



# SEEKING *God*

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SESSION 1



# Prep

Plan on spending 10 minutes without your kids to familiarize yourself with this session.

Begin with prayer, asking God for His wisdom and guidance.  
Read through the session to:

- Be sure to understand the Big Idea and the Key Verse
- Preview the video
- Select the best questions in the **TALK** section and activities in the **DO** section for your family

## Understanding the Character of God

*Background information from the Bible about God's character.*

Goodness: God is good, all the time.

*"The Lord is good to everyone. He showers compassion on all his creation." (Psalm 145:9 NLT)*

Sovereignty: God knows everything and is in complete control.

*"He (God) existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together." (Colossians 1:17 NLT)*

Holiness: God is set apart from His creation, perfect and independent.

*"LORD, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below."  
(1 Kings 8:23 NIV)*

Wisdom: God's perfect knowledge always leads to the best decisions.

*"Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways!" (Romans 11:33 NLT)*

Justice: Life is not always fair; God is.

*"Then let the heavens proclaim his justice, for God himself will be the judge." (Psalm 50:6 NLT)*

Love: God's love will always find us.

*"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." (Luke 19:10 NIV)*

Faithfulness: God never breaks His promises.

*"For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does." (Psalm 33:4 NIV)*



## Big Idea:

GOD LONGS FOR US  
TO SEE HIM—AS  
HE REALLY IS.

Many people see God as a cosmic vending machine that will give us whatever we want. Truth is, God loves us too much to give us what we want; He gives us what we need.



## Key Verse:

JEREMIAH 29:13 (NLT)

If you look for me  
wholeheartedly, you will  
find me.

## Watch

*Set up the video for your family:*

"We're going to watch a video that tells a story to teach us something about God. Let's pay attention and see if we can discover what the story says about God."



VENDING MACHINE

[RealGodChurch.com/View](http://RealGodChurch.com/View)



*Choose a few questions to best help your family talk about the video.*

- ☐ What did you like most about the video?
- ☐ What was the point of the video? What did it teach about God?
- ☐ Even though the first two kids got what they wanted from the vending machine, they ended up being very frustrated. Why do you think this happened?
- ☐ Read the Big Idea and Key Verse.
- ☐ Whom do you imagine God is? Pick five words that you think best describe God and write them down. Tell us what they mean and why you picked them.
- ☐ If God loves to give us good things, why isn't He like a vending machine?
- ☐ If God is always there for us, why does it sometimes feel like He's far away?
- ☐ The narrator ends the story by saying, "Maybe it's better if we let God tell us who He is and base our picture of Him on what He says about Himself." In your opinion, how can we let this happen?
- ☐ What do other people think is true about you? Why does that matter to your relationship with them?
- ☐ The narrator said, "What you think about God is the most important thing about you." Why do you think this is true? Why did he say this?

*(This may be a tough question for your kids. Take a moment to let it "soak" in and then share your response. The truth is, what we think about God impacts every attitude, thought, and action we take. If we believe God is loving, then we won't let our guilt keep us from Him. If we believe God doesn't care about us, we'll live according to our own standard.)*



*Ideas to help your family understand  
God's character for the rest of the week.*

- Go to **RealGodChurch.com/view** and select the Family Devotional to **LOG IN**. Download the TAKEAWAY page for this Session. Put up a few around your house (refrigerator, bathroom mirror, etc.). Encourage your kids to read the verse every morning and every night. One option is to memorize the verse as a family.



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– as He really is.

*"If you look for me wholeheartedly,  
you will find me."*  
(Jeremiah 29:13 NLT)

- Morning questions for breakfast or on the ride to school:
  - If you could have anything from God, what would it be? How would you feel if you never got it?
  - God knows the difference between our needs and our wants ... what is one thing you absolutely need from God today?
- Questions for the evening in the car on the way home from school or dinner time:
  - The narrator said, "What if God had a purpose for you that was bigger than things?" What do you think that purpose might be?
  - Which of the following phrases best describes your spiritual journey right now? Why?

- ☐ (a) I feel close to God.  
(b) I don't think about God unless I want something.  
(c) I wonder if God loves me just as I am.  
(d) I feel like I'm growing.  
(e) I feel like I'm struggling.  
(f) I love God, but I want to know more about Him.
  
- ☐ Stories are powerful! Think through a few stories of how you've viewed God and share a couple this week. Be vulnerable, as this will encourage your kids. Here are a few prompts to get you thinking: What do you love most about your relationship with God? What is your favorite "thing" that you experience as a child of God? Did you ever have a false and maybe funny view of God that was later corrected?
  
- ☐ If your kids have a mobile phone, text them a few times this week. Here are a few suggestions:
  - God longs for us to see Him—as He really is.
  - "If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me."  
Jeremiah 29:13 (NLT)
  - I love that you want to know more about God. I'm excited that we are on this journey together as a family to explore God's characteristics together!
  - God isn't a vending machine that gives us what we want; God gives us what we need.
  - God is always there for us, and He loves to give good things.