

5th Grade

Unit 2: God the Father and Creation

Truth 9: God is everywhere.

INTRODUCTIONS/ WEEKLY TRUTH:

- **Booklet:** Write today's truth: "God is everywhere."

MEMORY WORK: Lead the group in a discussion about why memorization is important when it comes to scripture and other important works of faith. See if they remember the following points:

- **Booklet:** Have kids write the unit Bible verse: [Revelation 4:11~ Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.](#)
- **Game:** Reinforce the verse for today by using one of the activities in the Memory Verse Activity Box.

BIBLE TRIVIA

- **Booklet:** Instruct kids to fill in the blanks for the following Bible trivia and then go over the answers as a class. Use one of the games from the list to review the answers.
 8. [The books of the Bible are not in order of when they happened and many stories of the Bible are found in more than one book.](#)
 9. [God created the world in six days.](#)
 10. [On the first day God separated the light from the darkness. On the second day God separated the atmosphere from the waters.](#)
 11. [On the third day God separated the water from the dry land and filled them with plants. On the fourth day God filled the sky with the sun, moon, and stars.](#)
- **Game:** Reinforce today's trivia by doing an activity from the Trivia list.

APOSTLE'S CREED: Recite the Apostles' Creed together. Point out that the Apostle's Creed begins with "I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth..." Explain that you're currently studying attributes of God, and today you will learn that as the creator of heaven and earth, God is in all places at once.

DISCUSSION:

Read Jeremiah 23:23-24.

[What does it mean when something is 'at hand'?](#) (It is nearby, so close, you could touch it.)

[God is asking a question about where He is. What does He seem to be saying?](#) (God is saying that He is both nearby and far away at the same time. He fills the entire earth.)

[What does it mean to 'fill' something? What then, does this mean about where God is?](#) (Scripture doesn't say that God moves from one place to another on the Earth. Instead it says that He 'fills' it, meaning He is in the entire Earth all at once.)

Read Psalm 139:7-10.

[What are some opposites you see in these verses? \(up to heavens / down to depths; east and west\)](#)

[Why do you think the writer of this Psalm uses these opposites?](#) (Help kids to see that the writer is trying to show us the opposite extremes of places, and how God is everywhere at once.)

Verse 7 says we can never escape from God. Why then is verse 10 comforting? *(Help kids to see that it would be terrifying if we could never escape an evil God, but verse 10 shows us that God is good. He is always present to guide us in ways that are for our good and for his glory.)*

Extended Discussion: The truth that we're talking about today has a very fancy name. It is called the omnipresence of God. 'Omni' means 'all or many', so God's presence is in all places at once. Knowing that God is everywhere at once can be a comfort to us as believers. Think of some ways that this can guide and comfort you.

Possible answers:

- When we pray for others, we know that God is with us in our prayer and with the person we're praying for at the same time.
- God can always be with us in times of celebration and struggle.
- Even though among people there are things that happen in secret. God is everywhere and sees all of it.
- God can be with you always even as He is with your family, your friends and believers around the world.
- Because God is everywhere at once, He can act on everything at once. He can be with a boy who has lost his parents in India while He's with a grandma who is in the hospital in China. He can help a new mom with her baby in England, while He's listening to your dinnertime prayers at home.

Summary: God is everywhere. That means wherever you are, you can count on God and call on him. If you climb the highest mountain, God is there. If you sink to the bottom of the ocean, God is there. If you travel to a space station, God is there. This also means there is no place you can ever hide from God. Because God is everywhere, he knows what you are happy about and what you are sad about. He knows everything about every person, in every country, all at the same time. Any of God's children can pray to him at any time and be certain that he hears them!

PRAYER: Ask kids if they have any prayer requests. Lead the kids in reciting the **Lord's Prayer** together, then pray as you feel led.

SNACK AND COMMUNITY TIME: Pass out snacks and water if needed. Spend the rest of the time in fellowship or consider doing a communal game from the list if kids are getting antsy and need more structure.

- **Memory Challenges:** Allow any kids who want to attempt one of the memory challenges to do so.