

6 year olds	OUR HEAVENLY FATHER
Module 3	God Watches Over Everything
Lesson 1	Qualities of God

AIMS

1. Children will learn the meaning of the four qualities of God:
 - a. Everywhere
 - b. All powerful
 - c. All knowing
 - d. All good
2. They will understand what these four qualities mean in their lives
3. They will come to a deeper understanding of God's care for them.

STEP 1

1. Help the children recall that God is our Father who lives in Heaven. Review what they have learned thus far:
 - a. God is a good Father who loves and cares for them.
 - b. He gives them many gifts, such as the natural world.
 - c. He wants them to be with Him in Heaven
2. Tell them that today they will learn four new things about God.

STEP 2

1. Read paragraph at the start of the children's pack aloud.
2. Explain that it tells us an important way God differs from man: while man can only be in one place at one time, God is everywhere. Explain that if they are in one place, they simply cannot be in another place at the same time. Give examples; let the children occupy different places. Explain to the children that although they cannot see God, He can always see them and He is always near. God is in Heaven, on earth and in every place, all at the same time.

STEP 3

1. Read paragraph 2 with the children. Remind them that God created all things. Remind them that they cannot create anything, but God can: God is all powerful. Ask them to compare God's work of creation with their own crafts; they work very hard when they paint or model clay, but God exerts no effort at all. Tell them that not only can God do all things, but he also does them without effort. Remember, when He created the world and all that is in it, all he did was say, "Let there be ...," and it began to exist. Saying words is no effort at all! There is nothing too complicated or difficult for God to do.

STEP 4

2. Read paragraph 3 with the children. Explain that God having made everything that is, knows all things. Nothing is a mystery to God, and nothing is too difficult for him to

understand. He does not need to go to school, or to learn like people do. He sees all things and actions, and even knows everyone's most secret thoughts.

STEP 5

Read paragraph 4 with the children. Explain that not only did God make everything that is, but He also cares for His creation continuously. He did not just make man and the animals, and the rest of the natural world, and then forget about them, as they sometimes do with the things they make. Instead, God takes care of everything, and especially He takes care of His children, keeping them always in mind.

REINFORCE

1. Set the children the quiz on page 2 of their notes.
2. In order to help the children to become more aware of God's constant care for them, have each child start a cutting of a plant. Then ensure each child cares for his plant for one week. Help them to understand that in the same way that they are caring for their plant's needs, God cares for their needs. However, they only keep their plant in mind for a brief moment each day. God never forgets them, not even for a second! At the end of a week the children can take their plants home.
3. Teach the children to sing "All creatures of our God and King," Adoramus Hymnal, #600.

CONCLUDE

1. Assign the homework on page 3 of the children's pack.
2. Practice questions 5 to 7 with the children. Let them practice for a few minutes in pairs.
3. Review question 1-4
4. Close by making the Sign of the Cross, pray the Our Father, and close with the Sign of the Cross. Check to make sure the children are doing this properly.

PREVIEW

We will learn what it means to create and who can create.