



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

# #21 – How We Should Respond to God

## Psalm 33:1-15

### PICTURES NEEDED

21-1 Heavens

### REVIEW

- **Big Question:** What is the Sabbath?

On the seventh day of creation, God rested and called it holy.

- **Lesson Rhyme:** Review the lesson rhyme.

S—S

Sunday

A day of peace  
and rest

S—S—Sunday

God knows for us  
what's best

Make sign of "S"

Hands up, palms facing out, make vertical circles  
going outwards

Hands together in front, move out palms down

Cross arms in front of chest, lean backwards

Same as above

Point to head then self

Thumbs up



## LESSON CONTENT

- **Introduction:** Show visual (picture 21-1)

What are these pictures of?

When you look at the stars in the sky what does it make you think about?

There is something about looking up into the heavens that causes us to think about God. God knows everything there is to know about his creation and calls each of the stars by name. We should praise and worship God for who he is. Exalt is a word that means to praise or worship.

To know God and be able to praise and worship him is a great treasure. No treasure on earth compares to the treasure of knowing God. We thank God that we can know and exalt him.

We are also told to fear the Lord. That means that we know who God is and that he knows everything we think about and do, which means we should want to do what makes him happy. The fear of the Lord leads to wisdom and keeps us safe.

What do we do on Sunday? Why is that important to do?

The big question for this week is: **Why should we fear God?** Listen as I read the lesson book and see if you can answer the question afterwards.

- **Lesson Book:** Read the book. Refer to the discussion questions.

Title: How do we exalt God?

Page 1—Hebrews 1:3

(picture of person worshipping God)

Our God is holy, perfect:

Father, Spirit, Son.

Although he is three persons,

he is really only one.

As he is holy, perfect,

there is nothing he does wrong,

And so to him in worship

we exalt his name in song.

Page 2—Isaiah 44:6

(picture of person looking into the sky)

God is very different,

he is not like us at all.

While he is great and mighty,

we are very small.

He doesn't have a body;

he's a spirit everywhere.

So we cannot see his face,

like we cannot see the air.

Page 3—Colossians 1:16

(picture of group praying in God's creation)

But we know that God is real;

he created you and me.

He made the things around us,

everything that we can see.

Because he is creator,

he is worthy of our praise.

So to honor and exalt him,

we in worship voices raise.

Page 4—Colossians 1:19-20

(picture of cross and child praying)

Jesus is the Son of God;

he's God in every way.

So we honor and exalt him

in what we do and say.

Jesus helps us understand

the love God has for men.

Since he gave his life to rescue us,

saving us from sin.

Page 5—Psalm 99:1-3

(picture of a child worshipping)

Exalt means that we honor God  
and praise his holy name.

We worship and adore him,  
not do what brings him shame.

We understand that through him  
we have everything we need.

So we do what pleases him,  
In thought and word and deed.

Page 6—Psalm 100:2-3

(picture of a happy child)

When we honor and exalt God,  
we are doing what is right.

Our hearts are filled with joy,  
understanding and God's light.

But if we follow other gods,  
our lives will always lack.

In chasing after what is wrong,  
We cause God to turn his back.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Page 1: Who are the three persons of God? How many Gods are there? What does it mean that God is holy and perfect? How can we honor God?

Page 2: How is God different from us? Why can't we see God?

Page 3: How do we know that God is real? Why is God worthy of praise? What is praise? What can we do to praise God?

Page 4: Who is Jesus? What does Jesus help us understand? How does Jesus show God's love?

Page 5: What does it mean to exalt God? What is shame? How do we bring shame on ourselves? How do we please God?

Page 6: What happens when we honor and exalt God? What causes God to turn his back on us?

Review: Select a couple questions from above to ask the students again.

**Prayer:** Thank God that he is God and worthy of honor and praise. Pray that you would learn to honor and exalt him more. Thank him for giving you life and pray that you would fear him and live your life in a way that honors him.

**The Big Question:** Why should we fear God?

The fear of the Lord is the key to salvation and wisdom.

## ACTIVITIES

Any age appropriate activity can be included which fits into the club time. The activities with a star are included on the class notes handout sheet.

★ **Lesson Rhyme:** Practice the lesson rhyme with movements.

X—X	Make sign of "X"
Exalt	Lift arms & head up
Praise God's holy name	Wave arms above head
X—X—Exalt	Same as above
Don't do what Brings God shame	Drop head in shame Wiggle fingers down from eyes like crying



★ **Activity:** Name the instruments

One way the Bible talks about exalting God is by singing and making music to him. Name the instruments that were used in the Bible to make joyful music to the Lord.

★ **Coloring:** Color the lesson picture

★ **Letter/Sound Recognition:** Say the sound of and trace over each letter in the boxes. With which sound does Exalt begin?

★ **Song:** Praise Ye The Lord

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah,  
Praise ye the Lord! (Repeat)  
Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah,  
Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah,  
Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah,  
Praise ye the Lord! (Repeat song 3 times, getting faster)

• **Craft:** Tambourine

As a reminder that the fear of the Lord is the key to the treasure of salvation and wisdom and we are to worship him, make a tambourine. Tambourines have often been used in worship.

**Materials:** Card stock paper or two small paper plates per child, beans or rice, scissors, crayons, decorations, stapler

**Preparation:** Run off craft 21 on card stock paper or use small paper plates.

**Instructions:**

1. Cut out around outside black line of the two circles (or use two small paper plates).
2. Decorate circles/plates by coloring or with sequins or foam shapes.
3. Put the two circles/plates together and staple edges close together almost all the way around to leave an open space.
4. Put beans/rice in through the open space and then staple shut.

Activity: Make music to the Lord with the tambourine.

## JOURNAL

The journal is passed out at the end of class for the students to complete at home. It has six poetic readings and related Bible verses. It would be beneficial for the teacher to read through and be familiar with its content.