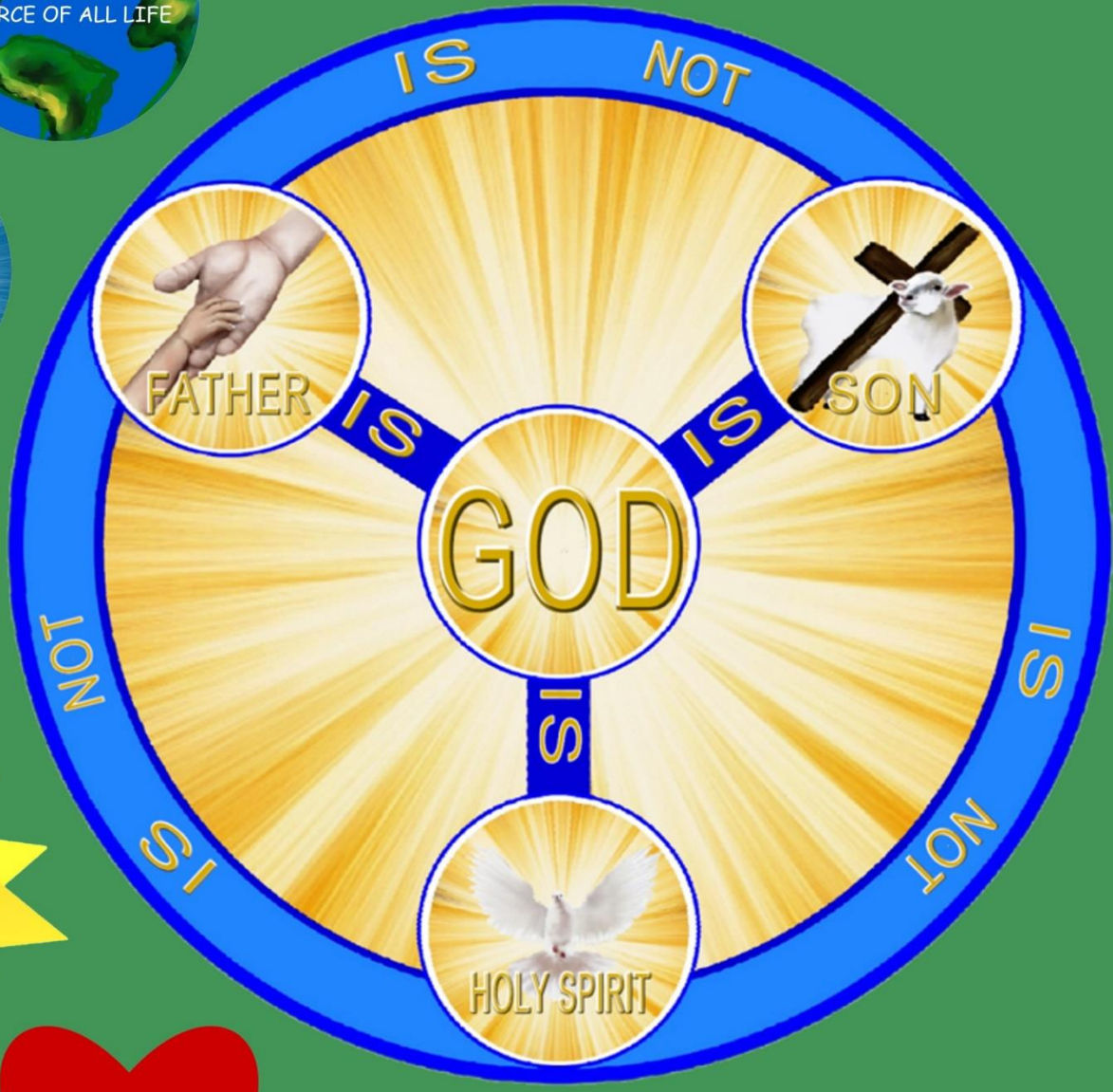
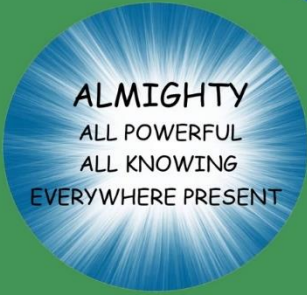


TRINITY



KNOWING GOD

Lesson 5: *The God who Reveals Himself* (Condensed Version)

NATURE & CHARACTER OF GOD/THE FATHER (Scripture: Genesis 1, Jeremiah 32:18, Isaiah 10:10, 1 Peter 1:16, 1 John 4:8, 1 John 3:1)

Objectives: To explain that: *God has revealed himself to us in three main ways: through Creation, the Bible (where we learn about God's mighty acts in history and about who God is), and through Jesus. *Through observing Creation, we can know that God is very great and powerful. He is the glorious King over everything. *The Bible tells us that God is a Trinity, Creator, Almighty, Eternal, Holy, Love. *God the Father is the 1st person of the Trinity. He has become our Father through the saving work of Jesus.

"I Wonder" Questions: This picture tells us about God. ***I wonder** why this symbol has God in the middle and three other symbols connected to it. ***I wonder** why there are other pictures on one side. * **I wonder** what the word "Trinity" means. Let's find out more in our lesson....

Lesson Props: Year 1 - Lesson #1 Creation poster; Bible

Lesson Summary: Do you sometimes wonder what God is really like? God isn't physical like you and me. He doesn't have a body. God is Spirit – invisible to human eyes. So, how do we know what God is like? We can know what God is like because he has revealed himself to us! God has shown himself to us in three main ways: through Creation, through the Bible, and through Jesus. Today we will talk about Creation and the Bible. God created the earth and the whole universe (*point to Creation poster*). God's creation teaches us about the greatness of God, his power and wisdom. He is the glorious King over everything! The second way God reveals himself is through the Bible (*hold up Bible*). In the Bible we read about God's mighty acts through history, how he revealed himself to people like Abraham, Moses, and David. The Bible is God's Word to us. It is where he tells us who he is and what he is like. In the Bible we learn that God is a **Trinity** (*point to Trinity symbol*). God is three in one, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (*point to the word God and then the word Father; point to God and then the Son, God and then Holy Spirit*) - three persons who are different from each other, but one God. God is our **Creator** (*point to Creator*). God created everything that exists. He is the source of all life. God is **Almighty** (*point to Almighty*). This means God is all powerful, all knowing and everywhere present. God is **Eternal** (*point to Eternal*). God has no beginning or end. Nobody created God, he always existed. God is **Holy** (*point to Holy*). There is nobody else like God. He is above all and he is glorious! God is more pure, beautiful, and good than anything in the universe. Sin cannot come near him. Just like the sun is so hot that it would burn you up before you could get close to it, so sinful people cannot come into God's holy presence. That is why Jesus had to die for our sin - to make us pure and able to come into God's holy presence. God is also **Love** (*point to Love*). All love flows out from God. The love between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit is so strong that it flows out from them to us and enables us to love God and one another. God loves us so much that he sent his son Jesus to die for our sins so that we can receive and enjoy his love. God the Father is the 1st person of the Trinity. He is Jesus' Father, and he also becomes our Father because of what Jesus has done for us. See the picture of a father holding the hand of a child? (*point to hands*). That picture represents God, our heavenly Father, who loves us perfectly and will always be there for us.

Suggested Questions: **What does this lesson tell us about God?** (He is the Creator, King over everything, Eternal, Spirit, a Trinity, Almighty, Holy, and Love) * **What are the three main ways God has revealed himself?** (through creation, the Bible, and Jesus) ***What does it mean that God is Almighty?** (He is all powerful, all knowing and everywhere present) ***What does it mean that God is a Trinity?** (He is three persons – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – but one being) ***What does it mean that God is Holy?** (There is nobody else like God. He is above all and he is glorious! God is more pure, beautiful, and good than anything in the universe. He is so pure and good that sin cannot come near him) * **How can sinful people come into God's holy presence?** (Through Jesus' death on the cross, which purifies us from all sin) ***Who is the 1st person in the Trinity?** (God the Father) ***Is God the Father like our earthly fathers?** (Our earthly fathers love us. However, God's love is perfect, and he never makes a mistake)

Bible Memory Verse: "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen." (1 Tim. 1:17)