SESSION 5 | WHO IS GOD?

At-home Bible study • Three study times of about 20–30 minutes each

Our main truth: There is one God. He is holy, loving, just, merciful, faithful, and eternal. He has revealed Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

What you need: Your Bible (NKJV when available), a pen, and these pages. You may read Scripture in a printed Bible or on Bible.com. No research tools are needed this week.

Before every study time: Pray simply: “God, help me understand Your Word and believe what is true about You. Amen.”

Study Time 1 | What is God like?

Read: Exodus 34:5–7 and Deuteronomy 6:4–5. Read both passages twice. On the first reading, listen to what God says. On the second, look for words that describe Him.

1. In Exodus 34:5–7, what words tell you what God is like? Write at least four truths. Put the verse number beside your answers.

2. What does Exodus 34:7 say about both God’s forgiveness and His justice?

3. According to Deuteronomy 6:4–5, how many gods are there, and how are God’s people called to love Him?

Our new study skill: Make a simple list of truths the passage teaches about God. Write only what you can support from the words of Scripture.

KEEP LEARNING | FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT

Study Time 2 | What happened at Jesus' baptism?

Read: Matthew 3:13–17 twice. First read the whole account. Then read verses 16–17 again, slowly.

4. Who was baptized? Who spoke from heaven? What happened with the Spirit? Write what the passage actually says.

5. What did the voice from heaven say about Jesus? (Matthew 3:17)

6. Make a list of what Matthew 3:13–17 shows us about the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Remember: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are not three gods. Scripture teaches one God, and it reveals the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as distinct Persons. We do not have to pretend to understand everything about God to believe what He has revealed.

Practice the study method

Before explaining a passage, ask: Who? What? Where? When? Why? How? Use the questions that help. Read the surrounding verses, and ask, "Where do I see that in the passage?"

KEEP LEARNING | ONE GOD

Study Time 3 | Jesus sends His followers

Read: Matthew 28:18–20 twice. Notice who speaks, what He commands, and the name into which disciples are baptized.

7. What authority does Jesus say has been given to Him? (Verse 18)

8. What does Jesus command His followers to do? (Verses 19–20)

9. In whose name are disciples baptized? Write the three Persons named in verse 19.

Put it together

10. From this week’s passages, write three truths about God that you can support with Scripture. Include a reference for each.

11. How might knowing one of these truths help you trust, worship, or obey God? Private reflection. Share only if you choose.

MEMORY, PRAYER, AND NEXT TIME

Memory Scripture | Matthew 28:19 (NKJV)

Open Matthew 28:19 in your Bible. Read it aloud five times, then practice saying it without looking. Say the reference before and after the verse.

Write Matthew 28:19 from your Bible here:

In your own words, what does this verse teach about the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

One question to bring back

It is okay to have questions. Write down one honest question from your reading. If the Bible passage does not answer it, do not invent an answer.

My prayer

Write a short prayer based on one truth you learned about God. You may thank Him, praise Him, or ask for help trusting and obeying Him.

Bring back next time

Bring these pages, your question, and your memory-verse practice. Next session: How the Bible Is Put Together.