

5th Grade

Unit 2: God the Father and Creation

Truth 6: God always was and always will be.

INTRODUCTIONS/ WEEKLY TRUTH:

- **Worksheet:** Write today's truth: "God always was and always will be."

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:

- **Worksheet:** 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

- **Worksheet:** Have kids fill in the blanks for the following Bible trivia and then go over the answers as a class.
 5. [The New Testament records Jesus' life and after Jesus' life.](#)
 6. [There are 39 books in the Old Testament.](#)
 7. [There are 27 books in the New Testament.](#)
 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.](#)
- **Game:** Reinforce today's trivia by doing an activity from the Trivia list. Add in a selection of any previously learned trivia from the list in your leader's guide.

APOSTLE'S CREED: Recite the Apostles' Creed together explaining that it is a summary of what Christians believe. 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. Today kids will learn that God is eternal.

DISCUSSION: *Last week we discussed how the Bible is all about Jesus. For the next few weeks we will learn about the attributes of God.

Read Psalm 102:25-27.

[Did God exist before the creation of the world?](#) (Verse 25 tells us that God made the earth and the heavens, so he existed before them.)

[How do the things we see around us compare to God?](#) (The things all around us "pass away" and "wear out" and will be "thrown away." The Bible says that God will "remain the same," and his years "will never end.")

Read Psalm 90:2.

[If you had to describe the meaning of the phrase "from everlasting to everlasting," how would you describe it?](#) (Encourage discussion.)

[Is there anything other than God that you could describe as "everlasting to everlasting"?](#) (Encourage discussion.)

Extended Discussion: The question of eternity is very hard to grasp. What are some ways we can try to understand the passage of such great amounts of time? Write down your answers in your discussion space before giving your answers out loud.

- How old do you think the oldest person in the Bible was? (Methuselah - 969)
- How old do you think the oldest tree in the world is? (Show kids a picture of the Great Basin Bristlecone Pine. This species has been deemed the oldest tree in existence, and is estimated to be thousands of years old.)
- What is something that existed before you were born that is in your house? (Encourage Discussion.)
- What do you think will last long after you are gone? (Encourage Discussion)
- What is a very strong material? (iron, stone, steel, concrete, wood)
- Will any of these materials last forever? (No, they will all eventually break, erode, rust, or decay)
- Can you name anything in existence that never breaks and will last forever? (only God!)

Summary: Oak trees sprout from acorns and toads begin as tadpoles, but God never had a beginning. When you look at photos of yourself that were taken years ago, you can see how much you've grown and changed. But there was never a time when God was smaller or younger. God is the same today as he was yesterday, and God will be the same tomorrow. That means that God is eternal. No matter how far you think back into the distant past, God has always lived. No matter how far you think ahead into the distant future, God will always be there.

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 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.



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Verses: Psalm 102:25-27 and Psalm 90:2

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Family Discussion Questions:

- How do we know that God existed before the world was created?
- What will eventually happen to all of the things in creation? How is God different?
- How does it feel to know that you have a God that is everlasting?