

AMPLIFY: Knowing God

Lesson 1: Known By His Work

What we want students to learn: That in the Old Testament, God's people learned about Him through stories of His past work in the life of His people, and His work in the world through them in the present.

What we want students to do with what they've learned: To move beyond merely knowing about what God has done in other people's lives, and to truly know God for themselves by seeing Him at work in their lives today.

Scripture Focus: Exodus 29:45-46, Deuteronomy 4:32-35, Joshua 4:20-24, 1 Samuel 17:46-47, 1 Kings 18:36-37, 2 Kings 19:15-19

Overview: Is God real? Can we really know God? The only way for us to know God is through Him revealing Himself to us. We can see who He is by seeing what He has done for others in the past through His Word and by experiencing Him working in our own lives. Knowing God gives us strength when we are faced with people who question God's existence or challenge us when we try to share our faith. People can argue theories and ideas, but they cannot argue with someone who truly knows God because he or she has experienced Him personally. In this lesson, you'll be showing students the importance of knowing God personally instead of merely hearing about experiences that others have had with God. This will set the stage for lesson 2 where you'll see show students that they can know God most clearly in His Son, Jesus. In lesson 3, you'll help students explore the importance of knowing God and letting this knowledge transform the way they live and their witness to others who don't know Jesus.

Lesson 2: Knowing God

What we want students to learn: That Jesus was God come-to-earth, and as such, is the most visible picture of who God we have.

What we want students to do with what they've learned: To begin to look deeper into Jesus' life and ministry to get to know Him better.

Scripture Focus: Hebrews 1:1-3, John 3:2, John 6:66-69

Overview: When Jesus was born, God became man. Fully God, fully man, living as a human on our earth. This moment transformed history and changed the way we can know God. In Jesus, we can see how God acts, interacts, and lives life as one of us. This gives us a beautiful picture of what God is like and allows us to get to know God better through the person of Jesus. As we read the Gospels, we can see what it would be like to live alongside Jesus, which is what we're doing today in a spiritual sense as we seek to know Him more and more. In lesson 1, you saw that God is known through stories of other's experiences with God and His work and our own personal experience. In this lesson, you'll lead students to expand on the idea of a personal experience with Jesus and His work by looking at people who have had personal experiences with Jesus.

Lesson 3: Knowledge that Transforms

What we want students to learn: That knowing God is not merely a concept, but a truth that transforms who we are and our view of God's mission.

What we want students to do with what they've learned: To define how knowing God changes their view of themselves, others, and God's mission in the world.

Scripture Focus: 2 Peter 1:1-9, Galatians 4:8-9, Psalm 46:10

Overview: Knowledge without transformation is worthless. Knowledge of God is never meant to merely be an idea in our heads. It is a truth that changes our lives. Through this lesson, students will see that knowledge of God changes how we view ourselves and God's mission in the world. Knowledge of God and His Gospel ultimately results in a different life and a new mission to spread the knowledge of God and His work to the entire world. In this lesson, students will be learning that knowing God leads to a different view of themselves and what is important to them. The transformational power of the knowledge of God and His work sends us out on mission to tell others of the great news of God and His work.