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There Is Only One God

In some countries where the people don't have Bibles and don't know very much about God, they think that there are several gods. Some of them think there are two gods, some think there are four gods, and some of them think there are even a hundred gods or more. Or they may think that the sun and the moon are gods, so they bow down and pray to the sun and moon. They ask the sun and moon to take care of them and help them.

Can the sun or the moon help us? No, these do not have life; they are not persons who can help us. They are only things that God has made to give us light, to keep us warm, and for us to enjoy. They are not gods, but they are made by God. We should never pray to things that God has made but only to God Himself.

Should we pray to the angels? Are they gods? No! The angels are alive, and there are some of them right here in the room (though we can't see them), but we shouldn't pray to them because they aren't gods. They are helpers, and that is why God made them. The angels love God, and there are so many of them that we cannot even think how many there are. Most of them are in heaven thanking and praising God and telling Him how glad they

are to serve Him. But some of them are down here on earth helping us.

Up there in heaven are there any other gods except our God? No, God has made everything there is, and He did not make any other gods. That is why He is angry with those who pray to anyone but Himself. He is also angry with anyone who loves anything more than God. We must love God even more than we love our mothers and fathers and the nice things we have. For God gave us our mothers and fathers and all the other nice things. That is why we must love God best.

One day a minister wanted to know if a little girl knew that there is only one God. He said to her, "Katherine, how many gods are there?"

She said, "Only one."

"How do you know that?" asked the minister.

"Because," the little girl said to the minister, "there is only room enough for one God. He fills the heaven and the earth."

And the little girl was right.

Something to read from the Bible: Exodus 20:1-6

Questions:

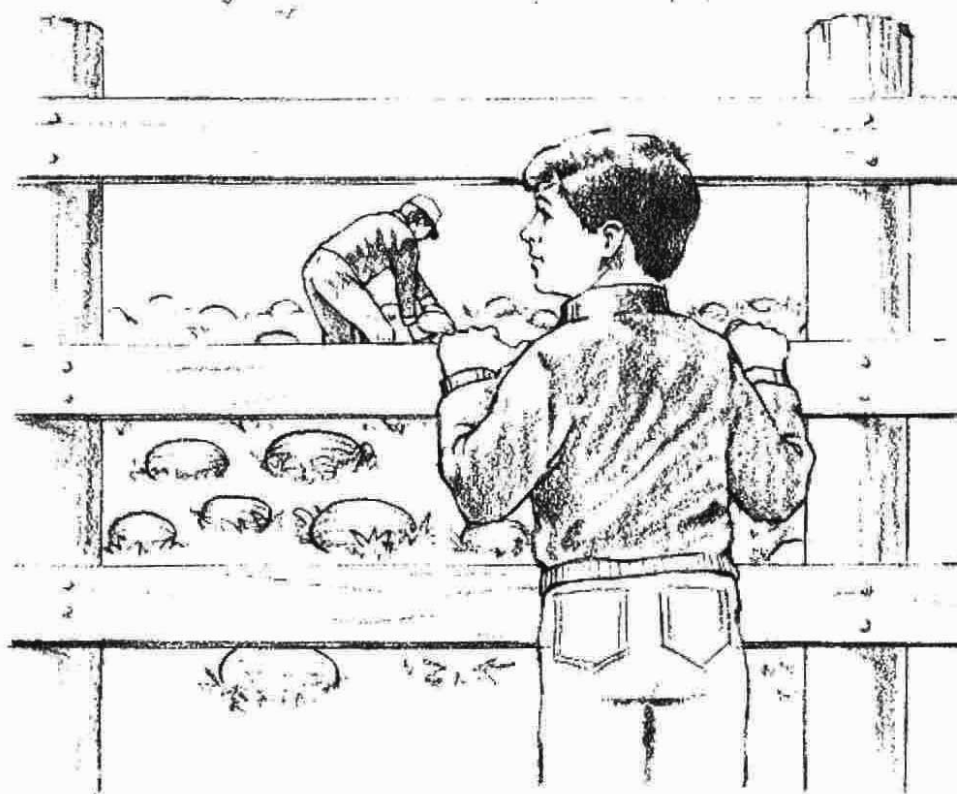
1. How many gods are there?
2. Can the sun or the moon hear us when we pray?
3. Should we pray to the angels? Are they gods?

A prayer:

Our heavenly Father, we thank You that You are the one and only God, that You are greater than anything else up in heaven or down here on the earth. Help us to love You with all of our hearts, and to serve only You. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

A hymn to sing:

All hail the power of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!



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Who Is God?

There are many things we need to know. We need to know how to read and write; we need to know about arithmetic and social studies. But there is something much more important than reading and writing and arithmetic and social studies. Can you think what that most important thing is? I will tell you. It is to know about God. This is so important because God made you, and if you don't know God, you won't know what He wants you to do.

Who is God? God is a Person who lives in a lovely place called heaven. We do not know just where heaven is, but we think it is far above the stars. It is a place where all of us would like to live, and if we know God and love Him, then we can go to be with God and the angels when we die. That is another important reason for knowing about God.

Shall I tell you some more things about Him? Do you know that God is a Spirit? This means that God is a Person without a body. You and I have bodies with our spirits inside them, but God does not need a body.

God is truly the most wonderful Person there is. He is kind and good. He never, never does a wrong thing. And He is so

great that He can do anything He wants to. He made the world and the grass and the sky and the sun and the moon and the stars. He made the angels, and He made you and me. He made everything. He sends the thunder and the lightning and the rain. When the springtime comes with beautiful flowers and blue skies, it is because God makes it so.

Where is God? We have already learned that God is in the beautiful country of heaven, but God is also here in this room listening to us talk. He is next door too. Isn't it strange that God can be here in our house and at the same time can be next door? He is everywhere! He is with the missionaries in other countries and with the people in the big ships on the ocean. We can only be in one place at a time, but God is everywhere all at the same time.

One of the most important things for us to remember is that this great God is always loving us and always watching to see what we are doing. That should make us very glad, and it should make us careful about the things we do. We would not want to do anything God doesn't like. We know that our great God in heaven is always seeing us and helping us do good things.

One day a man wanted to steal some watermelons from a field and took his little boy with him. The little boy was eight years old. His father told him to stand near the fence and watch to see if anyone was watching. While his father was in the field stealing the watermelons, the little boy suddenly called out, "Daddy, Someone is watching you."

The man came running back to his little boy. "Where?" he asked. "Who is watching? Where is he?"

"Daddy," said the little boy, "when you were looking to see whether anyone could see you, you forgot to look up into the sky. God is looking down and watching you."

The little boy's father had never thought about that and decided not to steal watermelons anymore. The little boy was a good helper to his father because he reminded his father about God.

Something to read from the Bible: Isaiah 6:1-8

Questions:

1. Does God have a body like you have?
2. Can you think of at least two places where God is, right now?
3. Can God see us at night when it is dark?

A prayer:

O God in heaven, holy God, forgive us for our many sins, for we are often bad. We thank You that You forgive us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A hymn to sing:

Come, Thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise:
Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

