



JEHOVAH

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NOTE TO THE TEACHER

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Lesson #1

JEHOVAH'S WAYS

Scriptures to be studied: Psalms 1:1-6; 8:1-9; 18:1-32; 25:1-12

The aim of the lesson: To show the importance of choosing JEHOVAH's way.

What your students should know: JEHOVAH, the holy One, loves us but hates our sinful way.

What your students should feel: A desire to please JEHOVAH.

What your students should do: Choose now to walk in JEHOVAH's way.

Lesson outline (for the teacher's and students' notebooks):

1. People choose their way (Psalm 1:1-6).
2. JEHOVAH's surprising way (Psalm 8:1-9).
3. JEHOVAH's perfect way (Psalm 18:1-32).
4. JEHOVAH teaches His way (Psalm 25:1-12).

The verse to be memorized:

The LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish. (Psalm 1:6)

Teacher: Depending upon the age of your students, encourage them to memorize the entire psalm.

THE LESSON

How many names do you have? Two? Three? Does anyone have 20 names? Listen to this: The LORD GOD of Heaven has even more than 20 names! Each of His names has a special meaning. One of His names is God. (That is Elohim.) In the first verse of the Bible we read: "In the beginning God . . ." This is the name Elohim. (Have students look at Genesis 1:1.) When God is written this way, it means He is the strong One. He is so strong that He spoke, and everything everywhere was created! So when we read *God* in the Bible, we think of His great strength.

In English Bibles, GOD and LORD are sometimes printed in all capital letters. Either GOD or LORD (all capitals) mean JEHOVAH. He uses this wonderful name for Himself to let us know He loves us. (*Teacher:* Show poster.) The LORD GOD, JEHOVAH, is holy. Because He is holy, He hates my sin and must punish it. But He loves me. Together let us say reverently:

NOTE TO THE TEACHER

In this series we shall study only a few of the 150 psalms. There are many kinds of psalms; psalms of praise, prayer psalms, prophetic psalms, and others. Prophetic psalms tell of Jesus Christ, hundreds of years before His birth.

Each of these lesson includes a wonderful name for the LORD. These names are from the Hebrew, the original language of the Old Testament. Print each name on a separate poster. on reverse side of poster, print the meaning of the name. Review every name in each lesson.

For this first lesson, on one side of poster print in all capital letters: LORD GOD=JEHOVAH

On reverse side of poster, print the following meanings of JEHOVAH's name. (The Scripture references are for your study, Teacher. Do not include them on poster.)

He is holy (Exodus 15:11; Leviticus 11:44-45). So . . . He hates sin and must punish it (Genesis 3:13-19). But . . . He loves the sinner (Genesis 3:21; Isaiah 53:6).

There are additional meanings fo the name JEHOVAH. For simplicity, we suggest teaching only these at this time.

In the English King James version of the Bible, the name JEHOVAH appears by itself only in Exodus 6:3; Psalm 83:18; Isaiah 12:2; 26:4.

In many version, watch for GOD or LORD in all capital letters. (See for example, Genesis 6:5-8; 15:2,8.) GOD or LORD means JEHOVAH [YAHWEH]. Whenever the name GOD or LORD or JEHOVAH appears in the Bible, He is reminding us of His holiness. It is such a holy name that in early times it was not spoken aloud.

Are you teaching a language other than English? If so, check your Bible carefully to see the LORD GOD's names.

JEHOVAH is holy. He hates my sin and must punish it. But He loves me. Remember this when you read LORD or GOD or JEHOVAH in the Bible.