

MD KIDS CURRICULUM: THE BASICS

Week One: Who Is God?

To the Teacher:

This month we will be reminding ourselves who we are at Missio Dei and what we believe. We will do this by using four questions: Who is God, What has He done, Who are we in light of this, and How can we now live? The Goal is that we can better understand ourselves as we more fully see God.

- **Big Idea:** We can know the God who has created all things... and as we know Him we can better know ourselves.
- **Question:** If you had a friendship with God, what would that look like?
Explain: In a friendship, you know things about the other person, how they act and who they are. This morning we are going to talk about knowing God, which helps us to know ourselves better because He made us!
- **Starter:** 'Reading Backwards'
Write a sentence on the board or display it on the screen backwards. Have the kids try to read it: DOOG SI DOG

It makes a lot more sense when we read it the right way! GOD IS GOOD

Ask: Who is the Bible about? Who is the hero or the main character? Often we read the Bible as a list of things we need to do, but that's actually reading it backwards! The Bible is the True Story of who God is and what He has done. If we see it as God's Story first, it helps us understand our place in His Story.

The next few weeks we'll look at these four questions:

- 1) Who is God?
- 2) What has He done?
- 3) Who are we?
- 4) How can we live?

The order of these questions matter! We can only find our true identity (who we are) in light of who God is and what He has done for us.

This first week we will answer the question, Who is God, by seeing four truths about Him:

God is Great, God is Glorious, God is Good, God is Gracious

- **Scripture:** Psalm 145:3-13

Have the kids listen for the four words: **Great, Glorious, Good, Gracious

3 The Lord is **great** and is highly praised;
his **greatness** is unsearchable.

4 One generation will declare your works to the next
and will proclaim your mighty acts.

5 I will speak of your splendor and **glorious** majesty
and your wondrous works.

6 They will proclaim the power of your awe-inspiring acts,
and I will declare your **greatness**.

7 They will give a testimony of your **great goodness**
and will joyfully sing of your righteousness.

8 The Lord is **gracious** and compassionate,
slow to anger and **great** in faithful love.

9 The Lord is **good** to everyone;
his compassion rests on all he has made.

10 All you have made will thank you, Lord;
the faithful will bless you.

11 They will speak of the **glory** of your kingdom
and will declare your might,

12 informing all people of your mighty acts
and of the **glorious** splendor of your kingdom.

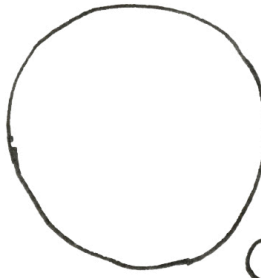
13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule is for all generations.

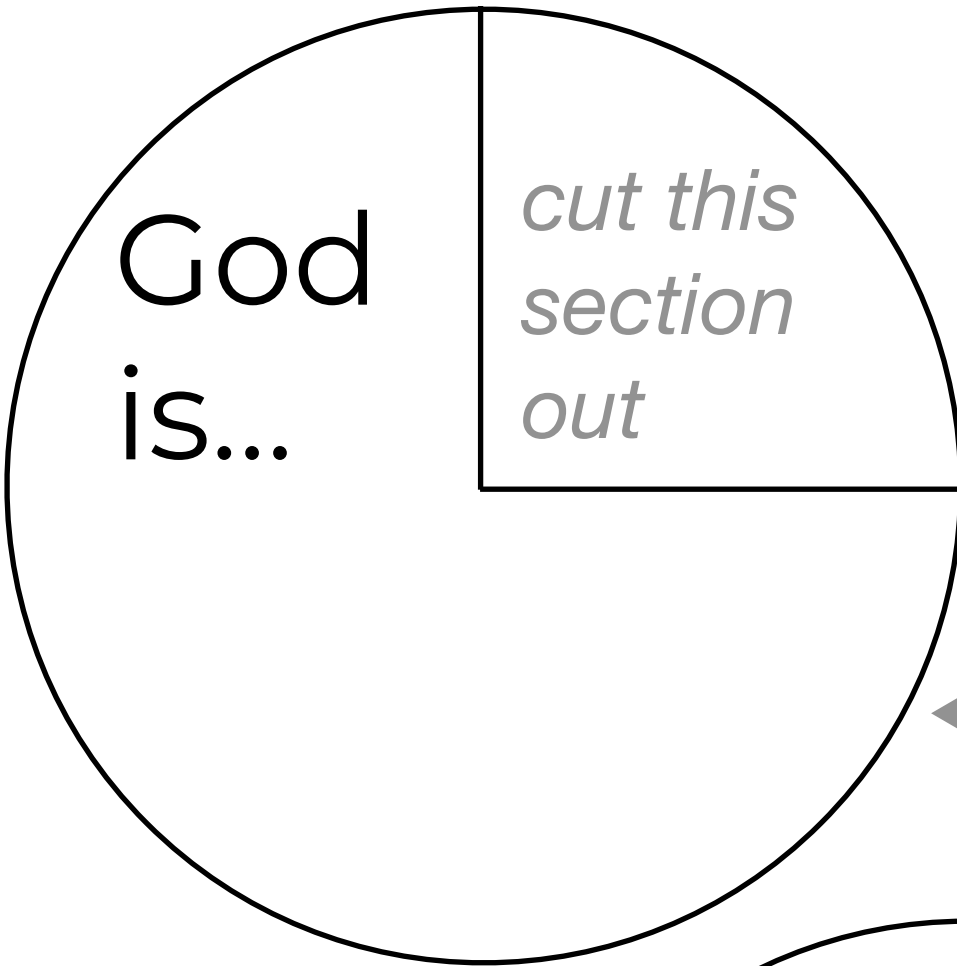
The Lord is faithful in all his words
and **gracious** in all his actions.

[Things to Point Out]

- Ask: What does *Great* mean?
 - This word means that He is so powerful, mighty, and in control of all things! Another word for this is 'sovereign'.
 - Ask: *What are some things you try to have control over?*
 - If God is mighty and in control, then that means we don't have to be in control because He is! So we say...
 - **God is Great, so I don't have to be in control.**
- Ask: What does *Glorious* mean?
 - When something is glorious, it means it's important and worth looking at.
 - Ask: *What are some things that seem so important they are scary? What are some things you fear?*

- God's glory means He is bigger and more important than all other people or things - and He is the One we should look to. So we say...
- **God is Glorious, so I don't have to fear others.**
- Ask: What does *Good* mean?
 - Good can mean morally good (like a good person who does the right thing), or satisfyingly good (as in, this ice cream is really good, or it is good to spend time with friends).
 - Ask: *What do you wish you had so you could be more happy?*
 - God is good in all of these ways! He is the One who always does what is right and perfect, AND He is the only One who satisfies our needs. So we say...
 - **God is Good, so I don't have to look elsewhere for my satisfaction.**
- Ask: What does *Gracious* mean?
 - When someone gives you grace, it means they give you something good that you do not deserve or that they do something loving when you do not deserve it.
 - Ask: Have you ever done something wrong and needed someone to forgive you?
 - God is the One we all need forgiveness from and He gives it to us! Not only does He forgive, but He graciously gives us good gifts as His children. If God loves us this way, we don't need to worry about what others think about us. So we say...
 - **God is Gracious, so I don't have to prove myself.**
- **Prayer:**
God, thank You that we can know You! Help us to know You more and more each day, how great, glorious, good, and gracious You truly are. Amen.
- **Craft:**
 - Use the coloring page attached
 - OR kids can decorate and construct the 4G's pinwheel attached
- **BLESS Activity:**
For kids to do during the week
 - **Listen:** Take some time to pray this week asking God to reveal who He is to you. After you ask Him, spend time just listening. Don't talk, don't use media or anything distracting. Just listen.





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