

=BIBLE DOCTRINES=

Lesson 2

God the Father

Objects to have:

A light bulb  
A hard-boiled egg  
Something that would represent an idol  
A picture of a person  
Your Bible.

Introducing the lesson:

(Hold up your light bulb.) Tell me what this is. Yes, a light bulb. How many bulbs do I have? Only one—right. Look closely at this bulb. There is one bulb, but there are three parts to it. (Point out the parts while saying the following.) There is the base. There is the element inside that gives off light. There is the glass. I see—there are three things that we see as we look at this bulb. (Count them.) Then, would you say there are three bulbs? No, only one bulb—three parts. (Set down the bulb.)

(Hold up your boiled egg.) What is this? Yes, of course, an egg. This egg has been cooked. How many eggs do I have? Yes, one. (Break the shell, and hold it up.) What is this? Yes, the shell of the egg. (Take out the yolk. Hold the white of the egg.) What is this called? Yes, the white of the egg. This is another part of the egg. (Hold up the yolk.) What is this? Yes, this is the yolk of the egg. Now, tell me again. How many eggs do I have? Yes, one. How many parts of the egg are there? Yes, three—the shell, the white and the yolk. (Put into a bowl the parts of the egg.)

(Pick up your Bible.) Now, I am going to tell you something very interesting from the Bible. Our story for today comes from different places in the Bible. The first part of our story comes from the Old Testament, then we will talk about something in the New Testament.

Telling the story:

God created the heaven and the earth. *“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”* God always has been, and God always will be. We learned about God’s making light and the firmament. The next thing that God made was the earth, and then the sun, moon and stars. Birds, chickens, ducks—anything that flies—also, fish were then created on the fifth day, remember? On the last day—the sixth day brought the most important creation. God created a man, and then He made a woman. God made everything that was made, and He saw that it all was good. God did all that.

(Open your Bible to Genesis 1:26.) But, I see something very interesting as I read my Bible about how God made everything. The interesting thing that I see is that the Bible says, (read this), *“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness....”* Did you hear that? God said, *“Let us....”* “Us” means more than one person. God is one God. God, however, is three Persons. Remember the egg? One egg—three parts. Remember the light bulb? One bulb—three parts. God is not parts, however; God is Persons. God is three Persons—one God.

(Put down your Bible. I know the names of the Persons of God. (Count them on your fingers as you say them.) Maybe you know them: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit—One God, three Persons. How many gods? One God. How many Persons? Three Persons. Name the Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Let’s talk about God the Father today. Let’s learn what He’s like.

God is a Spirit. You cannot see a spirit. *“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”* (Hold up your “idol.”) Some people kneel and pray in front of an idol or in front of a picture. They are not worshipping God when they do that. They are worshipping that idol or that picture. God says that whoever worships Him worships Him in spirit. If we worship God, we worship Him from inside ourselves with our minds and our hearts, and not with our eyes. We don’t have to see something to worship God. When we prayed this morning, we closed our eyes. We close our eyes when we talk to God so that we won’t see anything to take our thoughts from Him. We worship God in spirit because God is a Spirit.

God the Father is perfectly holy. There is no sin in God the Father. God the Father hates sin. Isaiah learned that. (Pick up your Bible and open it to the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah.)

Isaiah was a very smart man. Isaiah was an important man. Isaiah knew about God, that there is a true and living God. Isaiah knew that God knows what is happening on the earth. Isaiah knew that God knows all about people and what they are doing.

One day Isaiah saw something that he had never seen before. Isaiah was in the temple—the building that was something like our church building. Isaiah saw a throne. A throne is a big chair in which a king or a queen sits. No king or queen was sitting in the throne which Isaiah saw, however. God was sitting in the throne. The throne was not down where Isaiah was. The throne was up high; it was high and “lifted up.” Above the throne was a special kind of angel. These angels had wings—each one had six wings. (Demonstrate the following.) With two wings each special angel—or seraphim—covered his face; with two wings each seraphim covered his feet, and with two wings each seraphim flew. The seraphim were saying something very loudly to each other. The seraphim were calling out, *“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.”*

Oh, Isaiah was very disturbed! Here he was seeing how holy God is. Isaiah had always thought he was a pretty good man—was he not a leader among men, a very important man? Suddenly, he knew that he was not good at all. When Isaiah saw God, he knew that he had no goodness. Isaiah said, “I am a sinner. How can I please God? How can I do anything that God wants me to do—how can I do anything for Him?”

God the Father is holy! God the Father is perfect. Next to Him we all are bad sinners.

Then God showed Isaiah that He could clean him up from his sin and that Isaiah could do the work that God wanted him to do. Even though God the Father is holy, He loves us and He will make us clean from sin—if we want Him to do this.

Look at this person. (Hold up your picture.) This person is just like all of us. He (or she) was born a sinner. I was born a sinner. You were born a sinner. God can’t stand sin! God hates sin! God is perfect. But God loves the sinner. God loves you and me. God cannot have sin near Him, but He wants you and me to be close to Him.

So, there was a problem. I know from reading the New Testament part of my Bible (open your Bible to the third chapter of John) how God took care of the sin problem. He sent His only Son Jesus to pay the punishment for our sin. To pay for our sins, Jesus had to die; He had to die on the cross. God the Father had to watch His own Son die for our sins. That’s how much God loves us! But, Jesus lives!

Let’s remember that God the Father hates sin. Let’s also remember that God the Father loves us and has made a way for our sin to be washed away. Let’s thank Him for that. Let’s tell God how wonderful He is. (Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving and love for Him.)

LEARN OUR BIBLE VERSE: Mark 12:29, *“The Lord our God is one Lord.”*