

WEEK 1

K-4 LESSON



Need to Know: *God Is Real*

Bible Story: *Creation (Genesis 1-2, Romans 1:19-20, Hebrews 1:10-12)*

Circle Up



1. WELCOME kids to our new series, “Mystery Manor,” and TELL them your name. Then SAY: *In this series, we’re going to be like detectives, searching for clues. Together we will solve a mystery and find some answers to questions we have about God! First, we’re going to take some time to get to know each other! We’ll go around the circle, say our names, and tell the group one of your favorite things that God has made.*
2. Once everyone has had a turn to share, SAY: *Thanks for sharing! Everyone, look at the tip of your finger. Do you see the tiny lines that make up your fingerprint? God made those lines when He made you, and no one else has a fingerprint like yours!*
3. SAY: *God made us, the whole world, and everything in it! When we look around and see all that God has made, we can know that God is real! And that’s what we’re learning today! So say this after me:*

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Read the Bible



1. SAY: *We can find more clues that God is real when we look in the Bible!*
2. GIVE each child a **Detective Notes Sheet**, and PLACE the **drawing utensils** in the center of the group.
3. READ the **Bible Story Sheet** to the group, allowing them to fill in their **Detective Notes** as you read.
4. COLLECT the drawing utensils and put them away.

Let's Practice



Option 1: Pictionary

1. SAY: *To help us prove that God is real, we’re going to play a game!*
2. PLAY “Pictionary” by giving one child the **dry erase board**, **dry erase marker**, and **paper towel**. Using the **bag** of **Pictionary Cards**, ALLOW that child to choose a **Card** without showing the rest of the group what it is. READ it to the child if needed, and GIVE the child a few seconds to study it and start drawing the picture. TELL the child that he/she will have fifteen seconds to draw the picture. Once they start, count to fifteen in your head. SAY, “STOP” to let him/her know the time to draw is up.
3. GIVE the group five guesses to name what the child is drawing. If they’ve used all of their guesses, the child will tell the group what is on the **Card**. After the picture is either correctly guessed or revealed, READ the corresponding question from the **Leader Guide**.
4. REPEAT steps two and three until all kids have had a chance to draw or until all the questions have been read from the **Leader Guide**.
5. After the game, COLLECT the **dry erase board**, **dry erase marker**, and **paper towel**. PLACE all **Pictionary Cards** back in the **bag**.
6. **SANITIZE** kids’ hands and SAY: *When we believe that God is real, even though we can’t see Him, we have faith and God rewards us! Review the need to know:*

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Option 2: Color “The Story of Creation” wheels. This is a reminder of what God created each day and shows us that God is real.

Option 3: Group Discussion

1. SHARE with the group about some of your favorite things that God has made and how they help you to know that God is real. MAKE SURE what you share is appropriate for the age group.
 2. GENERATE additional group discussion by asking:
 - *What are some things we see that would be impossible for a human to make?*
 - *How do we know God is real?*
 - *Why do you think God made you?*
 - *How does knowing God is real and that He made you with a purpose help you in your every day life?*
 3. Then REVIEW the Need to Know together: *God Is Real*
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Memorize It 4

1. SAY: *When we have questions about who God is, we can look in the Bible for answers! There's a verse in the Bible that tells us what we'll find when we search for clues about Him! Say it after me:*
 - "But without faith (cover eyes)*
 - no one can please God. (shake head)*
 - We must believe (hand over heart)*
 - that God is real (two thumbs up)*
 - and that He rewards everyone (hand out in front)*
 - who searches for Him." (make binoculars with hands)*Hebrews 11:6 (make book with hands)
 2. PRACTICE saying the verse with the group two times, having them repeat each line.
 3. PLAY "Hot Potato" with the **magnifying glass**. HAVE each child say one word of the memory verse as they quickly pass the **magnifying glass**. The person holding the **magnifying glass** when they say, "six" is out.
 4. CONTINUE playing, in rounds, until only one person is left.
 5. CONGRATULATE the winner and GIVE each child a **Memory Verse Flyer**.
 6. TELL kids that they have the entire series to learn this verse, and if they do, they will win a prize!
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Let's Pray 5

ASK your group for any prayer requests. Then PRAY the following for your group:

- Thank God for making all the things that we see
 - That they would remember and believe that God is real, even though they can't see Him
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Stay Together 6

KEEP kids engaged in Small Group until they are checked out by doing the following activities:

- PLAY another round of "Pictionary," allowing kids to come up with their own objects to draw.
- PLAY "Doggy, Doggy, Where's Your Bone" with the following:
 - HAVE the group close their eyes.
 - GIVE the **magnifying glass** to one child to hide in their lap, behind their back, or around them.
 - HAVE everyone open their eyes. SELECT once child to be the "dog" who is looking for their "bone."
 - ALLOW the child three guesses to guess who is hiding the **magnifying glass**.
 - CONTINUE playing, allowing different kids to hide the **magnifying glass** and be the "dog."
- Finish coloring "creation" wheels.