our understanding bit-by-bit. Ask someone to help you write a few words to answer the following questions.

1. What do you think is important, about the passage story?

2. How can this passage story help you grow?

DAY 3 BIBLE VERSE: Psalm 100:3

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and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.



DAY 4 SENTENCE BLANKS: Please fill in the missing letters.

1. We should shout to the Lord ____oyfully. God is the one who has ____ade us. Every generation should give thanks to God because He is ____ood, and His ____ercy is ____verlasting. (Ps. 100:1, 3, 5)
2. God's truth ____ndureth to ____ll generations. (Ps. 100:5)
3. In Job 37 Elihu said he could not find the ____lmighty. (Job 37:23)
4. God spoke to ____ob and asked many questions. (Job 38)
5. God asked Job to ____nswer Him in Job 40:2.
6. Job told God that he was ____ile. (Job 40:4)

DAY 5 FOR THOUGHT: What do you think; who can you talk with; what will you do?

1. What was the first thing Paul told the people about the God they were worshiping in ignorance? (Acts 17:24)
2. What are several things Paul told them about God in 17:25-28?
3. What did he say about God's Divine Nature? (17:29)
4. How did three kinds of people respond? (17:32-34)
5. If you were to describe God to a friend, what would you say about Him?
6. Who is God to you?
7. What would your answer be to God? What can you thank God for today?