

Dear Children's Ministry Leaders,

In light of churches across the country closing in response to COVID-19 safety precautions, we at Group Publishing want to ensure that your children continue to receive spiritual nurturing. As a result, Group is allowing churches who use our materials to send families lessons and student materials your kids would normally participate in at church. We hope you enjoy using this content in a different way, and that your kids are impacted.

**Group is extending the following permissions to churches upon request:**

- 1. Permission to share the included student materials with families from your churches via email, postal service, or a privately accessible, password-protected website that only families from your church can access.**
- 2. Permission to share other elements from the week's lesson, such as the teacher guide that goes along with this lesson, with families from your churches via email, postal service, or a privately accessible, password-protected website that only families from your church can access.**
- 3. Permission to share a video recording presenting this lesson with families via your church website or platform of your choice. (We ask that you remove the video each week when you post a new one.)**

You may decide to offer a video broadcast or pre-recorded video where you and your regular Children's Ministry crew lead these lessons digitally for families to partake in at home. Or you may encourage parents to lead these lessons, which creates a fun opportunity for them to see what a typical lesson for their kids is like.

**This permission is granted on a limited basis for as long as your church is unable to meet in person. Families are encouraged to use these materials within their households, but may not publish or share them in any way outside of your church family.**

If you want to use Group's materials beyond these permissions, email [permissions@group.com](mailto:permissions@group.com).

We hope God blesses your congregation through this unusual season, and that your community remains strong even though for a time you may not be meeting together.

God bless you, and stay healthy!

- Your friends at Group Publishing





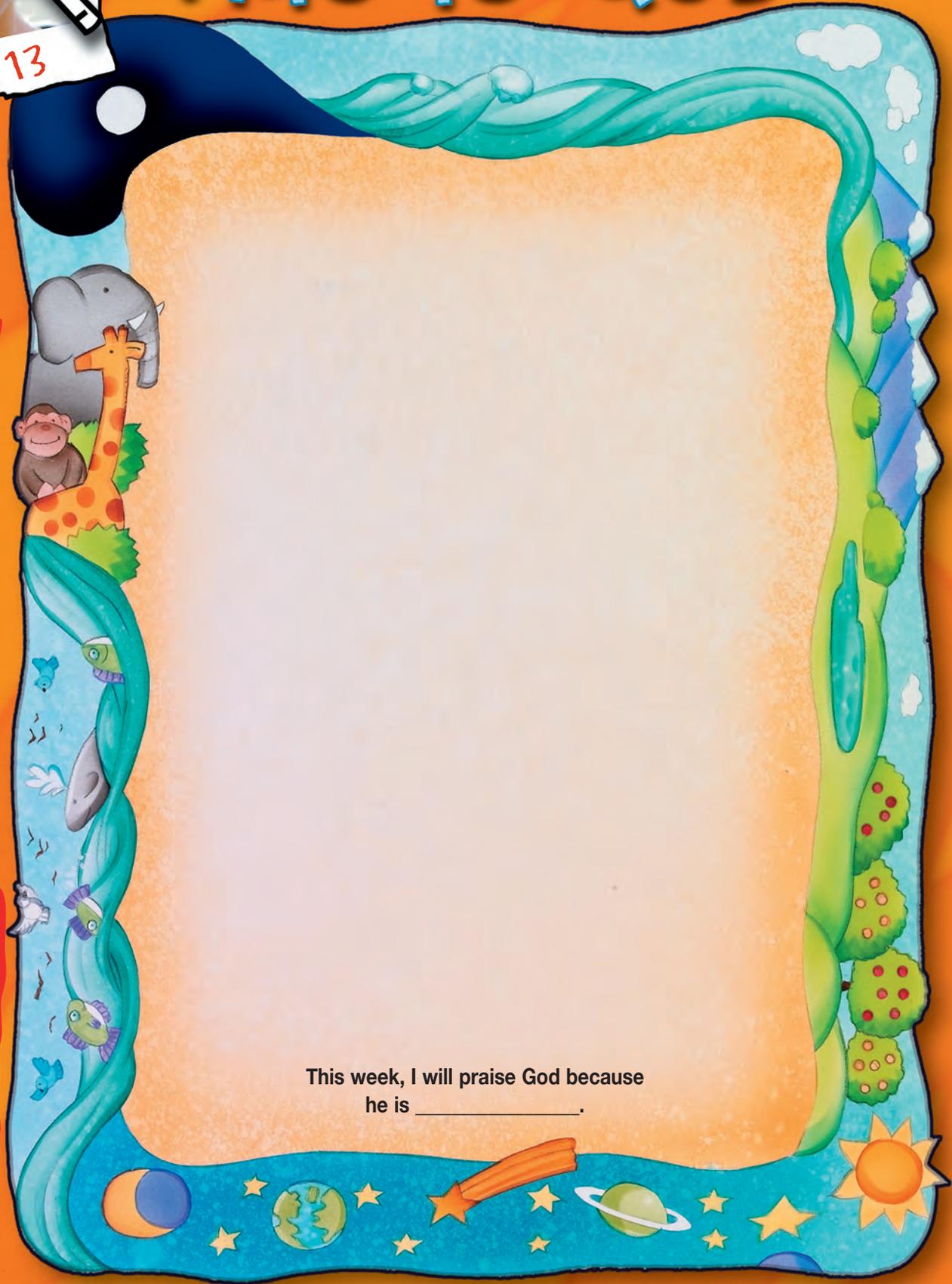
Bible Truth Sleuth

LESSON 13

# Paul Teaches in Athens

Acts 17:16-31

# THIS IS GOD



This week, I will praise God because he is \_\_\_\_\_.

## BIBLE FOCUS (THE BASICS)

Paul went to Athens and talked to two groups of philosophers, the Stoics and the Epicureans. These philosophers liked to talk about things such as new gods and new ideas. When Paul went to Athens, he was bothered by all of the idols he saw. He knew these people needed to know about the real God, the creator of everything.

When these philosophers first heard Paul speak, they thought he was just babbling and talking about other foreign gods. But they were wrong! Paul was telling them about the one and only living God! He explained that it was God who created the world and everything in it. Paul explained that even though it was wrong to worship idols, God wasn't angry with them because he knew the people didn't know any better. But now that Paul had told them the truth about who God really was, God wanted them to repent and stop worshipping idols. Now that they knew who God was, they needed to worship him and to believe in Jesus.

**Bible Point:** God created heaven and earth.

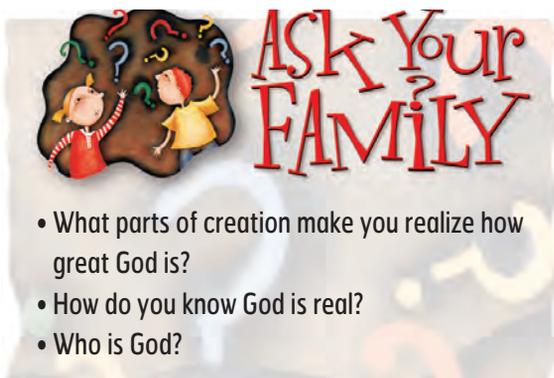
**Key Verse:** "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 40:28).

### FAMILY FUN



### Give God Praise!

This week, make a "praise" poster to hang up at home. First, draw or cut out pictures of your favorite parts of God's creation and make a collage. Each night in the coming week (or more often if you would like), have each family member write one word on the poster to describe God, such as "awesome!" or "forgiving," and then explain why he or she chose that word.



**ASK Your FAMILY**

- What parts of creation make you realize how great God is?
- How do you know God is real?
- Who is God?

### Daily Challenge

Today kids committed to one of the following Daily Challenges. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on his or her challenge! (Have kids circle their choice below.)

- Look for ways God shows the characteristics you wrote about on your Bible Truth Sleuth page.
- Make a daily commitment to pray to God with a sincere desire to know God.
- Every day this week, share with a parent how you see God in creation.

## THE WORD FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY Matthew 3:17

How could you answer if someone asked you, "Who is Jesus?"

### TUESDAY John 3:16

Why is it so important to know who Jesus is?

### WEDNESDAY Deuteronomy 6:5-9

What does it mean for God's commandments to "be upon your hearts"?

### THURSDAY Psalm 19:1-11

What can you learn about who God is from these verses?

### FRIDAY Genesis 1:1

What's your favorite part of God's creation? How can you praise and thank him for creating that?

### SATURDAY 1 John 4:16

How do you know this verse is true? When have you seen evidence of this truth in your life?