

Hey parents,
grandparents, aunts,
uncles, cousins –
anyone wanting to help
kids learn more about
who God is and what it
means to JOIN Him as
He redeems the world!

We have posted this information to serve as a guide and tool for you to continue to teach truth to your kids, young or old, at home.

These lessons are adapted from ones developed for teaching on Adventure Mountain (4 years through 5th grade) and in our Junior High (6th through 8th grade) classrooms on Sunday mornings at Fellowship Bible Church. Additional resources that would help expand the truths of these lessons would include: The Attributes of God for Kids, by Lydia White and Taylor Nelson. Based on Tozer's book for adults, Knowledge of the Holy, this workbook-style guide presents God's unique and moral attributes in a family-friendly presentation. Also, The Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd-Jones, serves as our Bible story resource for these lessons. Don't have a copy of that story book? Email mary@fbccs.org and we will get you a copy!

Each lesson could be presented and discussed in one-sitting; or spread out with different sections presented over several days of the week.

We will post a new lesson each Friday or Saturday previous to the week of its assigned date. That way you can go back and review any truths from earlier lessons. **IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE:** The lesson and activities for the week of April 5 (Palm Sunday) and continuing through Sunday, April 12 (Easter Sunday) has some fun activities that will only be available that week.

ARE YOU A MIDDLE SCHOOLER?: Read quickly through the information given in the Adventure Mountain section. Once you've got the gist of the main idea, scroll down and complete the MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT section for each post.

DON'T MISS IT!: Just for fun . . . check out the **Fun Photo Challenge** explained at the end of each week's lesson. Great for Adventure Mountain families AND even greater for Middle School students!

PS—To help us plan for future weeks, let us know if you used and found these lessons and activities helpful, or even fun! You can let us know by email at mary@fbccs.org. Enjoy!

**“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”
—A.W. Tozer**

MARCH 29

***What is God like? God is self-sufficient!
God depends on nothing to exist. Everything depends on Him.***

Acts 17:24-25: The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And He is not served by human hands, as if He needed anything. Rather, He Himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else.

Colossians 1:17: He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Because of this truth . . .

Philippians 4:13: I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.



Adventure Mountain Families:



TEACH IT

- 1) Introduce and discuss today’s main idea with your children as explained above. All ages may need to define “self-sufficient.”
- 2) To discuss: Ask children to think of their pet (or, if they don’t have a pet, have them choose one they would like to have. They can even give their make-believe pet a name!). Does our pet need help to survive? Yes—food, water, exercise, shelter, etc. Is our pet, “self-sufficient”? No—our pet needs our help to survive. What about your baby sister or brother (again, if your child doesn’t have a younger sibling, have them think of a child who is younger than they are). Does your baby brother or sister need help to survive? Yes—food, clothes, shelter, medicine, (maybe even some rules!). Is your younger sibling or friend “self-sufficient?” No—they need help to survive. What about YOU? Do YOU need help to survive? Yes. Are YOU self-sufficient? NO. I need help to survive. Have kids share some ideas of what they need to survive. (Here’s where it gets tricky for kids . . .) How about parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, etc.; do we need help to

survive? Yes—air, water, shelter, nutrition, (maybe even money!). Are older people self-sufficient? NO—they need help to survive.

- 3) Expand discussion: Does God need anything to survive? If the child is not sure, reread passages above. Help your child understand that God is different from us, His creation. God doesn't "need" anything. God does not need anything to "be." That is why God can be our only true source of strength, power, hope, help, etc. God's created beings (us) will always be INsufficient for perfect survival and REAL life.
- 4) Read Philippians 4:13. Expand and discuss as appropriate with your child's age.
- 5) Share truth: We need God to exist. God does not need anything—HE IS SELF-SUFFICIENT!
- 6) Summarize: WE NEED GOD. He is our perfect source of strength. WE ARE GOD-DEPENDENT!

Don't forget to scroll to the bottom of this lesson for more links and activities; as well as instruction for joining our **FUN PHOTO CHALLENGE!**



MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILIES:

Skim through the main ideas presented in Adventure Mountain lesson above. Continue the discussion with these questions:

--If God doesn't need anything to exist . . . can He ever stop existing?

--Does God need our help? Do we sometimes think if we "perform" certain actions, we are helping God? What might be the difference between "helping" God and "joining" God?

--How is mankind's seemingly relentless desire for self-sufficiency, really be an attempt to put oneself "in the place of God?" Think back over recent middle school lessons, which sin demands that we put ourselves "in the place of God"?

--How do the terms "humility" and "self-sufficiency" relate to each other (synonym, homonym, antonym)? Explain your answer.

--Read Matthew 5:3, the introductory statement to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Another term for "blessed" could be "abundantly supplied." Reread Matthew 5:3 and sub in the phrase "abundantly supplied" for "blessed." This statement would have been surprising, if not shocking to Jesus' listeners. Think about Matthew 5:3. See if you can decide how this verse relates to today's lesson.



Read It

From the Jesus Storybook Bible, read: "God Makes a Way"



Watch It

Watch this two-minute clip from “The Prince of Egypt”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TzRrEgkfhG8>

Listen (and dance to) this song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IijsESdEnZg>



Create It

Build with Legos or make with Playdough: something that is GOD-DEPENDENT.



SNAP It

Fun Photo Challenge:

- 1) Snap a picture of your pet or younger baby brother or sister (really, any family member), and send it to mary@fbccs.org
- 2) Snap a picture of your Lego or Playdough creation and send it to mary@fbccs.org