TEACHER'S GUIDE

LESSON 2: HOW GOD SPEAKS

LESSON OVERVIEW

Big Idea: God speaks to us in many ways.

Key Question: What are the ways God tells us about Himself?

Memory Verse: The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display His craftsmanship. Psalm 19:1

Overview: Psalm 19 is a song about how God is always sending us messages. He tells us who He is by what He's created. When we look around, we know there must be a God! How else did everything get here? And the world also tells us about what God is like: He has a great imagination, He loves beautiful things, and He is more powerful than we can ever understand. We can learn a lot about God by just looking at what He has made. But creation is just one small way God speaks to us. Another way to know Him is by reading the Bible. It's full of His words telling us how much He loves us and how He wants us to live. One more way He speaks to us is through Jesus! The invisible God became visible. Jesus is God with a body! He's perfect and that's why He can forgive our sins so we can live in Heaven with Him some day. God wants us to know him. That's why He speaks to us in many ways. We need to be good listeners!

CLASSROOM AGENDA

5 min

5 min

20 min

5 min

5 min

5 min PLAY: Begin working on Activity Page #1.

WARM UP: What's your favorite thing you've ever made? How long did it take you to make it?

PREVIEW: Draw the bubbles on a whiteboard and fill in the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question. (If applicable, have kids fill in their bubbles on the Kids Activity Page.)

LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to small group to finish this guide.

RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview from the Teacher's Guide and then answer the KEY QUESTION.

EXPLORE: Read <u>Colossians 1:15</u>. Jesus was there before anything was created. Why is that important for us to know?

PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.

10 min CLOSE:

- Share something new you learned today.
- 5 min Share prayer requests and pray as a class.

TEACHER TIPS

Allow each kid to share. The point: It's fun to create something. God loves to create, too. He created everything.

Answer: God has revealed himself to us in many ways. Here are the top three:

- 1. Through creation (what He made)
- 2. Through the Bible (what He wrote)
- 3. Through Jesus (who He is)

Bonus Questions:

K-1st: What do tall mountains and beautiful sunsets tell us about God? Why do you think he wants us to know who He is?

2nd-5th: What do tall mountains and beautiful sunsets tell us about God? Why do you think He wants us to know who He is?

This verse is just one of many in the Bible that says that Jesus is God. He's not just another one of God's creations. He existed before anything else. In fact, the Bible says all things were created through Him and held together by Him. (Colossians 1: 17) The invisible God became visible in the person of Jesus. That's why He could die for our sins-He was perfect and without sin because He is God.

Option #1

Bible Target Game

Kids hit a target and answer a question to score points. Using 5 paper plates, write in black marker 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, one on each plate. Tape a line on the floor for kids to stand behind. Place the plates in a line in ascending order on the floor. Kids have two chances to throw a bean bag on whatever target they choose. If they miss, send them to the back of the line. If they hit, ask a question from below. If correct, they get the points from the target they hit. If they miss the question, they have to go to the back of the line. Keep track of each child's score on a whiteboard. Highest score wins!

Questions:

- 1. What is the book in the Bible we're learning from? (psalms)
- 2. What is the name of the book filled with God's words? (bible)
- 3. The Big Idea today is? (God speaks to us in many ways)
- 4. What is the Key Question? (What are ways God tells us about Himself)
- 5. What is the answer to the Key Question? (creation, bible, Jesus)
- 6. What is the memory verse today? (heavens proclaim,..skies display)
- 7. The Bible is full of whose words? (God's)
- 8. Who came to forgive our sins? (Jesus)
- 9. God created....(everything)
- 10. Is the book of Psalms in Old or New testament? (old)

Supplies needed

- 5 paper plates
- black marker
- tape
- bean bag
- whiteboard/dry erase marker

Bonus activity:

Play Bible Hangman.

Words:

bible

psalms

Option #2

The Book of Psalms Tic Tac Toe

Race another team to get 3 across. Put a tic tac toe board on the whiteboard. Divide the class into 2 teams, each with a ringer. The teacher asks a question. The first team to ring in gets to answer. If correct, they get to put either a circle or "x" on the board. Go back and forth until one team wins the board.

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God

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KID & PARENT GUIDE

Watch the lesson video and fill in the blanks.

Find videos and other helpful resources for this lesson @ pursueGOD.org/psalms-kids.

- 1. Even though we've never seen God, we can know about him because of what he has ______. (Psalm 19:1)
- 2. God wrote us a note. It's called the _____.
- 3. God didn't just make the sky and give us the Bible. He actually came to us in person. That's who ______ is.

Share with one another as you answer these questions.

Check out the lesson resource tabs online for helpful articles and videos.

- 1. What's your favorite thing you've ever made? How long did it take you to make it?
- 2. What are the ways God tells us about Himself? (Hint: there are three of them.)
- 3. Read <u>Colossians 1:15</u>. Jesus was there before anything was created. Why is that important for us to know? What does that tell us about who Jesus is?

Memorize this verse today and during the week.

Don't forget to pray as a family this week!

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Learn the 3 basic truths of the Christian faith @ pursueGOD.org/foundations-kids.



K-1ST

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Instructions: color the picture.

