

LESSON OVERVIEW

Big Idea: We can get to know God more

Key Question: What do we know about God already?

Memory Verse: "I keep asking that God gives you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better" **Ephesians 1:17 NIV**

Overview: We're continuing in our series called "Get Rich". We're not talking about getting rich with money. We're talking about being rich in God's love. We're looking at the book of Ephesians and some important lessons Paul teaches about the benefits of having a relationship with God. Last week we learned that when we put our trust in Jesus, we are adopted into God's family. We become a child of God! And, we get all the benefits of being in God's family; protection, blessings, and heaven. Today, we're going to talk about how important it is to get to know God more. We can't fully understand how rich we are in God if we don't know just how great he is. That was one of Paul's greatest prayers in the book of Ephesians. He cared for the people like a parent cares for a child. He prayed that people would fall more in love with God by spending time with him. Your parents pray that same prayer for you. They want you to grow in your love for God as you get to know him more by doing things like reading your Bible, praying, and acting like Jesus would act. God is awesome and he's worth getting to know. If you want to truly be rich, get to know God more and surrender your heart to him.

CLASSROOM AGENDA

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

5 min **WARM UP:** Who are the people you know best in your life? Share some things about them (favorite food, hobby, sport).

5 min **PREVIEW:** Write out the Big Idea and Memory Verse and Key Question on a whiteboard. Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1. (if applicable)

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

5 min **RECAP:** Read the **Lesson Overview** from the Teacher's Guide to the class and then **answer** the KEY QUESTION.

5 min **EXPLORE:** Read [Romans 12:2](#). Give a few examples of the way the world wants us to think. Give some examples of the way God wants us to think. How does knowing God more help us to think more like him?

10 min **PLAY:** Do the group activity from Activity Page #2.

5 min **CLOSE:**

- Share prayer requests and pray as a class.
- Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents.

TEACHER TIPS

2nd-5th puzzle: God, prayer, wisdom, parents. Message is: Get to know God more

We want to get to know the people we care about. We care to know their favorite sport or food. And, we like it when our friends know those things about us. We should want to get to know God, too. We should learn what he cares about.

Answer: God is powerful, loving, and forgiving.

God is amazing and like no one else. He is the creator of the universe. He loves us and wants relationship with us. He sent Jesus to die for us to forgive our sins. He cares about each one of us and has a special plan for each of us. Even though we already know a lot about God, there is so much more we can discover as we pursue a relationship with him.

Bonus Questions: What are some other things you know about God? What does creation tell you about God?

4-5th: What have you done to get to know your friends better? What can you do to get to know God better?

The world tells us to put ourselves first which means we're selfish. The world also says to love money and the stuff it can buy. God tells us to put others before ourselves, to be kind and forgiving. And, we should always tell the truth. The more we get to know God, the more we will be like him. We will care about what he cares about.

Make sure kids bring their Family guide home or tell them to go online to pursueGOD.org/kids to find this week's lesson.

ACTIVITY PAGE #2

Classroom Activities K-1st

Option #1

Get To Know God Better Paper Plate Craft

- Give each kid 2 paper plates, one that has been pre cut. (see picture below).
- Give each kid a paper plate template (**page 5**).
- Give each kid a brad.
- Have kids cut out the verse and have them glue it onto one plate.
- Have kids cut out and color the pictures. Have them glue each one onto the other plate, spacing them out around the outer part of the plate.
- Then have kids put the plates together, verse on top, and poke the brad through both plates and fold the brackets flat against the back of the plate.
- Tell the kids that they can spin their plate to discover some of the things they can do to get to know God better.



Supplies needed

- Paper plates, 2 per kid, 1 set pre cut.
- Paper plate template (pg 5), 1 per kid
- Brads, 1 per kid
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Glue

Bonus Activity:

Play the **Memory Verse game**.

Say the memory verse as a class. Say it again while **jumping** up and down. Say it again while **spinning** around.

Option #2

Get Rich Tic Tac Toe

- Draw a Tic Tac Toe board onto the whiteboard.
- Divide the class into two teams. Assign one team as "X" and the other as "O".
- Ask a team a question from below. If that get it right, they get to put their symbol on the board. First team to get 3 across wins.

Questions:

1. Who wrote the book of Ephesians? (Paul)
2. How do we talk to God? (Pray)
3. True or False: Ephesians is in the Old Testament. (F)
4. Who should we act like? (Jesus)
5. What did the video say parents can do to help you? (Pray)
6. True or False: God loves you. (T)
7. What book is full of God's words? (Bible)
8. Who died for our sins? (Jesus)
9. What's the first book in the Bible? (Genesis)
10. True or False: The Bible is the truth. (T)

Supplies needed

- Whiteboard and markers

Bonus Activity:

Play **Telephone**.

Have kids sit in a circle. Whisper the **Big Idea** in one kid's ear. Have them whisper it to the kid on their right. Have them continue around the circle. Last kid has to say the message they heard.

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We can _____ God better when our _____ pray for us

Did you ever think of that? Paul – the guy who wrote Ephesians – was like a dad to the people he was writing this letter to. And he’s telling them that he prays for them all the time! He really wants them to know God better!

We can know God better when we get _____

That’s the second thing in our memory verse. Paul prayed for a “Spirit of wisdom”. That means he wanted the people to know what was right and wrong. Do you know where that comes from today? The Bible!

We can know God better when God _____ our _____

So, now you know how to know God better. Ask your parents to pray for you. Keep reading your Bible. And then thank God when he opens your eyes to see who he really is!

Discussion Questions:

1. *What was your favorite part of the video? What is one thing you learned from the video?*
2. *Who are the people you know best in your life? Share some things about them (favorite food, hobby, sport).*
3. *What are some things your parents pray about for you? Why do you think they do that?*
4. *Wisdom is a fancy word for knowing right and wrong. What are some things the Bible says are right to do? What are some things the Bible says are the wrong things to do?*
5. *How does God help us to know him more? (the Bible, answers our prayers, blesses us with things)*
6. *Read [Romans 12:2](#). Give a few examples of the way the world wants us to think. (be selfish, love money) Give some examples of the way God wants us to think. (love others, don't lie, forgive). How does knowing God more help us to think more like him?*
7. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Discussion Questions:

1. *What was your favorite part of the video? What is one thing you learned from the video?*
2. *Read [Proverbs 8:17](#). What are some things you can do to get to know God more?*
3. *Read [Jeremiah 9:24](#). In whom should we place our confidence? Why is God the only one worthy of our worship?*
4. *Read [John 17:3](#). Who do we need to know to have eternal life in heaven? Why is Jesus the only way to get there?*
5. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Answers: know, parents, wisdom, open, eyes

ACTIVITY PAGE #1

K-1st Grade

Kids

BIG IDEA

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KEY QUESTION

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MEMORY VERSE

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Color the picture



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