

Topic: God is the I Am—Jehovah (Lesson 15)

Note: The practical applications provided in the lesson are offered as suggestions to help the saints in their preparation. They are not meant to direct or limit the ways in which the focus of the lesson can be applied. The saints are encouraged to pray and contact the Lord to receive His burden and guidance in teaching and applying the lesson. Fellowship with other saints, and inquiring of the children themselves, may also bring out many helpful applications.

Elementary:

Verse: “And God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM. And He said, Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, I AM has sent me to you” (Exodus 3:14). (memorize underlined portions)

Focus: God’s name is Jehovah, which means, “I am Who I am.” God’s name being “I am” means that He just exists. Everyone and everything exists because of someone, but no one helped God exist or made God exist. (Emphasize the self-existing aspect of God.)

Practical Application: Consider talking about one of the children’s toys. Did it always exist or does it exist because someone has made it?

Intermediate:

Verses: “Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is coming” (Revelation 1:4b).

“Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Before Abraham came into being, I am” (John 8:58). (memory verse)

Focus: God’s name is Jehovah, which means, “I am Who I am.” God’s name being “I am” means that He always exists. Our God not only existed in the past and is existing now, but He will also exist forever. God exists with no beginning and no ending. (Emphasize the ever-existing aspect of God.)

Practical Application: Before we were born, before our parents/grandparents were born, before the earth and heavens were made, before the animals were created, God was already there. Think about the chair you are sitting on, can we say it was always here? Can we say it will last forever? Bring photos of living things and point out that they need water, food, light, air, etc. to be able to exist. God does not need anything to exist.

Advanced:

Verse: “And God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM. And He said, Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, I AM has sent me to you” (Exodus 3:14).

Focus: God’s name being “I am” also means He is everything. As the self-existing and ever-existing One, God can be whatever we need.

Practical Application: When we feel scared, God will say, “My name is ‘I Am’ and I am your protection.” When we are worried, God will say, “My name is ‘I Am’ and I am your peace.” When even mom and dad cannot help us, God can be whatever we need. Consider having the children list things that God could be as the “I Am” to them.