

# AMPLIFY: God's Sovereignty

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## Lesson 1: Creator King

**What we want students to learn:** That your students would understand that God is the almighty creator king who calls us to follow and obey Him.

**What we want students to do with what they've learned:** To confidently trust and follow God, knowing that His purposes will ultimately prevail.

**Scripture Focus:** Job 38:4-7; Psalm 115:3; Jeremiah 32:27; Proverbs 20:24; Proverbs 19:21; Psalm 119:68; Psalm 34:8; Psalm 106:1

**Overview:** We live in a "me-first" society. People of all ages are obsessed with their "right" to do as they please. They don't want to answer to anyone or anything. The problem with this worldview is that it flies in the face of what we're taught in Scripture. The Bible teaches us that God is the sovereign creator king. His sovereignty refers to his supreme power to do everything He wills. He is the creator, and we are the creation. In Lesson 1 we'll help students see how the Old Testament teaches us that we aren't first, we aren't in control, and we are subject to God's reign and rule. But, you'll also show students that the wonderful thing about God's sovereignty is that He isn't some angry, disinterested dictator. He's a loving, good God that cares for His creation and invites us to trust and follow Him. In Lesson 2 you'll look at how Jesus set aside His rights and privileges as king to come and suffer on behalf of His creation. Finally, in Lesson 3 we'll see how God's sovereignty gives us ultimate freedom and rest in life.

## Lesson 2: Servant King

**What we want students to learn:** That Jesus set aside His rights as sovereign King to come and suffer on behalf of sinners.

**What we want students to do with what they've learned:** To practically define what it looks like for them to follow Christ's example of humility towards others.

**Scripture Focus:** Colossians 1:15-18; John 10:17-18; Mark 10:41-45; John 19:30; Philippians 2:4-11

**Overview:** The idea that God is sovereign is a really big concept for our students (and for us) to grasp. For some, it makes God seem removed and distant from the world. They may see Him as a king that rules over creation, but they don't think He's a king that's intimately involved with our lives. As we continue to dig through Scripture, however, we find that this couldn't be further from the truth. The reality is that Jesus, who is fully God, willingly chose to set aside His rights and entered our world to suffer on behalf of those that completely turned their back on Him. He truly is a servant king. In Lesson 1 students learned that God is almighty, sovereign, and good. They learned that they can confidently trust and obey Him. In Lesson 2 you'll teach them that Jesus set aside His rights and privileges as King to come and suffer on behalf of His creation.

### **Lesson 3: Peace-Giving King**

**What we want students to learn:** That true freedom and rest can be found in the truth of God's sovereignty.

**What we want students to do with what they've learned:** To contemplate what hinders them from finding true freedom and rest in Christ, and to think about how to remove those obstacles from their lives.

**Scripture Focus:** Matthew 6:25-34; Philippians 4:6-9; Romans 8:31-39

**Overview:** The truth of God's sovereignty is that He is in control and we are not. However, the root of sin is that we want to be in control. We want to do things our own way. This is the ongoing struggle all of us wrestle with as we try and maintain control of our lives. As we fight to keep control, we often struggle with worry, doubt, anxiousness, and turmoil. The reality is that we can find true peace, rest, and freedom in life when we move from trusting ourselves and put our trust and hope in God. This is the point you'll be driving home to your students. The reason they're able to trust Him is because He's in control and He's good.