

L3.1 “The God Kingdom”



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The plant, animal, and human kingdoms are classifications of living things in our material world. The spirit world also has living beings with the angelic kingdom having different classifications of angels. However, there is one Kingdom above all others, material or spiritual, the God Kingdom. God is on a level of existence that is hard for humans to understand. God is self-existing, eternal; God was, is, and always will be. God is the Creator of all things, spirit and material; therefore God is above all things. God is not bound by physical laws, time, or space because God created these things and controls them all. This is why God could keep the sun from going

down for Joshua and turn the sun back 10 degrees for Hezekiah. This is why Jesus Christ could walk on water and calm the roaring sea. The good news is that the God Kingdom is a family with the potential for every human being who has ever lived to be a member. You were born to be a god!

Read *Rev. 1:8; Col. 1:15-16; Ps. 103:19; Heb. 1:1-3; Josh. 10:11-14; 2 Kings 20:10-11; Matt. 14:25-33; Mark 4:37-41; Rev. 21:7; 2 Cor. 6:18, 1 John 3:1-3; John 10:34*

Parents:

- Talk with your child about the greatness of God, His power and majesty. State examples and ask your child to give examples as well.
- Discuss with your child the fact that God is not bound by the laws of physics which means He that can do miraculous things. Discuss some of the miracles mentioned in the Bible that defy physical laws.
- Explain to your child that God is offering us eternal life in His family as His sons and daughters. We will be gods just like our Father (1 John 3:2).
- Our inheritance is the entire Universe. Perhaps everyone will have their own galaxy. Ask your child what they would do to inherit the Universe. What on earth is worth giving up eternity? Is obedience asking too much?

Review memorization

Isa. 46:9-10 Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure’

L3.2 “How Can I Know that God Exists?”



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God wants us to have faith, but our faith is not blind. We are admonished to prove all things, and there is evidence to support God’s existence. We will cover only a few ways we can know God exists here. First of all, God says that the creation declares His glory and that we can know Him through it. The complexity of even a “simple” cell requires that there is an intelligent Designer, and when we consider the interdependence of the entire universe, we know that this did not happen by chance. Creation demands a Creator. Another proof of God’s existence is fulfilled prophecy. Only God can say what will happen thousands of years in advance because only God has the power to bring what He says to pass. Answered prayer is a personal way to prove God is real. God wants His

children to talk with Him in prayer. Pray to God in faith according to His will, and your answered prayer will give you unswerving proof that God is.

Read *Heb. 11:1-3; Mal. 3:10; Ps. 19:1; Rom. 1:20; Isa. 40:12, 18, 21-22, 25-26; Dan. 2:36-45; 1 Thess. 5:21, 16-17; Matt. 21:22; James 1:6-8; 1 John 5:14-15*

Parents:

- Help your child to understand that it is okay to have questions and that God has the answers.
- Ask your child why they think mankind in general does not want to believe God is the Creator. Guide the conversation to show the human mind is hostile toward God and does not want to obey Him (Rom. 8:7).
- Discuss the prophecy in Daniel 2 with your child. Point out those things that have already been fulfilled and those things that are yet to be fulfilled. Note that God revealed these thousands of years before some of the events occurred.
- Talk with your child about prayer. Cite some personal examples of your prayers that God answered. Encourage your child to develop a personal relationship with God through prayer.

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L3.3 “God Creates Angels”



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God is the Creator of all things, spirit and material. Before He created the sun, planets and stars were created, God created the angelic host. Angels are individually created, brilliant, powerful spirit beings with purposes and free will to exercise their intent. God created millions, and perhaps billions of angels. They were created prior to the physical Universe to assist in the work of creating, governing, and managing that which

was to be created.¹ Angels were created on a lower plane than God with power and intellect superior to human beings. The angelic realm is very real even though we cannot perceive it with our natural senses. Their primary job at this time is to minister to us, the future sons and daughters of God.

Read Col. 1:15-16; Job 38:4-7; Ps. 104:4, 91:11; Rev. 4:1-11, 5:11; 2 Peter 2:11; Heb. 1:13-14²

Parents:

- Remind your child that everything God creates is beautiful, and though some of the spirit beings described may seem different to the human mind, they have their own special beauty.
- Many people do not believe there is a spirit realm. Ask your child to identify things we know exist which cannot be seen such as gravity. Remind your child that God is a spirit who cannot be seen with the human eye.
- Discuss with your child God’s throne room. Can he/she identify anything at God’s throne that we have a copy of here on earth? Explain that many of the things we have on earth are physical copies of things in heaven.
- Discuss with your child how angels have been witnesses from the beginning of God’s power and His plan. Note that they’ve watched history from Adam to now.

Review memorization

Hebrews 1:13-14. *But to which of the angels has He ever said: “Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool?” Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister to those who will inherit salvation?*

¹ Herbert W. Armstrong. *Mystery of the Ages*. (New York: Dodd, Mead, & Company, 1985) 61.

Parents may wish to read *Mystery of the Ages*, “Mystery of Angels and Evil Spirits”, in preparation for discussion.

L3.4 “God Creates the Universe”



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There was a time when there was only God – two Beings that included God and the Word. God purposed to expand His family. He first created other spirit beings including angels. Afterwards, God began to create the physical Universe; at the instant the Universe came into existence, time began. God’s creative ability is truly amazing! The whole Universe, everything seen and unseen, was created in preparation for the future sons and daughters of God Almighty.

Read *Gen. 1:1; John 1:1-3; Job 38:4-7; Heb. 1:10, 13-14; Rom. 8:19*

Parents:

- Make these verses “come alive” by asking your child questions about what it must have been like before God and Jesus Christ (the Word) created anything. Explain that Jesus Christ had a different name to begin with (the “Word”) and that He later was born as God’s Son and was given a new name, Jesus Christ.
- Talk about how God and Jesus Christ wanted a family and built a creation for them to enjoy. Originally, it was just the two of them – the Father and the Word and they wanted a much bigger family.
- Help your child to understand that God is the creator and that only God can create, i.e., make something from nothing.
- Explain to your child that God created the spirit world including angels before creating the physical universe.
- Ask your child what “things” in God’s creation they enjoy the most. Help him/her understand, in a simple way, God created all of these things for us!

Review memorization

Isa. 45:18. *For thus says the Lord, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: “I am the Lord, and there is no other...”*