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God Is Holy



Introduction Activity (5 Minutes)

Option 1: Paper Object Lesson

What You'll Need: Two sheets of plain, white paper, black marker

PREP:

STEP 1: Step 1: Hold up a sheet of white paper. Ask kids to identify several wrong choices kids their age might make (e.g., disobeying their parents, lying to a teacher or friend, cheating on a test). For every wrong choice a kid suggests, draw a mark on the paper. Then ask the following questions:

- What makes a choice good or bad?
- Does God ever make a wrong choice?

STEP 2: Share these key concepts:

- We all make wrong choices. No one is perfect or holy because we are all sinners.
- A sin is anything we think, say, or do that disobeys God.
- God never has trouble making right choices. He is holy, which means He is perfect, without sin, and always does what is right.

STEP 3: Transition into the main lesson by opening in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help you and your kids understand the importance that God is holy.

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Option 2: Imitation Game

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What You'll Need: Nothing

STEP 1: Ask kids to imitate everything you do. Begin making simple hand and body motions and move to faster and more complex motions, making it difficult for kids to keep up. Continue this game for a few minutes. Then ask the following questions:

- Did you find it easy or hard to imitate (leader's name)?
- Do you think it would be easy or hard to try to imitate God? Why?

STEP 2: Share these key concepts:

- We would have a hard time trying to imitate God because we all make wrong choices.
- No one is perfect or holy because we are all sinners.
- God never has trouble making right choices. He is holy, which means He is perfect, without sin, and always does what is right.

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Main Lesson (10 Minutes)

Option 1: Revelation 4:8b Poster Activity

What You'll Need: Bibles, seven sheets of card stock or poster board, markers (*Leader's Note: Larger clubs may divide into smaller groups to complete the activity.*)

PREP: Mark Bibles to Revelation 4:8b.

STEP 1: Read or recite this week's memory verse, Revelation 4:8b. Repeat the verse a second time, pausing after each phrase.

Share these key concepts:

- The verse calls God "holy" three times. That means that God is perfect and without sin. Nothing or no one can ever come close to being holy like He is.
- The almighty God is strong and more powerful than anyone or anything.
- God has always been alive and will always be alive. He never changes!

STEP 2: Help kids learn their verse with the following activity. Have kids work in groups of two or three. Give each group a marked Bible, a sheet of card stock or poster board, and several markers. Assign one of the following words or phrases to each group. Give kids three minutes to write in large letters their word or phrase on the front and a picture on the back that depicts their word or phrase.

(Note: Some kids can do more than one poster.)

Holy

Holy

Holy

Is the Lord God Almighty

Who was

And Is

And is to come!

Revelation 4:8b

STEP 3: After three minutes, have each pair share their section of the verse, along with their pictures. Have kids stand in a circle with their posters in the correct order, words or phrases facing out. One at a time, point to each pair and have them hold up their word or phrase. Have all the class read the word or phrase out loud. Repeat the activity two more times, getting faster each time.

If time allows, have kids turn their papers so the picture faces out. Repeat the activity using the pictures in place of the words.

Step 4: Share these key concepts:

- Our amazing God is perfect and without sin. He has never done anything wrong, and He will never do anything wrong (Revelation 4:8b).
- We are sinful humans because we are related to the first man, Adam, who is a sinner. Because we are sinners, we do not seek after God on our own.
- We can know how to be right with God when we study the Bible. God gives us His Word to teach, correct, and train us (2 Timothy 3:16).
- Once we trust Christ as Savior, God forgives our sins, and we become Holy in His sight! The Holy Spirit lives inside us and helps us make right choices and be more like Christ (Romans 8:9-11).

STEP 5: Follow up with Lesson Application questions and Sum It Up statements from the Large Group Guide.

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Option 2: What is right?

What You'll Need: Paper, pens or pencils
(Leader's Note: Larger clubs may divide into smaller groups to complete the activity.)

STEP 1: Divide kids into four pairs or groups, and assign a leader to each group. Give each group a sheet of paper and a pen or pencil. Give each group one of the following topics, and encourage a kid from each group to write down the topic:

- Obeying/disobeying parents
- Lying/telling the truth to a teacher
- Making fun of/being kind to a friend
- Getting along with/fighting with a sibling

Give groups three minutes to brainstorm a scenario in which kids would have to make a right or wrong decision.

STEP 2: Ask: Why is it sometimes hard for us to make the right choices? (Guide kids to see that we make wrong choices because we are sinners.)

Share these key concepts:

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- We are sinful humans because we are related to the first man, Adam, who is a sinner. Because we are sinners, we do not seek after God on our own (Romans 3:10).
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STEP 4: Redirect each group's attention back to their topics. Ask: How can knowing God is holy help you make the right choices in each of these situations? Give groups a few minutes to discuss the question. Then, as time allows, call on a volunteer from each group to share the group's answer.

Step 5: Follow up with Lesson Application questions and Sum It Up statements from the Large Group Guide.