



Week: 1 – Does God Exist?

Date: April 11, 2021

Scripture: Psalm 19

Big Idea: Is it possible to know, for certain, that God exists? Is there evidence for the existence of God? Based on the evidence, what is this God like? Is there sufficient evidence to reorient our lives around the God who has been revealed through such evidence?

Video: <https://youtu.be/74Afz9hahxE>

Preparation: Mom and/or dad, take time to prepare well for this spiritual experience with your son or daughter and perhaps their friends. Proper preparation includes reading through this guide, setting up a comfortable environment, preparing the videos, materials (*everyone will need a Bible, pen and notebook/journal*) and snacks, and prayer. It also includes giving your participants time to prepare as well. Let them know in advance what you want to do and then remind them a few minutes before your start time so that they are ready too.

Interactive game / activity

- 20 Question – Bible edition
 - Student will get 20 questions, as a group, to come up with the answer. Sitting in a circle, beginning to the left of the leader, students will ask one yes/no question at a time to gain information about the answer. The group leader will answer questions in one of three ways: **YES, NO, or ASK A DIFFERENT QUESTION**. If a student believes he or she has the answer, he/she may raise a hand and offer a guess. If he/she is correct, the whole group wins. If he/she is wrong, that student is eliminated from the game and the game continues. If the answer has not been discovered after asking 20 questions, the group loses, and a new round begins. If they discover the answer before expending 20 questions, the group wins!
 - ANSWERS: here are 5 answers for five rounds of play.
 - The Garden of Eden
 - Moses
 - The Burning Bush
 - Elijah
 - The Temple
 - Jesus

Activity Debrief: (This would be a good time to pull out the snacks)

- What do all of these “answers” have in common?
Answer: All are locations of God’s revelation. God revealed himself to or through each of these.
- If God revealed himself to you like he did to Moses or Elijah, how would you respond?

Video Teaching: Apologetics – [Does God Exist?](#)

Set-up: *Most of us believe that God exists, or at the least we hope that God exists. There is a deep longing within every human being to know that we are part of something meaningful, intentional, purposeful, and larger than ourselves. But the evidence for God can often be hard to observe and harder to capture in words. Today, we’re going to discuss three arguments for the existence of God. Before we start the video, can you name one of the many classic arguments for God’s existence?*

Arguments may include the cosmological (first cause), teleological (intelligent design), ontological (necessary being), or moral (good & evil). Play the video [HERE](#).



- If you could be present for 1 event in the history of the world, which would you choose? Why?

Discussion Starters:

- What were the three arguments for the existence of God? (G.O.D.) Summarize these.
- Which of these arguments seems most powerful to you? Which one seems less convincing?

Scripture: Read [Psalm 19](#) as a group and consider the questions below.

- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*
² Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.
³ They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.
⁴ Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.
In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.
⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.
⁶ It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other;
nothing is deprived of its warmth.
⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul.
The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.
⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.
The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.
⁹ The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.
The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous.
¹⁰ They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.
¹¹ By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
¹² But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.
¹³ Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me.
Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.
¹⁴ May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Digging Deeper:

- Where do you see these three arguments in Psalm 19?
- When we are able to see the evidence of God around us, the end result is joy and worship. Where do you see joy and worship in Psalm 19 as a result of God's revelation?
- Besides the general revelation of God through creation, how has God revealed himself to you? Where have you seen God in your life personally?... in your family?... in our church?

Application:

- How does the evidence of God's existence impact your life today? Does it make a difference?
- How will you respond to what we've heard today? What will you choose to do in response to the revelation of God through creation, reason, and Scripture?



Closing activity & prayer: choose 1 of the following options to close your time together.

- SINGING: Sing [Faithful](https://youtu.be/RctWcSC6QNE) by Sarah Reeves (<https://youtu.be/RctWcSC6QNE>)
- JOURNALING: Reflect on Psalm 19 and where you've seen God revealed to you. Then, write your own Psalm of joy and worship expressing your faith in the God who has revealed himself to you!
- SCRIPTURE: Meditate on, memorize, and make this verse your prayer: Romans 1:20
 - *"For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse."*
- PRAYING: Close your group time in prayer for one another. Share prayer requests and assign partners to pray for one another throughout the week.