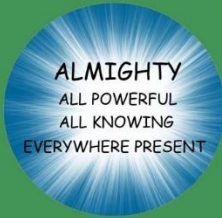


TRINITY

IMMANUEL
GOD WITH US



CREATOR
SOURCE OF ALL LIFE



ALMIGHTY
ALL POWERFUL
ALL KNOWING
EVERYWHERE PRESENT



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LOVE

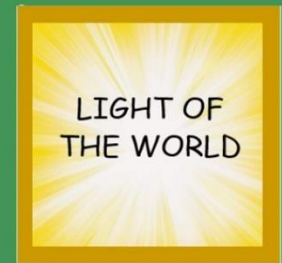


FULLY MAN

FULLY GOD



SAVIOUR



LIGHT OF
THE WORLD



FOREVER KING
LORD OF ALL

KNOWING GOD

Lesson 6: *The Image of the Invisible God* (Condensed Version)

THE SON (Scripture: Colossians 1:15–23. See main lesson for more.)

Objectives: To explain that: *Jesus is God the Son, the 2nd person of the Trinity who came to earth and was born as a baby. He came to save us from sin and death, to live a sinless human life so he could be the perfect sacrifice for sin. He came to reveal God to us. *Jesus is the physical image of the invisible God, and all God's fullness dwells in him. He is fully man and fully God. *The name Immanuel means "God with us." Jesus is the Lamb of God, the perfect sacrifice for sin, our Saviour, the Light of the World. He is the Forever King and Lord of All, who will one day return to reign on the earth.

Review and "I Wonder" Questions: This picture tells us about God. We have learned that God is a Trinity - three Persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), but one God. The Trinity has always existed. The Father is the 1st person of the Trinity. He is the **Creator** – source of all life, **Almighty** (all powerful, all knowing, everywhere present), **Eternal** (no beginning or end), **Holy** (there is no one else like God, he is more pure, beautiful, and good than anything in the universe, sin cannot come near him), and God is **Love**.
***I wonder** what the new symbols and words mean. ***I wonder** what God the Son is like. Let's find out more in our lesson....

Lesson Props: Bible, Year 1 posters: Lesson #1 Creation poster and Lesson #12 Manger poster

Lesson Summary: In our last lesson we learned that God is Spirit and invisible to human eyes. We know who God is because he revealed himself to us through the power and beauty of Creation (*point to Creation Poster*) and the Bible. (*hold up the Bible*) In the Bible we learn about who God is and about his mighty acts in history. Today, we are going to talk about how God has revealed himself most of all through his Son, Jesus. One day something amazing happened! The 2nd person of the Trinity, God the Son, was born into the world as a baby, a human being, and was given the name Jesus. (*point to Manger Poster*) Why did the Son of God allow himself to be born as a human baby? He did that so he could save us from sin and death, so that we could live with him forever! He came to live a sinless human life, so he could be the perfect sacrifice for sin. When the Father sent his Son to earth to become the man, Jesus, God was revealed to us in a new way. **Jesus became the physical image of the invisible God.** Now we could see God and touch him. All the things that are true about God, are also true about Jesus. He is (*point to symbols*) **Creator, Almighty, Eternal, Holy, and Love.** Jesus is also **Immanuel** (*point to symbol*) – that means "God with us". God himself came down from Heaven and became one of us – what an incredible miracle! Jesus is **Fully man and Fully God.** (*point to symbol*) Jesus got his human nature from his mother Mary, and his divine nature through the Holy Spirit. Jesus is our **Saviour.** (*point to symbol*) When Jesus died on the cross, he paid for our sins once and for all. Did you notice on our Trinity poster a lamb holding a cross? Jesus, the Son of God, is often called the Lamb of God. In the Old Testament, perfect, spotless lambs were sacrificed for the forgiveness of sin. These lamb sacrifices pointed forward to Jesus, who would be the perfect, sinless, final sacrifice for sin. Jesus is also the **Light of the World** (*point to symbol*) who leads us away from the darkness of sin and death and into the light of God's life. And, Jesus is our **Forever King and Lord of All,** (*point to symbol*) who sits on his throne beside his Father in Heaven. Jesus will one day return to reign on the earth forever.

Suggested Questions: **What does this lesson tell us about Jesus?** (He is God the Son, the 2nd person of the Trinity, who became a human being- the physical image of the invisible God.) ***What does the name Immanuel mean?** (God with us.) ***What does it mean that Jesus is our Saviour?** (It means that Jesus saves us from sin and death and brings us into his kingdom of life and love.) ***Is Jesus part God and part man?** (No, he is fully God and fully man.) ***Why is Jesus called the Lamb of God?** (In the OT, perfect, spotless lambs were sacrificed for the forgiveness of sin. These lamb sacrifices pointed forward to Jesus. He was the perfect, sinless, final sacrifice for sin). ***Will we ever see Jesus?** (Yes, Jesus will one day return to reign on the earth as our Forever King and Lord of All.)

Bible Memory Verse: "He is the image of the invisible God." (Colossians 1:15a ESV)