GOD IS INFINITE

(15-20 minutes, easy set-up)

Use this outline and the Biblical Commentary to prepare to share the truths of this passage with learners. Encourage learners to take notes on their copies of the Learner Worksheet as you teach.

"To infinity and beyond," was Buzz Lightyear's clarion call. "Space, the final frontier," was Star Fleet's mission. Scientists know that our universe is just a tiny portion of God's creation, which simply reveals that only God is infinite—in power, in presence, and in knowledge.

1. Because God is omnipotent, His power is greater than every other power (Exodus 3:13-15).

- God appeared to Moses in a burning bush near the mountain of Horeb and commanded Moses to appear before Pharaoh to bring the Israelites out of Egypt (Exo. 3:1-10).
- Although Moses intended to explain to his fellow Israelites that God had sent him to secure their release, he knew they would challenge his leadership by asking, "What is His name?" (v. 13).
- God told Moses to answer their question by saying, "I AM has sent me to you." By invoking God's "memorial-name," Moses would identify himself as an emissary of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (vv. 14-15), and bring to mind the unlimited power of God.

Illustration: God revealed His power to the Israelites and to the Egyptians through the ten plagues He inflicted on Egypt. God demonstrated His power over nature, other gods (because Pharaoh's magicians could not imitate God's work), and life (both animal and human, through disease and death). At the same time, God revealed His power to protect His people while simultaneously destroying the Egyptians crops, livestock, and firstborn children. Because <u>God Is</u> omnipotent, He has infinite power over all creation.

2. Because God is omnipresent, He is everywhere at all times (Psalm 139:7-10).

- David wondered if it was possible to escape from God's Spirit or flee from His presence (v. 7).
- Whether the question was rhetorical or he truly wanted to run from God, David recognized that neither life (ascending to heaven) nor death (making his bed in Sheol) could separate him from God because God was already there (vv. 7-8).
- If he attempted to climb into the limits of space or dive into the deepest part of the oceans, David knew that God would be able to find him, guide him, and protect him (vv. 9-10).

Illustration: Have you played hide and seek with children? When they are babies, they think peek-a-boo is a fascinating game. As toddlers, they often "hide" in plain sight and are amazed when you see them. Children often return to the same hiding places again and again even though you always find them. God doesn't have to play hide and seek with us. Because <u>God Is</u> omnipresent, He always knows exactly where we are—we can never be separated from Him.

3. Because God is omniscient, He knows everything (Romans 11:33-36).

- Paul could not comprehend the depth and scope of God's wisdom and knowledge, and neither could he understand God's judgments (decisions) and ways (purpose and plan) (v. 33).
- Quoting Job, Paul emphasized that no one knows God's mind or has the ability to be God's counselor because no one has any wisdom to give to the Author of wisdom (vv. 34-36).

Illustration: The Library of Alexandria, established in Egypt in the third century B.C., was known as a storehouse of knowledge containing Greek literature and Greek translations of works from countries throughout the Mediterranean, the Middle East, and India. In Paul's day, this library represented the knowledge of the world. In our day, the Internet contains the vast amount of knowledge available in our world. Because **God Is** omniscient, His knowledge is so great that we cannot begin to grasp or contain it.

Conclusion: When we think about God's omnipotence, omnipresence, and omniscience, we begin to understand that <u>God Is</u> infinite—He cannot be contained or controlled by anything.

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