

The Attributes of God: Sovereign

Elementary Lesson February 23, 2020



Vintage Elementary

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God is Sovereign: He is in Charge!!

Genesis 17:15-22

Verse to Memorize: Psalm 86:8 There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

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	“God Makes Messy Things Beautiful” by Randall Goodgame	Phone with spotify or apple music.
Memory Verse Game/Activity	Today we are going to share our memory verse knowledge! Allow kids to practice with a partner before you share. Then feel free to have kids share without looking in front of the class, with a teacher, or with a small group.	Memory Verse Page
Catechism and Lesson	<p>Discuss with students that this is our last week discussing the question: What is God? God is the creator of everyone and everything. Allow students to review stories and attributes they have learned and how they have talked about them at home with their families.</p> <p>This week we are learning about how God is Sovereign. Repeat that word after me- Sovereign. That means He is IN CHARGE. Our motion for God being in charge looks like this (make a C and tap it to your shoulder.) This is sign language for in charge. Let’s say and do it together- God is In Charge!</p>	

What does it mean to be in charge? Talk to students about people who are in charge of different things in their lives. Discuss how Mom and Dad are in charge of most things at home, how they are in charge of certain decisions at school, how teachers are in charge in classrooms, how babysitters might be in charge if they are home without parents. Discuss what life looks like when someone is in charge.

What does it mean that God is in charge? Let's read in the bible to hear about how sovereign or in charge (do motion) God is.

Open your bible to Genesis 17:15-22 to show students where to find the story of a promise God made to Abraham. Read the following child friendly version.

Abraham was very old, much too old to have a baby. But God had made a promise to Abraham that he would give him a son.

God continued speaking to Abraham, "And Sarai your wife: Don't call her Sarai any longer; call her Sarah. I'll bless her with a son. Oh, how I'll bless her! Nations will come from her; kings of nations will come from her."

Abraham fell flat on his face. And then he laughed, thinking, "Can a hundred-year-old man father a son? And can Sarah, at ninety years, have a baby?"

Recovering, Abraham said to God, "Oh, keep Ishmael alive and well before you!"

But God said, "That's not what I mean. Your wife, Sarah, will have a baby, a son. Name him Isaac (Laughter). I'll establish my covenant with him and his descendants, a covenant that lasts forever.

"And Ishmael? Yes, I heard your prayer for him. I'll also bless him; I'll make sure he has plenty of children—a huge family. He'll father twelve princes; I'll make him a great nation. But I'll establish my covenant with Isaac whom Sarah will give you about this time next year."

God finished speaking with Abraham and left.

	<p>Earlier in Genesis God had made a promise or a covenant with Abraham that he would have a HUGE family and be the father of many nations. Abraham thought he was in charge and thought God would do that while he was still young. But how old does Abraham say he is here? He is 100, and his wife is 90! They are much older than they expected to be when they had a child. They weren't sure that God was going to finish his promise. But what did we learn about God? God is Sovereign, he is in charge! He knew his plan for Abraham and Sarah. He knew that even though they were older, he could make sure they had a baby, and that baby was Isaac! God was in charge of working in their story!</p>	
<p>Small Groups and Prayer</p>	<p>Split into small groups of 3 or 4. In each small group allow students to discuss the following:</p> <p>What is a time when you thought you were in charge of a situation but realized that God was in charge and he was doing something different in your story?</p> <p>As students share walk around the room and encourage discussion. Share times when you have seen God in charge.</p> <p>Bring students back together and ask why it is important that God is in charge? What can we learn from God being in charge? Talk to students about how we can rest in God being in charge because he has a better plan for our lives than we have for ourselves. His plan is bigger and has a better understanding.</p> <p>Close in prayer thanking God for His sovereignty and that he is in charge of the situations in our lives- good and hard.</p>	
<p>Missional Moment</p>	<p>Southeast Asia Update</p> <p>Use the slides to review what has been going on with the Macias family in Southeast Asia. Update the students that the family has been in Southeast Asia for 2 years and they just had a new baby girl!! We can be praying for</p>	

	the family as they love on the new baby in a different country.	
Activity	Provide each student with a picture of a globe they can color in. Inside the globe students can also write things that God is sovereign over or in charge of. Brainstorm some ideas together as a class: Your family, School, the weather, health. Talk about how you make decisions in your life but God is the one who is sovereign over everything and is in charge overall.	Globe Picture Printout
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.	

Resources:



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