

WHO IS GOD?
SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

- Say - Welcome to Sabbath School, let's bow our heads and ask God for understanding as we answer the question, "Who is God"?
- Say - The word "God" of itself is a general term; it is not a holy word for it could apply to the true God or a false god. For our study today, we are talking about the true God, Jehovah, Eternal, the only God who can be described as divine or sacred. The Bible says, "Now I know that the LORD (Jehovah, Eternal) is greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly he was above them", Ex. 18:11.
- Say - Another verse says, "I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me", Is. 45:5. We are speaking of the God of the Israelites, "... Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go", Ex. 5:1. Also, "Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting", Ps. 41:13. A false god can never be described as "Greater", "Eternal or Everlasting", "Divine" or "the God of the Israelites".
- Say - God tells us, "Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour", Is. 43:10, 11.
- Say - What is God's name? God's name is WHAT He does! While we have mentioned many of His names in the above scriptures, He has many other names as well. He is called, "...The **LORD of the harvest**..." Matt. 9:38. He is called, "Holy", "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is **Holy**", Is. 57:15. In another verse the Bible tells us "God is a **Spirit**", Jn. 4:24.
- Say - Who is God? He is "... our **judge**, the LORD is our **lawgiver** and there is only one lawgiver, the LORD is our **king**...", Is. 33:22, Js. 4:12. "For I am the **LORD** thy God, the **Holy One of Israel**, thy **Saviour**", Is. 42:3. "I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy **Redeemer**, the **mighty One** of Jacob", Is. 49:26. "The LORD is my **rock**, and my **fortress**, and my **deliverer**; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my **buckler**, and the horn of my salvation, and my **high tower**", Ps. 144. He is our "**Good Shepherd**", Jn. 10:14.
- Say - Who is God? God, through the first book of the Bible, reveals to all who He is. God introduces Himself as a family. He says, "In the beginning God, (H443 - Elohim, plural) created the heaven and the earth", Genesis 1:1. "In the beginning was the Word (G3004, Logos or Spokesman who became

Jesus Christ at His human birth, who is the second person in the God family), and the Word (Theos (Greek), synonymous with Elohim) was with God, and the Word (Logos) was God (Gk. Theos).

Say - Continuing, "The same was in the beginning (origin) with God. All things were made by him (The Word who became Jesus Christ is the Creator); and without him was not any thing made that was made", John 1:1-3. "The Word became flesh (and became known as Jesus Christ at His human birth), "And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest...", Luke 1:31, 32.) and dwelt among us..." John 1:14.

Say - Who is God? Both God and Jesus Christ are God, both are deities, "... unto the Son, (Jesus) he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever:...", Heb. 1:8; just as we read earlier, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God", Jn. 1:1. But there is one who is "The Most High God", "That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the **most high** over all the earth", Ps. 83:13, 92:1, 8. Satan knew well who God was for he "...cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the **most high** God?" Mk. 5:7, Lk 8:28, and multiple other references.

Say - Jesus Christ was sent to the earth to dwell with man and to rescue mankind from death, "And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a **savior** (Jesus Christ, the God whom dwelt with the Israelites in the Old Testament and N. T., Jn. 1:14.), and a great one, and he shall deliver them..", Is. 19:20.

Say - Who is God? "... Christ is the head of the church and he is the **saviour** of the body (church)", Ephe. 5:23. "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our **Saviour** Jesus Christ", Titus 2:13. We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty (God the Father) in the heavens;" Heb. 8:1. In another verse the Bible tells us, "And the LORD gave Israel a **saviour**", 2 Kings 13:4, 5.

Say - Who is God? God has preeminence (or surpasses) over Jesus Christ and ALL mankind and will ALWAYS have preeminence. Christ tells us, "... for my Father is **greater** than I...", Jn. 14:28. "For God is the King of all the earth:.... God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness. The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth belong unto God: he is greatly exalted", Ps. 47:9.

Say - The Bible continues, "...Jesus and said unto them ... I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth...For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth (gives life) them; even so the Son quickeneth (gives life) whom he will. For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: ... all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him", For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man", John 5:19-23.

Say - Jesus Christ does the "will of His father"; He takes orders from Him. "...nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done", Lk. 22:42. God the Father sent Christ to this earth and "... he hath anointed me to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind (spiritually), to set at liberty (deliver them out of sin/death) them that are bruised", Lk. 4:18. Another verse tells us, "The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ...", Acts 10:36.

Say - Who is God? God and Jesus have a spirit just as we have a spirit; their spirit is holy or sacred, ours is human and sometimes rebellious. Both God and Jesus are immortal; they cannot die; we are mortal and still subject to death. The Bible tells us, "My word is spirit"; His word is powerful for it gives life physically in changing man's perceptions giving us the spirit of love, joy and patience and spiritually through giving us eternal life when we are "born again" at His return.

Say - Who is God? Notice how the Bible describes another aspect of His great power. "O LORD my God, thou art very great; ... who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain: Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind: ...Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever. ... the waters stood above the mountains (the flood). At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away".

Say - "...He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills. They give drink to every beast of the field: By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which sing among the branches. He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works. He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, ... that he may bring forth food out of the earth; The trees of the LORD are full of sap...Where the birds make their nests: ... The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats; and the rocks for the conies".

- Say - "He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down. Thou makest darkness, wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth. The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God. The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens. Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening. O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches"!
- Say - "Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth. The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works. He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke. I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD. Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD", Psalms 104.
- Say - While the above verses are written in poetic form, it is given to inspire God's people with confidence and the wicked with dread. The power or spirit of God is such which man cannot compare or stand!
- Say - Who is God? God is the one who determines what is holy and righteous, not the world's religions or a self-appointed holy man. God determines what love is and He has revealed love through His laws of love, Rom. 13:10. God and His only son, Christ, are the epitome of love, holiness, righteousness and, mercy and they are our example. God is the one who determines what is great. He says, "For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? But I am among you as he that serveth", Lk. 22:27.
- Say - Who is God? He owns all things including you and me and God sets the standards for how we are to live, "The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods", Ps 24:1,2. "The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is established, that it cannot be moved, Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting", Ps. 93:1, 2.
- Say - Where is God and His son, Jesus Christ now? He "...dwells in the high and Holy place....Is. 57:25. We have such an high priest, (Jesus Christ), who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty (God the Father) in the heavens;" Heb. 8:1. In another reference the Bible says, "... To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise (neither on the earth or heavens of the earth but beyond the world) of God", Rev. 2:7.

Say - Who is God? We are talking about God whom Peter spoke of, "According as his **divine** power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life (eternal life) and godliness (in His image), through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory (the excellence of the Supreme Ruler) and virtue (purity of God); Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers (partner) of the **divine nature** (spirit and character of God)...", I Pet. 1:3, 4. This is our awesome potential!

Say - Yes, we are talking about the Great Family of God of which we can become a member! The Bible says, "... to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified", Rom. 8:28-30.

Say - In another scripture the Bible says it this way, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure", I John 3:1-3.

MEMORY VERSE

"O LORD, HOW MANIFOLD ARE THY WORKS!
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PSALMS 104:24

BELOW IS THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR TOTS

WHO IS GOD?

GOD THE FATHER IS ABOVE ALL, HE IS A FAMILY
OF TWO, NOT THREE;
GOD THE SON, BECAME JESUS CHRIST WHEN BORN
AS A BABE OF HIS MOTHER, MARY.

NAMES HE HAS MANY FOR HE IS NAMED BY WHAT
HE DOES;
"LAWGIVER", "DELIVERER", "MOST HIGH", AND "KING",
I LOVE THE NAME, "SAVIOR", OUT OF LOVE HE
DIED FOR US!

GOD, THE FATHER, IS OVER ALL, HE IS KING OVER ALL
THE EARTH;
GOD, THE FATHER, LOVED HIS DEAR SON, JESUS, AND
SHARED ALL POWER WITH HIM FROM BIRTH.

GOD IS IN CONTROL AND OWNS ALL THINGS INCLUDING
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GOD WHO MADE THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH,
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PLEASE FIND AN APPROPRIATE PICTURE TO COMPLEMENT THE
STORY OR MEMORY VERSE AND BELOW ARE THE MEMORY VERSES
TO BE CUT OUT AND PLACED WITH THE PICTURE FOR THE SABBATH
SCHOOL NOTEBOOK.

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