use with all THREE lessons

Use with all response activities for deeper learning

Questions to aid discussion of the key concepts and for use in games

Be familiar with these questions and answers. Look for opportunities to ask questions and discuss their answers, such as while the children work on their coloring pages, as part of their response games, or during play time. Remember: your goal isn't to ask all these questions or only talk to the children about these things. It is to be deliberate in having good conversations with the children as you are able.

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BIG QUESTION	What's So Special about the Bible? It Alone Is God's Word!
Meaning	There are millions of books in the world, but none is like the Bible. it alone is God's perfect Word! God made sure it was written down just right. It tells us everything we need to know God and to live for Him. It is powerful to do everything God wants it to do. Everything else in this world may come and go, but God's Word will last forever. It will always prove true.
Discussion Questions	 choose a few 1. What's so special about the Bible? It alone is God's Word! 2. How many books are there in the world? Millions! 3. How many books are like the Bible? None! 4. Why is the Bible different from all the other books in the world? It alone is God's Word. 5. What does the Bible tell us about God? Everything we need to know. 6. What does the Bible tell us about how we should live? Everything we need to know. 7. What is the Bible powerful to do? Everything God wants it to do. 8. Will the things in this world last forever? No, they won't. They will come and go. 9. How long will God's Word last? Forever! 10. What will always prove true? The Bible! It is God's perfect Word. 11. Who can help me to understand God's Word, the Bible? God can.
BIBLE TRUTH	The Bible Alone is God's WordIt tells us about God and His plans!
Meaning	Do you know what a plan is? It's thinking about WHAT you want to do before you do it. We make plans most every day. Sometimes our plans work out. Sometimes they don't. That's because our plans are only hopes and guesses. God makes plans, too, but His plans are different. They always happen. They always work out just like He wants them to. They are all good and perfect, just like He is. Some of God's plans are secrets, but some He has shared with us. Can you guess where they are written down? In the Bible! There in His Word, we can read of wonderful God's plan to love and save people through His Son, Jesus. He would make them His special people. Every day of their lives He planned out to be for their good and His glory—to show how good and great He is. And one day, they will go to live with Him forever, just as He planned. God shares His wonderful plans with us because He wants us to turn to Him and be His special people, too. choose a few
Discussion	1. What is a plan? It's thinking about what you want to do before you do it.
Questions	 Do our plans always happen? No. Do God's plans always happen? Yes! Where has God written down His plans for us to know? In His Word, the Bible. Who did God plan to save through Jesus? All who would turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.
THE GOSPEL	What is the best plan that God tells us about in the Bible? The plan to save us! It's the gospel!

Even though we are sinners who deserve God's punishment for our sins, God sent His Son to save us. Jesus lived a perfect life, then He offered it as full payment for sins, when He suffered and died on the cross. On Day Three, He rose from the dead. He had beaten sin and death for God's people! God invites us to become His people, by turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. If we do, His Holy Spirit will come live in our hearts, so we can know and love God now.

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BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE

"I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose...I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it." --Isaiah 46:9-11, ESV

Learn a Little: "I am God, and there is no other... I have purposed, and I will do it."

Meaning

People worship many things, but only the LORD is the one, true God. There is no one like Him! Everything God plans to happen, will happen. Everything God tells us will happen, will happen. Where has God written down many of His plans? In the same book where His many other words are written: in the Bible! It alone is God's Word. God helped godly people write it down just right. We can trust its every word!

Discussion Questions

- 1. Who is God? What is His name? The LORD.
- 2. How many other gods are there besides the LORD? There are no other gods!
- 3. What happens when God plans something? It always happens.
- 4. When does God know how everything will turn out? He knew it from long ago. He even knows it before the world began!
- 5. Where has God written down His plans for us to read about? In the Bible.
- 6. Who did God have write down His plans? Godly people--people who know and love Him.
- 7. Can we trust the Bible? Yes, we can! Every single word.
- 8. Why can we trust the Bible? Because God made sure it was written down just right.

BIBLE STORY

The Case of the New King Matthew 2

Discussion Questions

choose a few

- 1. Who were the exciting strangers who came to Jerusalem? *Magi--important men*.
- 2. Where did the strangers come from? From another country to the east of Israel.
- 3. What did they see in the sky? What did it mean to them? A special star. It meant that a new, great king was born in Israel.
 - 4. Who were the strangers looking for? *The new king of the Jews*.
 - 5. Why did they come to Jerusalem for the new king? *Because Jerusalem was where the kings of Israel had been born and had lived for many years.*
 - 6. What did King Herod think when he heard who the Magi were looking for? He was worried.
 - 7. How did King Herod find out where the child was to be born? He asked the teachers.
 - 8. Why did teachers look in the Bible to find out where the child was born? They believed it was God's Word. It told them about God and His plans. They could trust it to tell them where this special Savior-King from God would be born.
 - 9. Where was the Savior-King to be born? Bethlehem.
 - 10. What did God plan for this child to do? *To be our Savior*.
 - 11. What did King Herod plan to do to this child? He wanted to get rid of him.
 - 12. What did King Herod tell the Magi to do when they found the child? To come back and tell him so he could worship the child, too.
 - 13. What led the Magi to where the child lived? The special star that God put in the sky.
 - 14. What did the Magi find when they went to the house? Mary, Joseph and little Jesus.
 - 15. Why didn't the Magi go back to King Herod? *God warned them in a dream not to go back to Herod.*
 - 16. Whose plans worked out: King Herod's or God's? God's.
 - 17. When do God's plans work out? *Always!*
 - 18. Why can we always trust in God to make His plans written in the Bible to work out? Because God is God! He is all-powerful and wise. He made sure His plans were written down just right in the Bible. And, He makes sure His plans all happen, just as He wants them to.