

for use as
STEP 1

Lesson 3

Focus:

Only God knows everything.

Lesson 3

Bible Basis:

Daniel 2:1-49

Lesson 3

Memory Verse:

“Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries for you were able to reveal this mystery.”
—Daniel 2:47

Students will consider that even the smartest people know only a small portion of what God knows and will realize the need to turn to God for answers.

Materials:

- Internet access
- Index cards
- Pens/pencils

Distribute index cards and pens or pencils as your students enter the room. **Write one thing that you think you know a lot about. Beneath that, write one thing that you wish you could know *everything* about.**

After your students have had a chance to respond in writing, have them write their names on their cards. Collect the index cards for use in Step 4.

Show this video to your students [4:24].

Top 5 Smartest Kids In The World

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_1i4bGgj84s

These little children know a lot for their age. Based on their IQs and learning ability, they probably know more than most people ever will. One read the encyclopedia, one can count to 1,000 in many languages, and another is said to be 99.9% smarter than anyone in the world.

➤ **Do you think these children have knowledge about the topics you wrote on your index card?** (Answers may vary depending on what the students wrote.)

➤ **These children might know about your topic and about a number of other topics, but there are limitations to their knowledge. What are some things that even the smartest children or adults in the world will never be smart enough to know?** (Answers will vary but include things that only God know: The day they will die; the number of children they will have; when Jesus will return; the number of stars in the sky; the number of grains of sand on the earth, etc.)

➤ **One of the children read an encyclopedia. Do you think anyone needs to know everything in an encyclopedia? Why or why not?** (Answers will vary)

Some people will say that if you know where to find the answers, you do not need to store them all in your head. If you know what book to look in, what website to search, or what person to ask, you will have the information you need when you need it.

➤ **Where do you look for knowledge or for answers to questions you may have?** (Answers will vary; parents, teachers, grandparents.)

We like to be smart. We like to think we know more than other people. Even though we do not have Einstein's IQ, we have ways of obtaining knowledge when we need it. But what happens when our sources do not have the answers we seek? Nebuchadnezzar found himself in just such a predicament. Let's see how he got his answers.

(Continue on to Steps 2 and 3 in your teacher's guide; your Step 4 appears below.)

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STEP 4 **Lesson 3****Focus:**

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(Today is Father’s Day. Be sensitive to those whose fathers are not in their lives due to death, divorce, incarceration or other reasons. Emphasize that God is a Father who never leaves us and always loves us, and is the one to turn to with any need.)

No human has all the answers—no genius child, no adult leader. We do, however, have a lot of questions. So, like Daniel, we need to know where to turn for answers or help with the tough questions.

Give each student his or her index card from Step 1.

Today is Father’s Day. You may or may not have an earthly father in your life, but if you have trusted Jesus for your salvation, you have the all-knowing God as your heavenly Father. We are going to make Father’s Day cards for God—cards that acknowledge that God knows everything and that He is the one we will turn to for answers.

You already wrote on your card a topic that you know a lot about and a topic that you wish you could know everything about. Write a “Happy Father’s Day” sentiment somewhere on your card. Give your students a minute to do this. Now, let’s offer those cards to God and acknowledge that God is the Giver of knowledge and the one who knows everything. On the other side of your card, write “My Father God knows everything.”

As time allows, have the students find their own space for a quiet time with God. In this space, they will present their Father’s Day cards to God by holding the card and prayerfully thanking God for knowing everything and being the One they can turn to for answers and help. Encourage the students to continue to use prayer to present this card to God during the week.

They can read from both sides and thank God for the knowledge He has given them on the topics they know a lot about, and they can ask for help or knowledge in the areas they seek answers.

If time is limited, close in a prayer that includes a silent time for students to offer their Father's Day cards to our all-knowing God.

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