



Helping Kids Know God is Real—God’s Way

When It’s Hard to Believe What You Can’t See

Lesson Aim

To help children understand that God can be known through what He created and through faith in His Word.

Scripture Focus

- “For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man.” (Acts 17:23–24, *ESV*)
- “For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.” (Romans 1:20, *ESV*)

Connect

- **Connection Point:** Ask: “What are things you believe in but can’t see, like wind, music, or love? How do you know they’re real?”

Teach

- **Bible Story:** Read or retell the story of Paul in Athens (Acts 17:16-34).

Paul traveled to Athens, a city filled with statues and temples to many gods. As he walked, he noticed an altar that said, “To the unknown god.” Paul’s heart ached because the people were searching for truth but didn’t yet know the real God who made them.

He spoke in the marketplace and was invited to share his ideas at the Areopagus, where the city’s thinkers gathered. Paul told them that the true God doesn’t live in temples or



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need gifts from people—He created heaven and earth and gives life to everyone. Paul said, “In Him we live and move and have our being.”

Paul helped the Athenians understand that God is not far away. He has made Himself known through creation and through Jesus, whom He raised from the dead to show His power and love. Some people laughed at Paul, but others wanted to learn more, and a few believed right away.

Paul’s message reminds us that knowing God begins with opening our eyes to what He has already shown. We may not see Him with our eyes, but through what He made and how He loves, we can know He is real.

- **Discussion Questions:**

1. What did Paul teach about who God is?
2. Where can we see evidence of God today?
3. How can faith help us believe when we can’t see God?

- **Explain:**

- God reveals Himself through creation and His Word.
- Faith helps us trust what is true even when we can’t see it.

Model

- **Teacher shares:** a personal example of how this truth is real for you. Think about a time when you had to believe in God even though you couldn’t see what He was doing yet. Tell your students how you saw God’s hand at work when you trusted Him. The goal is to help them see that faith grows through real-life moments, not perfect answers.
- **Student activity:** Invite kids to act out through short skits, Charades, or Pictionary how they can show faith when God feels unseen—like trusting during a hard day, praying for someone sick, or noticing beauty in creation. Keep this playful but meaningful, allowing them to show what faith “looks like” in action.

Pray

- *“God, thank You for showing Yourself through Your world and Your Word. Help us trust You even when we can’t see You.”*

Craft/Activity

- Create a collage titled ‘**I See God In...**’ using magazine pictures or drawings of nature, people, and acts of kindness.

Key Takeaway

- God is alive, even though we can’t see Him.