



Day 2- Identity, Who am I to God?

Verse of the day- John 15:15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

Content- Am I a friend or a slave to God?

Have you ever thought about who you are or who you want to be when you grow up? There are so many things that you could be but how do you decide which one to be? You could ask your parents or teachers what they think or you could ask your friends. Would any of them know all the answers for the future? Wouldn't it be amazing if you had a friend to ask and they could help you know exactly who you are and who you will become? Today we are going to talk about learning just that.

Yesterday we learned about who Jesus really was and today we are going to talk about our relationship with him. There are many ideas all around the world about who God is and what our relationship with him is like. One idea says that God made us all but got bored and left us here all alone. Another idea is called Islam. In Islamic beliefs, they have a god but he is very angry with the bad things that people do. He punishes people when they sin (do something bad like lying, cheating etc.) and rewards them when they do the right thing (telling the truth, being kind etc.). If they can't do enough good things, they can't go to heaven. They are God's slave and they must make him happy or he will be angry with them and punish them. And still another idea says that God loves us very much and wants to be our friend. It says that he wants to help us and know us like family. With all of these ideas, how do we know which one is true? Is God bored, angry or happy?

Yesterday we also learned that things in the Bible are not fake but are in fact true historical events. We are going to open our Bibles today to see what it has to say about who God is and what our relationship is with him.

Our first question is, Is God angry or kind?

Read 1 John 4:8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love

1 John 4:16. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

What does that verse say about God?

Does it say that he is angry, mean or forgetful?

Our next question is, Does God have any plans for me?

Does he care about me and my future?

Read Jeremiah. 29:11. For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Does God care? Is he trying to hurt me?

Our third question is, How do I know what these plans are?

Who can help me figure them out?

Read James 1:5. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

Can God help me with wisdom to figure out the answers to my questions?

Now we are going to **read** John 15:15. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

God calls us friends instead of slaves.

What does it mean to be a slave? Are they treated fairly? Are they happy and healthy? Do they like the people they work for?

Jesus says that we are Gods' friends. Do you have a friend?

What makes a good friend?

When you are someone's friend, you want to get to know everything about them. You want to have fun with them and make them happy. You want to help them and be there for them because that is what a friend also does for you. This is the relationship that Jesus wants with us. He wants to know us, help us, laugh with us and cry with us. Jesus has great plans for our lives and he knows exactly who we are made to be. He knows these things about us because he made us.

When you have a question about who you are and what you were made to do, who can you ask?

Remind the kids about the three things we learned about God today:

- I am a friend of God and he loves being with me
- I have a purpose and God will help me find it.

- When you need help, you can always ask God.

Finish the class praying for the kids and asking God to show himself to them. Ask the Holy Spirit to show them who they are made to be.

Have the kids check the room for a clue