

AMPLIFY: God's Righteousness

Lesson 1: The Good God

What we want students to learn: That God defines righteousness, and He alone is perfectly good.

What we want students to do with what they've learned: To seek to be more like God, striving to daily live according to God's example and His Word.

Scripture Focus: Psalm 119:137, 142, 144, 172, Psalm 25:8, Mark 10:17-18, Romans 6:11-14

Overview:

Righteousness is a churchy word that we often use, but many times our students don't know what it means. They may have a general idea, but if we're not careful, it can feel like an antiquated concept that doesn't have much to do with their 21st-century lives. This, of course, couldn't be further from the truth. God Himself personifies righteousness. He alone is good. And His perfect goodness covers all of our interactions with Him. As much as any of His attributes, God's righteousness is something we both count on and encounter in our relationship with Him. It's a concept your students truly need to be familiar with. In this lesson, your students will learn that God defines righteousness and that they're called to live lives of righteousness as they seek to be more and more like God. In lesson 2, students will learn that Jesus came to call sinners to righteousness, taking on their unrighteousness on the cross. Finally, in lesson 3, students will see that living a righteous life happens through faith in Christ, understanding that Jesus stands before God as our righteous Advocate.

Lesson 2: Righteousness From The Cross

What we want students to learn: That Jesus, the Righteous One, took on our sin at the cross, purchasing our righteousness through His atoning death.

What we want students to do with what they've learned: To be challenged to live the kind of full life Jesus made possible through His work on the cross.

Scripture Focus: Mark 2:13-17, 1 Peter 3:18, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Colossians 1:21-23, John 10:10

Overview:

Our temptation as Christians is to seek to become "good Christians" to somehow impress others and earn the approval and favor of God. But this kind of thinking negates the fact that the only way we can ever hope to be "good," or righteous, is through faith in Christ and His work on the cross. Jesus welcomed sinners because He knew He was going to take on their unrighteousness on the cross, opening up the opportunity for sinners to be forever seen as righteous in God's eyes. This is the great exchange Christ made. Being reborn through faith in Christ makes us righteous, and allows us to have a relationship with God in spite of our sin. In Lesson 26, your students learned that God defines righteousness and that they're called to live lives of righteousness as they seek to be more and more like God. In this lesson, your students will learn that Jesus came to earth so that sinners might be made righteous through faith in Him and His work on the cross.

Lesson 3: Righteous Reliance

What we want students to learn: That as Christ-followers, we're called to live lives of righteousness.

What we want students to do with what they've learned: To identify what it means to "pursue righteousness" in their day-to-day lives.

Scripture Focus: 1 Timothy 6:11, 2 Timothy 2:22, Philippians 1:9-11, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Romans 8:5-8

Overview:

In Lesson 2 your students learned that like all Believers, they are made righteous by what Christ did on the cross on their behalf. But, Scripture is clear: there is still a vibrant call in Scripture to pursue righteousness, to seek to live righteous lives. In this lesson, you will help students both realize this call in Scripture and help them identify what this looks like in their contexts. Furthermore, you'll challenge them to embrace this call and seek to live righteous lives. The goal? That their lives would bring honor and glory to God.