

Sunday morning
teaching plan

Date:
5/10/25

TITLE:	Who is God?
THEME:	How do we know who God really is?
AIM:	The aim of this session is to explore the nature and character of God.

BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

The Bible gives us many pictures of who God is, from beginning to end. While our human minds can never fully grasp Him, Scripture helps us understand His character. Sometimes, we hold ideas about God that come from culture or our own experiences rather than from the Bible. This session will help us identify those false images and replace them with the truth of who God reveals Himself to be in His Word.

WARM UP

Quiz....Who is it?

Have pictures of famous people but you can only see them in part. Get people to guess who they are, based only on what they can see of the picture. Pass the pictures around.

Teaching point:

Today they will be thinking about Who God is even though everyone probably has their own ideas. However, as we look at what the Bible says about God we get a much clearer picture of exactly Who He is rather than just glimpses of Him.

MAIN TEACHING

Activity 1:

Cake.

Make a beautiful cake and decorate it with lots of sweets and chocolates. Tell them that the person who made this cake was just asked to make a cake for the youth on Sunday that they would enjoy and this is what they made for them.

Questions for discussion:

- What do you think of the person who has made this for you? Examples are thoughtful, kind, skilled, understanding. They have taken time to consider what you all might enjoy and done something special.

Eat the cake.

Show pictures of the world from power point. Discuss with them that God created the world for us and so what does it tell us about Him? Nature tells us of the creative side of God, that he loves beauty and He wants us to have a nice world to enjoy. It also shows He provides for us and gives us what we need to live and thrive.

Teaching point:

What we see tells us about the person who makes it. Likewise God's creation tells us about Him. He is kind and generous and skilled and thoughtful just like the cake maker.

Activity 2:

Picture God.

Give out a blank puzzle piece to everyone and ask them to write down their answer to the question "Who is God". Encourage them to write down their thoughts about who God is to them. Do we feel like He is distant and angry when we do things wrong? Do we think of Him as old and irrelevant? Do we think of Him as real? Put the puzzle pieces together and see all the different things of God. We are going to look at further characteristics of God today and see if we can fill in the holes or confirm some of these points as right or not.

Teaching point:

To begin to explore what our thoughts are of God. We all might have different thoughts on Him and that could be shaped by our experiences or the teachings we have had of Him. Also that God is made up of all different characteristics and is a deep and complex character to get to know.

Activity 3:

Pictures of God.

Read the 3 stories from the Bible. Psalm 23. Parable of the Lost Son. Isaiah 6.

Ask what do we learn about God's character from these stories?

Can we add more jigsaw pieces?

Can we replace some of the Jigsaw pieces we have already.

Teaching point:

To show that through Bible stories we see what God's character is like.

Activity 4:
A-Z of God

Play this video to help:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5-6gwssX0Y>

In groups or pairs make a list from a-z of characteristics of God. These could be based on what we have learnt in the Bible passages, from the slides on creation and also from the jigsaw pieces.

Teaching Point:

To explore further the characteristics of God.

How well do we know God; He is so vast there will be at least 26 words for Him.

TAKEAWAY

In your 10minutes a day with Jesus read some of the Bible stories and work out what characteristic you can find in them of God. What is God showing about himself in those stories or in the verses you read?

EXTRA INFORMATION