

HOME connection

ST Unit: None Like Him, Lesson 3

D6 Family Theme:
GOD IS SOVEREIGN

Objectives:

Know: God sovereignly reigns through the expression of His natural attributes.

Think: Have the mindset that total obedience to God is best due to His worthiness to rule.

Do: Trust and obey God with the confidence that your loyalty is properly placed.



READ: LISTEN TO GOD

Read Deuteronomy 10:17-22; 1 Timothy 6:13-16; Isaiah 46:5-13; Acts 4:23-31; Psalm 97:1-12; Jeremiah 23:23-24; Jonah 1:1-10. Human beings almost always wish to be in control of what happens in their lives, and sometimes in the lives of those around them as well! There is a problem, however; humans don't have the knowledge, wisdom, or power to truly be in control. The almighty God, however, exercises sovereign control over all things.



PRAY: TALK TO GOD

God deserves for us to serve Him with boldness. Pray that God will give you and your family a boldness when trying to bring others to Him, and that fear will not stop you from serving the Lord.



DO: WALK WITH GOD

Option 1: God reigns with absolute power and authority. He is all knowing and is everywhere at all times. These attributes of God make Him worthy of our absolute obedience, trust, and service. However, our flesh desires to be in control so we will know the outcome. Gather two newspapers. Turn one sideways and give it to your child. Then turn one in the proper direction and give it to another child. Ask your children to rip the newspapers in half. The sideways newspaper will be more difficult to rip in a straight path. Explain to your children that when we try to take control of our lives, we are just like the sideways newspaper. But when we trust in God's sovereignty over our lives, He makes our paths straight like the other newspaper.

Option 2: Start your family thinking about God's sovereignty by asking these questions:

- *Why do we like to feel as though we are in control?* (Feels like we can help make things better or protect those we care about; it could be pride, selfishness, insecurity, etc.)
- *In what ways is our control an illusion?* (There are always factors beyond our influence; we cannot make people's decisions for them; we cannot see the future; etc.)
- *What can we actually control?* (Our own actions and choices; our responses to the circumstances that come our way; our pursuit of God and holiness; etc.)
- *How is there freedom in surrendering control to God?* (Removes the pressure of having to make things go a certain way; we don't have to know all the answers to why or how things should go; etc.)

THIS WEEK IN D6 CURRICULUM:



PRE-
SCHOOL

Today your child learned the father saw his son as he was returning home and ran to him. The son apologized to his father for hurting him and God, and he asked to be one of his servants. His father not only forgave his son, but also celebrated his return. Just like the father forgave his son, our **God Is Awesome** and He forgives us.



K & 1
GRADE



2 & 3
GRADE

Today your student learned God is sovereign, which means He is in control of all things. He or she learned God is above all things. God created all things. God can do all things. God knows all things. God rules over all things. Your student studied examples from God's Word as a reminder of His sovereignty.



4 & 5
GRADE



YOUNG
TEEN

Teens examined the topic of God's sovereignty. They were reminded that He has absolute authority (omnipotence), absolute knowledge (omniscience), and rules over everything at all times (omnipresence). Ask your teens what words they would use to describe God. Which of these attributes do their words speak to? Remind them that God is absolutely sovereign and faithful and that He can be trusted with our lives and devotion, no matter what we face.



HIGH
SCHOOL



YOUNG
ADULT

Group members discussed the sovereignty of God and were challenged to apply His lordship to every aspect of their lives.



ADULT

FUSION group members discussed how, unlike humans, almighty God exercises sovereign control over all things. Members were encouraged to take in the news this week with the sovereignty of God in mind, and to praise Him each day for being in control.