

Jaxson Harlan Ministry

Three-Part Sunday School Series: Getting to Know God the Father
For children ages 5–9

Ready-to-use teacher guide (free to share)

These three short lessons introduce God the Father in simple, concrete ways children this age can grasp. Each session is designed for 20–30 minutes and can be taught alone or as a series. The language stays everyday and visual. Object lessons and questions do most of the teaching so children talk, move, and remember.

Suggested Materials (keep a simple kit ready)

- Small globe, inflatable earth ball, or printed picture of the world
- Pictures or simple toys of animals, trees, sun, stars, and water
- Play-dough or modeling clay (enough for a few children to share)
- Family photograph or simple drawing of a parent and child (optional; use with care)
- Small snack such as bread, crackers, or fruit
- Heart-shaped stickers or paper hearts
- Toy telephone or simple paper “phone”
- Children’s Bible or storybook Bible
- **Optional:** flashlight, blanket, or stuffed animal for “care” illustrations
- Basic craft supplies (paper, crayons, glue sticks) for take-home pieces

These items are inexpensive and easy to gather. They help children see that God the Father is the Maker, the One who loves and provides, and the Father they can talk to.

Part 1: God the Father Made Everything

Goal

Children understand that God the Father is the Maker of the world and of them. He is powerful, creative, and good.

Bible Focus

Genesis 1 (creation story told simply) and **Psalms 24:1** (“The earth is the Lord’s”). Keep the reading very short or tell the story in your own words.

Opening (3–4 minutes)

Lesson 1 Suggested Scripture Narrative

In the very beginning there was nothing—no sky, no land, no animals, no people. Then God the Father spoke. He said, “Let there be light,” and light appeared. He made the sky and the dry ground. He filled the seas with water and the land with plants and trees. He hung the sun in the day and the moon and stars at night. He made birds that fly, fish that swim, and animals that walk and hop and run.

Then God the Father made people. He made them to be like Him in a special way—able to think, to love, and to talk with Him. When He finished, He looked at everything He had made and said, “It is very good.”

The whole earth belongs to the Lord. God the Father is the great Maker. He made the world, and He made you.

Welcome children by name.

Simple prayer: *“Dear God our Father, thank You for making this beautiful world and for making each of us. Help us learn about You today. Amen.”*

Icebreaker: *“What is the most amazing thing you have ever seen that someone made? A building? A cake? A toy?”* Let a few share. Then say: *“God the Father made things far bigger and more wonderful than anything people can make.”*

Object Lesson / Illustration

Hold up the globe or earth picture. *“This is our home. God the Father made the whole world.”*

Show pictures or toys of animals, trees, sun, and water one at a time. *“He made the sun to give us light, the trees to give us shade and fruit, the animals, and the water we drink.”*

Give a small piece of play-dough to a few children (or demonstrate). *“People can make little things with their hands. God made everything just by speaking. He is the great Maker.”*

Teaching Points (keep short)

- God the Father is the Creator. He made the sky, the land, the sea, the animals, and people.
- He made everything good. He did not make mistakes.
- He made each child special. No two people are exactly the same because God planned each one.

Interactive Questions

1. “What is your favorite thing God made? Why?”
2. “How does it feel to know the same God who made the stars also made you?”
3. “If God made everything, what does that tell us about how big and strong He is?”

Simple Application

Children draw one thing God made that they are thankful for. They can take the picture home and tell their family, “God the Father made this.”

Closing

Pray: *“Father God, thank You for making the world and for making us. Help us remember You are the great Maker. Amen.”* Optional simple song about God making the world.

Part 2: God the Father Loves and Cares for Us

Goal

Children learn that God the Father loves them like the very best Father—He provides, watches over them, and never stops loving them.

Bible Focus

Matthew 6:26–30 (God cares for birds and flowers) or *Matthew 7:11* (earthly fathers give good gifts; God is even better). Tell it in simple words.

Opening (3–4 minutes)

Welcome and short prayer.

Icebreaker: *“What is something a parent or grown-up has done that made you feel safe or loved?”* Let a few children share if they wish. Then say: *“God the Father loves us even more than the best parent on earth.”*

Lesson 2 Suggested Scripture Narrative

Jesus once told His friends to look at the birds. The birds do not plant gardens or store food in barns, yet God the Father feeds them every day. Then Jesus said to look at the flowers. They do not work or sew clothes, yet God dresses them in colors more beautiful than a king’s robe.

If God the Father takes such good care of birds and flowers, how much more does He care for you? You are worth far more than many birds.

Jesus also said that even earthly fathers know how to give good gifts to their children. God the Father is the perfect Father. He never forgets you, never gets tired of you, and never stops loving you. He gives you what you need and watches over you because you are His child.

Object Lesson / Illustration

Hold up the snack. *“God the Father gives us food, just like a good dad makes sure his children eat.”*
Show the heart stickers. *“God’s love is bigger than any heart we can draw. He loves us all the time.”*
Optional: Use a blanket or stuffed animal. *“A good father keeps his children safe and close. God the Father is always watching over us.”*

Teaching Points

- God the Father is a perfect Father. He never forgets us, never gets tired of us, and never stops loving us.
- He gives us what we need—food, a place to live, people who care for us, and most of all His love.
- Even when we make mistakes, He still loves us and wants us to come to Him.

Interactive Questions

1. “How does a good father take care of his children?”
2. “What is one way God has taken care of you this week?”
3. “Why is it good news that God is a Father who never leaves us?”

Simple Application

Give each child a heart sticker. Say: *“This heart reminds us that God the Father loves you. You can remember that every day.”*

Closing

Thank God for being a loving Father. Short group prayer or familiar song about God’s love.

Part 3: We Can Talk to God Our Father Anytime

Goal

Children understand that they can talk to God the Father in prayer, that He listens, and that they can tell Him anything.

Bible Focus

Matthew 6:9 (“Our Father in heaven”) and a simple reminder that Jesus taught His friends to pray this way. Keep it short.

Opening (3–4 minutes)

Welcome and prayer.

Icebreaker: *“Who do you like to talk to when you are happy or when you need help?”* Let children answer. Then say: *“We can talk to God our Father anytime, anywhere. He always listens.”*

Lesson 3 Suggested Scripture Narrative

One day Jesus' friends asked Him, "Teach us how to pray." Jesus did not give them long, hard words. He said, "When you pray, say this: Our Father in heaven..."

Jesus wanted them to know they could talk to God the way children talk to a good father. They did not have to be afraid or use fancy language. They could say thank you, they could ask for help, they could tell Him when they were sorry or sad.

God the Father is always listening. You do not need a special place or a special time. You can talk to Him at the table, in bed, outside, or anywhere. He hears even the smallest child's prayer, and He loves it when His children come to Him.

Object Lesson / Illustration

Hold up the toy telephone or paper phone. *"When we pray, it is like talking to our Father. We do not need a phone—He hears us right away."*

Demonstrate a very short prayer: *"Father God, thank You for today. Amen."*

Show how anyone can pray—standing, sitting, or even with eyes open. "God hears every word."

Teaching Points

Jesus taught us to call God *"Our Father."* That means we belong to His family.

We can tell God thank you, we can ask for help, we can tell Him when we are sad or sorry.

He listens even to the smallest child's prayer. We do not have to use fancy words.

Interactive Questions

1. "What is one thing you would like to say to God the Father today?"
2. "When is a good time to talk to Him?"
3. "How does it feel to know God is listening even when no one else is around?"

Simple Application

Children practice a one-sentence prayer they can use this week (*"Father God, thank You for..."* or *"Please help me..."*). Optional: they draw a picture of themselves talking to God.

Closing

Pray the simple *"Our Father"* together in child-friendly words, or let children offer one-sentence prayers.

End with encouragement: "Your Father in heaven loves to hear from you."

Extra Teacher Tips for Ages 5–9

- Keep teaching segments short (5–7 minutes) and move quickly to questions and movement.
- Repeat the main idea often: “*God the Father made us / loves us / listens to us.*”
- **Be sensitive:** some children do not have a father at home or have had hard experiences. Always present God as the perfect Father who never fails, without criticizing earthly parents.
- Celebrate every answer. Use children’s names.
- If a child asks a hard question (“Why can’t I see God?”), answer simply: “God is Spirit. We cannot see Him with our eyes, but we see what He has made and we know He loves us because of Jesus.”

These three lessons give children a warm, clear picture of God as their Father—the Maker, the One who loves and provides, and the Father they can talk to every day. Teachers can add familiar songs, extra crafts, or more time for sharing as needed. The materials list uses items most classrooms already have or can collect easily.



God made us
in His image!
Genesis 1:27