1st – 5th Grade Small Group Lesson



Session Title: Paul Preached in Europe

Bible Passage: Acts 17:16-34

Main Point: Paul taught the people in Athens that the one true God sent Jesus to be the Savior.

Key Passage: Acts 1:8

Big Picture Question: How do people hear about Jesus? God uses Christians to tell others about Jesus so they may repent and be saved.

Christ Connection: The men of Athens worshipped a false god whom they did not know. Paul explained to the men God's plan of salvation. He said that God is not like the Greek idols. Only God deserves our worship! Paul talked about Jesus and the resurrection. All people can know God because Jesus took the punishment for sin that separates people from God.

God Is Activity

Materials: Alphabetical attributes (1 sheet per child)

Please print and give everyone a 'God is...' sheet attached below and ask them to write words that describe God next to the letter it begins with. They don't have to go in any certain order on the sheet. Have them raise their hand as they think of the words and share. Help them get creative and think of words that describe God and who HE is. There is a suggestion sheet for the leader to help guide the group if they get stuck.

Wow! We know lots about God. It's amazing to think of how much He has revealed to us in His Word. The people of Athens worshipped an unknown god, but the Bible teaches that God knows us and wants us to know Him as our Father. Paul taught the people in Athens that the one true God sent Jesus to be the Savior. God wants to have a personal relationship with each of us through Jesus. How amazing is that?!

God is...

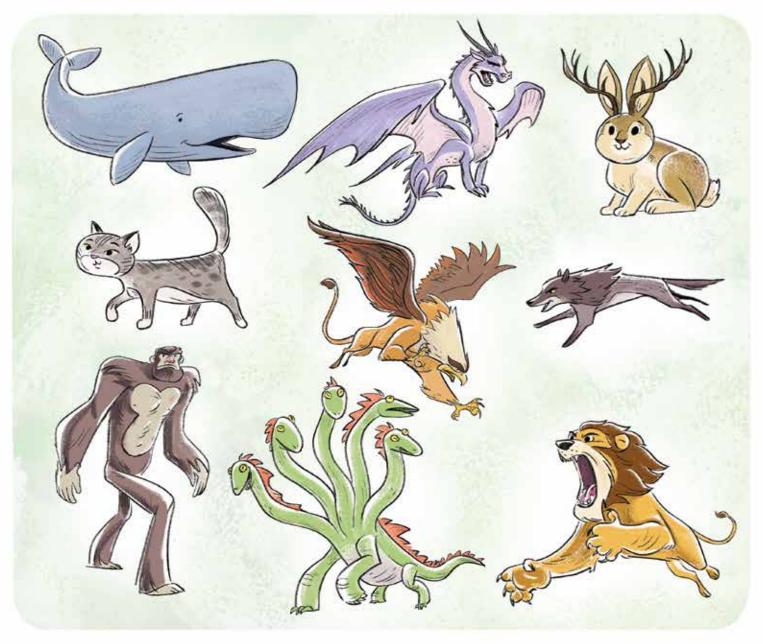
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God is... (suggestion sheet)

- A = All-knowing, Almighty, Alpha, Absolute, Advocate
- **B** = **Bold**, **Beautiful**, **Bread-of-life**, **Boundless**, **Brilliant**
- **C** = Caring, Counselor, Comforter, Creator, Compassionate
- **D** = **Dedicated**, **Decisive**, **Delightful**, **Deliverer**, **Discerning**
- E = Evident, Everlasting, Eternal, Empathic
- F = Faithful, Forgiver, Fair, Father
- **G = Gentle, Guide, Gracious**
- H = Helper, Holy, Healer, Highest
- I = In-control, Instructor, Infinite, Incomparable
- J = Joy, Just
- K = Kind, King of Kings
- L = Love, Leader, Light, Life, Loyal
- M = Mighty, Most High, Merciful, Maker
- N = Nice, Nurturer
- **O** = Omega, Omnipresent, Omnipotent, Omniscient
- **P** = Powerful, Praise-worthy, Present, Patient, Protector
- **Q** = Quiet, Quintessential
- R = Renews us, Revealer, Redeemer, Righteous, Ruler
- S = Strength, Sinless, Sovereign, Sacred
- **T** = Tower, Teacher, Transforms us, Truth, Trustworthy
- **U = Understanding, Unequalled, Uplifting**
- V = Victorious, Valuable
- W = Wonderful, His Will, His Way, Wise
- **X** = **Excellent**
- Y = Yahweh
- Z = Zealous

Real or Fake

INSTRUCTIONS: Circle the pictures of animals that really exist. Cross out the animals that do not exist.





KEY PASSAGE: Acts 1:8

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

• How do people hear about Jesus? God uses Christians to tell others about Jesus so they may repent and be saved.

BIBLE STORY: PAUL PREACHED IN EUROPE

- Paul was sad that the people of Athens had many idols.
- They had an altar to "an unknown god."
- Paul taught the men of Athens that the one true God sent Jesus to be the Savior.
- Some believed Paul, but others rejected the truth.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why is it foolish to trust in idols or false gods?
- How can we know God is real?
- What are some things we trust in besides God?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Go on a nature walk with your family. Discuss how different parts of nature reveal some things about God.
- Pick a historical figure that your family knows little about and research that person together.

Younger Kids Activity Pages Unit 30, Session 5