The Attributes of God: Self-Sufficient

Toddler Lesson January 26, 2020



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God doesn't NEED anything! Exodus 16:13-21

Verse to Memorize: Psalm 86:8 There is none like you, O Lord. Catechism Question: What is God? God is the creator of everyone and everything.

Session	Activity	Materials Needed
Welcome and Greeting	Greet students and discuss their week. Spend time building relationships.	
Music	Share with students that we will be having music time every week. We will be learning a song that helps us remember and learn our lesson. For the next 8 weeks we will be learning the question What is God? We will be singing a song to help us learn the answer to that question! Using New City Catechism App go to Question 2: What is God? Play Song for Question 2: What is God Lyrics: God is the creator of everyone and everything.	Download APP: New City Catechism
Memory Verse Game	Review Memory Verse Psalm 86:8 There is none like you, O Lord. Sing Song that goes along with verse to the tune of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star"	Memory Verse Song to tune of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star"
Catechism and Lesson	Review with students that we are on week 4 of our 8 weeks of learning the answer to the question: What is God? God is the creator of everyone and everything. Review that God is the creator of everyone and everything so He has special parts of himself that we do not have.	

Review the attributes we have already learned and go over the motions for each of those attributes.	
This week we will learn a fourth part of God's character- that he doesn't need anything. He just needs himself (Show the motion by making two thumbs and pointing at yourself) He is everything he needs!	
Don't take my word for it! Let's learn about how God doesn't need anything (do motion) by reading from His word. We want to hear about how He is never in need!	
Open your bible to Exodus 16:13-21 to show students where to find the story of God creating something out of nothing in the story the Israelites. Read the following child friendly version.	
When the Israelites were traveling in the desert they were hungry. That evening quail flew in and covered the camp and in the morning there was a layer of dew all over the camp. When the layer of dew had gone, there on the wilderness ground was something on the ground. The Israelites took one look and said to one another, <i>What is it?</i> They had no idea what it was. So Moses told them, "It's the bread God has given you to eat. And these are God's instructions: 'Pick up enough for each person.'" The People of Israel went to work and started gathering, each person had gathered as much as was needed. They gathered it every morning, each person according to need. Then the sun heated up and it melted.	
When the Israelites were wandering in the desert they were hungry and began to grumble about where they were going to get their food	

	from. They could not survive on their own, could not even get enough food to eat for themselves. So what did God do? (Discuss the miracle of God providing Manna and how out of nothing God provided food for every day, and enough food to sustain or keep the people alive.) We as people have things we need to survive- like the Israelites needed food. God can provide those needs. He is Self-Sufficient. He himself has no needs.	
Activity	Collect the Manna Place the Manna Printouts around the room. Allow the students to run around the room and collect one manna piece each. As they collect say: "We have lots of needs, but God doesn't need anything." Be sure to repeat it every time you see a child pick up a piece of manna!	Manna Pieces
Closing and Pick Up	Allow students to continue working on activities from the day or free play until parents arrive. Give a five minute timer for pickup before the end of service. This is a great time to play the spotify playlist of worship music or catechism song.	

Resources:

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