

PEOPLE POSITIVE

LESSON 1

Why Study Relationships?

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between one person and another***

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Prophet / Prophetess

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In Scripture, someone with a message from God; a person who shares God's truth, sometimes about the future

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Disciple

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PEOPLE POSITIVE

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To be “people positive” . . .

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What will we study?

What will we study?

- Your and your God

What will we study?

- You and your God
- You and your family

What will we study?

- You and your **God**
- You and your **family**
- You and your **friends**

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- You and your community
- You and the other sex



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LESSON 2

God Our Creator

Describing the Iron Age Gods

- Reflected human desire and depravity
- Reinforced a ruling class
- Often bound to a land or tribe
- Unpredictable and unstable

Describing Yahweh

- Does not cater to our base desires
- Cannot be controlled by earthly rulers
- Created all and offers salvation to all
- Offers promises and keeps them

Yahweh

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***Term used in the Hebrew Bible to refer to God;
means "I am"***

Covenant

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A strong, binding promise, often between two parties

God is _____.

- He calls Himself Almighty (Gen. 17:1).
- He sees everything (Ps. 139; Prov. 15:3).
- He knows everything (Ps. 33:13-15; Heb. 4:12-13).
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Sovereignty

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In Scripture, God's absolute control over all things, despite acts of evil and rebellion against Him

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- He is

_____.

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God is *holy* _____.

- He is

_____.

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- He is

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Sin

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The rejection of God and His goodness;
disobeying God's commands

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God is _____.

- From Him comes every good thing (James 1:17).
- He is love, and He loves His children (1 John 3:1-3).

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PICTURES OF GOD'S CARE

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Psalm 23

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2 Samuel 22:3



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Different Conceptions of God's Image

Image as

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LESSON 3

God Our Savior

The Fall

The background of the slide features a stylized mountain range. The mountains are rendered in a light, ethereal style, with a color gradient that transitions from a deep teal at the top to a bright white at the bottom. The overall effect is soft and atmospheric, suggesting a misty or snowy environment.

The Fall

Humanity's turn from God toward sin and death; the universal consequences of the first sin

Messiah

An “_____,” or someone chosen to fulfill a special purpose; in Scripture, the Savior Jesus

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An “***anointed one***_____,” or someone chosen to fulfill a special purpose; in Scripture, the Savior Jesus

His Purpose: _____

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His Purpose: *The Way*

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His Identity: _____

- He is the Son of God (Matt. 14:33), meaning He is of the same “essence” as God.
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The Trinity

A word referring to three equally divine Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—existing as one unified God

His Ministry:

- Jesus taught people about God.
- Jesus corrected religious leaders.
- Jesus fed the hungry and healed the sick.
- Jesus trained disciples.

His Ministry: *Teaching and Miracles*

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Gospel

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The “good news” of Jesus; one of four New Testament books that chronicle the work of Jesus

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Miracle

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A divinely caused event that does not follow the normal laws of nature; often used by God to mark His presence or approval

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His Sacrifice:

- He became our sin and endured our punishment for us (2 Cor. 5:21; Matt. 27:46).
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His Sacrifice: *Death on the Cross*

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The Gospel of Christ

We are lost and powerless in our sin.
We deserve death, judgment, and
separation from God (Rom. 3:23).

The Gospel of Christ

But Jesus died to pay for our sin, and He rose to show His power over death (1 Cor. 15:3-4, 56-57).

The Gospel of Christ

If we trust Jesus—if we accept His sacrifice for our sin—God will forgive us and consider us righteous (Acts 16:31; Rom. 3:22).

The Gospel of Christ

We who have trusted Jesus no longer need to fear punishment for our sin (Rom. 6:23).

The Gospel of Christ

Instead, we can now live in a way that is holy and acceptable to God (Rom. 12:1).

THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL



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spotless sacrifice.

Jesus won victory over
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Jesus offers us freedom
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