

Younger Kids

God

God is Perfect

God's Creation Scavenger Hunt

Find natural items (smooth stones, unique leaves, colorful flowers) and discuss how God made each one perfectly unique and amazing.

"Right in Place" Object Lesson

Use puzzle pieces or different-shaped blocks to show how God perfectly fits everything together in His creation, including each child.

Animal Action Verse Game

Write down amazing animal actions (like giraffe stretching high, a monkey swinging) on paper, have kids pick one, act it out, and say a verse like "God is so creative!"

Scripture and Memory Games

Bible Verse Relay

Write a verse (e.g., Matthew 19:26) on strips of paper and have teams race to put them in the correct order.

"God is..." Beanbag Toss

Partners toss a beanbag; as they toss/catch, they say "God is..." and complete the phrase (powerful, loving, perfect, etc)

Hand Motion Scripture

Have kids create unique hand motions for Bible verses to help them remember, like a motion for "possible" or "creator."

Object Lessons and Crafts

Potato and Straw Lesson

Show how a straw can pierce a potato (seemingly impossible) while saying Matthew 19:26, illustrating God's power.

Royal Crowns Craft

Make crowns to show kids they are royalty because they are God's special, perfect children.

Kindness Jar

Fill a jar with simple acts of kindness (help a sibling, clean up), letting kids pick one to show God's love in action.

Key Concepts to Emphasize

God's Provision

Point out little blessings (a sunny day, a favorite snack) as proof of His perfect care.

God's Power

Discuss how nothing is impossible for God, referencing Bible stories like the Red Sea crossing.

Our Value

Reinforce that they are wonderfully made and unique, just like His creation

God is Creator and Worthy to be Praised

God as Creator Activities

Creation Scavenger Hunt

Go on a walk (indoors or out) with a Bible. Point out elements (sky, plants, animals, water), read Genesis 1, and discuss how God made them and why they're good, praising Him for each.

Seven Days of Creation Sticks

Decorate 7 popsicle sticks with drawings/words for each day (light, sky/water, plants, sun/moon, animals, rest) and use them as a game or reminder.

Light and Dark Exploration

Use a flashlight in a dark room to show God creating light; discuss how we need light and how God made it.

Sensory God's Goodness

Have kids smell and taste different things (fruits, spices) and describe how good they are, attributing that goodness to God, the kind Creator.

"God Made Me Special" Mosaic

Trace hands or bodies and glue colorful paper pieces onto them, discussing how God uniquely made each person, referencing Psalm 139.

God is Worthy to be Praised Activities

Praise Tower

Use blocks or craft materials to build the tallest tower possible, discussing how God's power and greatness are far bigger than anything we build, as in Psalm 145.

Creation Praise Song/Chant

Create simple songs or chants about God's amazing creation, incorporating actions for animals, sun, and sea

Nature's Majesty Walk

Find something beautiful in nature (a leaf, a flower, a cloud) and spend time marveling at its detail, declaring, "God is great and worthy of praise!"

"Who Made This?" Game

Show pictures of majestic things (mountains, oceans, galaxies) and ask, "Who made this?" leading to praise for God's unsearchable greatness.

Discussion Starters

- What's your favorite thing God made and why do you think He made it so beautifully/deliciously?
- How do you reflect God's goodness/love/creativity in your life?
- What does the Bible say about God's greatness? (Psalm 145)

God is Everywhere

Creative and Craft Activities

Omnipresence Collage

Give kids paper or a large map; have them draw or paste pictures (home, park, bedroom) and write "God is here!" or a Bible verse (Psalm 139) to show He's in all places.

"God's Imprints" Nature Art

Take kids outside to make leaf or flower prints using a hammer and napkin on paper to see God's fingerprints in nature.

Superpower Attribute Drawing

Ask about superpowers, then explain God's omnipresence is His special power, having kids draw pictures of God being everywhere.

Games and Movement

"God is Everywhere" Scavenger Hunt

Send them to find items representing God's presence (a leaf, a stone, a flower) in nature or even around the house.

"Can't Be in Two Place" Demon

Show you can't be in classroom and the playroom at once, then explain God *can* be everywhere, making it relatable.

Bible Story Charades

Act out Bible stories (like Noah, David, Jesus's miracles) to show God's involvement in every part of life.

Discussion and Prayer

Bible Story Narration

Have kids retell familiar Bible stories, pointing out where God was with the characters.

Prayer Journal

Teach them to talk to God anywhere, anytime (in the car, at school), turning prayer into a normal daily habit.

“Be Strong and Courageous” Focus

Use Joshua 1:9 (I will be with you always) to highlight that even when unseen, God’s promise means He’s present and working.

God Hears and Answers Prayers

Hands-On Prayer Activities

Answered Prayer Jar

Decorate a jar and have kids write answered prayers on slips of paper to put inside, celebrating when it’s full.

Doodle Prayer

Give kids paper and markers to draw prayers for others, a silent way to communicate needs.

Prayer Telephone

Play like the regular game, but whisper prayer requests or phrases like “God hears me,” showing He understands even when our words get mixed up.

Prayer Board/Stations

Use a bulletin board or designated area with pictures, magnetic letters, and different textures for kids to create and display prayer requests.

Memory Verse Relay

Hide verses about prayer (e.g., Jeremiah 33:3, Matthew 7:7) and have teams race to find and put them in order.

Connecting to Scripture and Stories

Bible Story Acting

Act out stories like Hannah praying for Samuel or Daniel in the lion’s den to show prayer in action

What Would You Ask?

Discuss Bible characters and ask kids what they'd pray for in that situation, linking to God's faithfulness.

Daily Faith Practices

Quiet Listening Time

Practice sitting quietly for a few minutes, asking kids what they "heard" or felt from God.

Prayer Prompts

Use conversation starters or "prayer prompts" at meals to make talking to God a normal, everyday thing.

Model Prayer

Let kids see *you* praying and thanking GOd for answered prayers in your own life.

God Helps and Provides for His People

Hands-On Crafts and Activities

Provider Altar

Have kids write or draw ways God provides (home friends, food) on paper "stones," then glue them into a cup or bowl to create a reminder altar.

God's Creation Scavenger Hunt

Explore nature to find things God made, discussing how He sustains creation and us.

Kindness Jar

Decorate a jar and have kids write or draw acts of kindness to do for others, reinforcing GOd's giving nature.

Bookmark Ministry

Kids draw pictures or write verses on bookmarks; adults pray for the child and send encouraging notes

Games and Storytelling

Bible Story Relay

Act out or race to put Bible verses in order (e.g., crossing the Red Sea, Noah's Ark), focusing on God's help in tough times.

David and Goliath Knockdown

Use soft blocks and balls to act out the story, emphasizing faith over size.

Follow the Leader: Jesus Edition

Kids follow simple actions demonstrating how to follow Jesus's example.

Storytelling and Prayer

Read Bible stories about provision (manna, feeding the 5000), then have kids draw pictures or pray about how God provides for *them*

Service and Reflection

"Helping Hands" Relay

A game where kids work together to complete tasks, showing teamwork and asking for help, just like we ask God.

Family Appreciation

Make cards or simple desserts for family members, sharing thanks for how God protects and blesses them.

"Take Care" Project

A simple cleanup project (like picking up litter) to learn stewardship of God's world.

Key Bible Stories to Focus On

Noah's Ark

God's promise and provision through the flood

Manna in the Wilderness

God providing daily food.

David and Goliath

God giving courage and strength

Jesus Calms the Storm

Jesus's power over chaos

God Shows Love to His People

Creative and Craft Activities

Kindness Jar/Coupon Book

Kids write acts of kindness (or coupons for chores/cuddles) on slips, pulling one out to do for family or friends, showing love in action.

Gospel Bracelet

String colored beads (gray=sin, red=blood, white=forgiveness, green=growth, yellow=heaven) on a lanyard to tell the story of salvation and G0d's love.

Heart Art

Draw or cut out hearts, write things they love or ways to show love, then share and pray about showing kindness to someone on their list.

Tube Puppets

Use paper towel tubes to act out Bible stories, like Jesus welcoming children, to understand His love through play.

Story and Scripture Activities

Bible Storytelling

Narrate Bible stories about God's love (creation, Jesus's life) and let kids ask questions to connect personally

Verse Challenge

Use a simple Bible verse about love (like 1 John 4:19) and have kids find it in their Bibles, learning how God's love leads to loving others.

“Love” Song and Action

Sing songs like “Jesus Said Love Everyone,” putting hands on hearts at the word “love” and spreading them out to share it.

Hands-On Love in Action

Immediate Prayer

When a need arises (e.g., someone is sad), stop and pray for that person right then and there.

Acts of Service

Have kids do chores for parents, make a meal for a new family, or leave encouraging notes for teachers or neighbors.

“You are Loved” Chain

Make paper chains where each link says “God loves [Name]” and everyone links them together, or have kids point to each other saying, “Heavenly Father loves [Name]”

God Loves People Enough to Provide Forgiveness for Their Wrong Choices

Hands-On Crafts and Lessons

Wrinkled Paper/Knot Lesson

Start with a flat paper (our clean heart). Have kids crumple it (representing a mistake/sin) and try to smooth it out (representing forgiveness). Explain that while God forgives, the paper never goes back perfectly flat, showing we should try to do better next time, or use knots to show how unforgiveness tangles us up.

Forgiveness Soap

Give each child a bar of soap and a paper wrapper. Have them write or draw their sins on the paper, then wrap the soap. Explain that when we ask God for forgiveness, He washes our sins away like soap washes dirt off our hands, making us clean.

Forgiveness Chain/Tree

Make a paper chain or draw a tree. Each time someone does something wrong and asks for forgiveness, or when you forgive someone else, add a link or a paper leaf/flower to the chain/tree, showing how God's forgiveness builds up and makes things beautiful.

Interactive Games and Role-Play

Happy/Sad Face Game

Use two walls with happy/sad faces. Describe unkind actions and ask kids to point to which face the action/reaction makes them feel, discussing better, loving responses.

Forgiveness Role-Play

Act out common scenarios (e.g., sharing toys, saying mean things) and practice forgiving each other or asking for forgiveness, reinforcing that God wants us to love and forgive like He does.

"Brick" Activity

Have kids carry a brick (or heavy object) representing unforgiveness, feeling its weight. Then, have them set it down as you talk about God freeing us from the burden of our sins.

Storytelling and Discussion

Bible Stories

Focus on stories like the Prodigal Son (God's amazing welcome) or the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant, using simple language to explain how much God forgives us and how we should then forgive others (Matthew 18:21-35)

"God Forgives Me" Prayer Practice

Teach simple prayers like, "God, I'm sorry for _____. Please forgive me and help me make a better choice next time," linking it to Bible verses like 1 John 1:9

Keeping Records

Discuss how God keeps no record of wrongs (1 Corinthians 13:4-7) and how we can try to let go of grudges, even if it's hard, because God forgives us so freely.

God Tells People to Worship Him and Tell Others About Him

Activities for Worshiping God

Bible Story Skits

Assign kids Bible stories (like David playing harp, Daniel in the lions' den) to act out, showing how people praised God in different situations.

Worship in a Box

Decorate a box and fill it with items representing praise: a small bell, colorful ribbons, a simple instrument (shaker), and pictures of nature. Kids can use these to express worship.

Praise Dance/Movement

Put on worship songs and encourage kids to move freely, raising hands or bending knees as they feel led, showing worship is physical too.

Gratitude Jar

Decorate jars and have kids write or draw things they're thankful for daily, reading them aloud to God.

Activities for Telling Others (Evangelism)

"Good News" Sidewalk Chalk

Write verses and simple "God loves you!" messages on sidewalks or driveways for neighbors to see.

Bible Character CHARades

Kids act out Bible characters (like Noah, Esther) for others to guess, then discuss how those characters shared God's story.

Missionary Mementos

Make simple crafts (bracelets, cards) with Christian symbols to give to friends, family, or mail to missionaries, symbolizing sharing God's love.

“What’s Your Story?” Game

Kids share a favorite Bible story (their “story”) and talk about why it’s important to them, practicing telling others.

Connecting Both Ideas

“Our Amazing Story” Mural

Create a large timeline or mural of Bible stories, highlighting moments of worship and sharing, linking them together to show God’s consistent love.

Prayer Partners

Pair kids up to pray for each other’s burdens and for opportunities to share God’s love, reflecting Galatians 6:2 (to bear one another’s burdens).

God is Powerful and in Control of All Things

Hands-On Demonstrations

Control Loop Train

Write things God controls (e.g., “my school,” “the weather”) on paper strips, loop them together like a paper chain, and discuss how God links and manages everything.

Gravity-Defying Glass

Fill a glass with water, cover with an index card, invert over a bowl, then remove your hand to show how God seals and protects believers

(<https://betterbibleteachers.com/16-exciting-object-lessons-on-gods-love-power-and-strength/>)

Stormy/Calm Water Bottles

Have kids shake water bottles (representing scary storms/fears) and then hold them still (representing God’s calm) while praying for peace

Creative and Active Games

Hand Squeeze Relay

In lines, pass a hand squeeze; the last person runs to a wall. Relate the strength of the line to God’s all-powerful strength over the world.

Bubble Control

Blow bubbles and let kids pop them (no control). Then blow bubbles and forbid popping, discussing self-control and God's control.

Bible 20 Questions

Use yes/no questions to guess a Bible person, place, or concept, demonstrating wisdom and knowledge

Creative Expression

“Almighty” Art

Draw or write about God being “Almighty,” illustrating Bible stories (like Gideon) or writing memory verses to visualize His power

Verse Cards

Write encouraging Bible verses about God's power on cards to give to people (sick friends, teachers) to share His strength.

God is Fair and Can be Trusted

Activities for Fairness

Snack Time Discussion

Offer different snacks (crackers, pretzels, fruit) and ask if it's fair for everyone to have different things (Yes, because God gives different gifts). Then ask if it's fair if only one person got a snack (No). Connect this to God providing for everyone's needs, even with different blessings.

Parable of the Workers

Read or summarize Matthew 20 (Workers in the vineyard), focusing on how God's generosity is *more* than fair, giving grace and love beyond just “fairness.”

“Fair” and “Generous” Sorting

Use pictures or words (e.g., sharing toys, helping a friend, getting a treat) and have kids sort them into “fair” or “God is generous” categories, explaining how God's love is often overflowing.

Activities for Trustworthiness

Trustworthy Art

Give kids paper and markers to draw or write “TRUSTWORTHY” and illustrate a Bible story where God was trustworthy (like Daniel in the den, or Noah).

Bible Story Scavenger Hunt

Hide items related to stories (a toy ark, a small lion) and have kids find them, retelling how God protected His people.

Jar of Water Object Lesson

Use a jar with a hidden mesh in the lid, filled with water. Show how it stays full when turned upside down, illustrating that even when things seem illogical (like trusting God in tough spots), His promises hold firm through hidden ways.

Follow the Leader (Jesus Edition)

Play follow the leader, but have kids state *why* they are following the leader (e.g., “I’m following because you’re showing kindness”) to connect actions to faith.

General Tips for 7-8 Year Olds

Use Concrete Examples

Connect abstract ideas like “fair” and “trust” to stories and everyday actions.

Encourage Questions

Let them ask what they think and feel about God’s character

Prayer

Make talking to God normal, thanking Him for His fairness and faithfulness.

Actions and Motions

Create simple hand motions for concepts like “trustworthy” (clasping hands) or “knowing” (tapping head) to aid memory.

God Knows All Things

Bible 20 Questions

Teams ask yes/no questions to guess a Bible character or story, highlighting God's knowledge of all events.

"Secret" Drawing/Guessing

One child thinks of something specific (animal, object, Bible character), and the others ask yes/no questions to guess, emphasizing God knows the answer instantly.

"God's-Eye View" Acting

Kids act out simple Bible stories (Noah's Ark, David and Goliath) from different perspectives (Noah, the raven, Goliath, David), discussing how God saw the whole event.

Creative and Object Lessons

Pom-Pom Magic Trick

Use a magic prop (like a pom-pom stick) to "predict" a number chosen by kids, demonstrating how God knows things before they happen

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Mirrors and God's Knowledge

Give kids small mirrors, asking them to look at themselves, then discuss how God sees them, knows their thoughts, and knows everything about them, inside and out.

"All-Knowing" Scavenger Hunt

Hide a simple object; the kids can't find it, but you (as God) "know" exactly where it is and give clues, showing God's perfect knowledge of locations.

Storytelling and Discussion

Bible Story Focus

Pick stories where God's knowledge is key (Joseph's dreams, Daniel in the lions' den, Jonah and the fish) and discuss *how* God knew what would happen or what was inside people.

“God Knows My Heart” Journaling

Provide simple journals where kids can write or draw things they think about, fears, or secret hopes, and talk about how God already knows these things.

Practical Application

Prayer Time

Encourage them to pray about things they are worried about or want to share, reminding them God already knows and hears them.

Scripture Songs

Use simple songs or memory verses about God’s knowledge (Psalm 139, Jeremiah 17:10) to help them internalize the truth.

God is Real, the Only True God

Experiencing God’s Power and Presence (The “Only True God” Concept)

Creation Scavenger Hunt

Go outside and find items (a feather, a smooth stone, a unique leaf) that show God’s incredible design, discussing how only the “Master Designer” (God) could make such variety.

Real vs. Fake Object Lesson

Use playdough food vs. real food, or a toy car vs. a real car to discuss how God is the ultimate, real thing and other things (idols, worldly desires) are just poor copies.

“Simon Says” (Daniel Style)

Play “Simon Says” but frame it around the story of Daniel and his friends. Use commands like “Simon says touch your nose,” then “Simon says bow down to the *King’s* statue!” (to teach they only bow to God), and finally “Simon says bow down to *God!*”

The Unmovable Table

Have kids try to push a heavy table together. Then, talk about how God, with just a word, could move the whole thing, showing His immense power compared to their effort.

Learning God's Attributes (He's Real and Unique)

God's Creation Walk and Talk

Take a walk, pointing out mountains, stars, flowers, and wind. Discuss how these things declare God's glory, making Him real through His works.

"God is the Only One" Drawing

Have kids draw themselves, then their parents, then God. Discuss how their drawings are limited, but God is bigger than any picture, emphasizing His greatness and uniqueness.

"My God is So Great" Songs/Chants

Sing songs like "My God is So Great" or create your own chants about God's power, using actions to represent His might (e.g., big arms for "great," pointing up for "high").

Bible 20 QUESIONS

One person thinks of a Bible character or concept (like a powerful prophet), and others ask yes/no questions to guess. This reinforces God's unique stories and characters

Crafts and Creative Activities

Nature Imprints

Use hammers to gently pound leaves and flowers onto paper (or a napkin) to make prints, showing God's beautiful, detailed work.

Crowns of Creation

Make simple crowns from sticks, leaves, and tape, symbolizing that God is the King of all creation, making them royal children of the one true God.

God is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

Creative and Craft Activities

Shamrock Trinity Craft

Use a three-leaf clover (shamrock) and decorate each leaf to represent the Father (heart), Son (cross), and Holy Spirit (dove).

Holy Spirit Wind Painting

Blobs of paint on paper are blown with straws to create “windy” art, symbolizing the unseen power of the Spirit (Acts 2).

My Life is His Home

Decorate paper people figures to look like themselves, linking hands to form a “house,” representing the Holy Spirit living in believers (Ephesians 2:21-22)

Interactive and Game Activities

Trinity Movement Verse

Assign movements to parts of a verse (e.g., pointing up for Father, nail-scarred hands for Son, heart for Spirit) and speed up as you repeat the verse.

Holy Spirit CHARades

Write “Fruits of the Spirit” (love, peace, kindness) on slips of paper and act them out (Galatians 5:22-23)

Bible Story Building

Use blocks or toys to recreate scenes from the Bible where the Trinity is present, like Jesus’ baptism (Matthew 3:13-17) or Pentecost (Acts 2).

Object lessons and Analogies

Wind and Bubbles

Use a fan or blow bubbles to show how you can’t see the wind/breath but see its effects, like the Spirit working in our lives (John 3:8)

The Trinity in One (Egg/Apple)

Use an egg (shell, white, yolk) or apple (skin, flesh, seed) to show one thing with three parts, but emphasize God is more complex and unified.

Candy Corn Trinity

Discuss each section of the candy corn (white tip for Spirit, orange for Son, yellow for Father) and their unique roles (Helper, Savior, Creator).

Discussion and Prayer

Trinity “Detective”

Use worksheets to have kids “solve the mystery” of the Trinity by filling in the blanks about the Father’s role (Creator), Son’s (Savior), and Spirit’s (Helper/Comforter).

Listen for the Spirit

Practice prayer by asking kids what they think the Holy Spirit is saying or showing them through nature, feelings, or Bible stories.