



YHWH (Yahweh)

MAIN IDEAS

- **Yahweh is God's personal name.**
- **God desires to make His name known.**

MEMORY VERSES

(Choose one)

I am the LORD; that is my name.

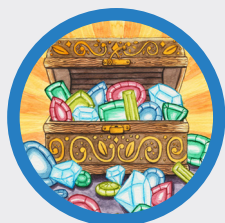
—Isaiah 42:8a

And those who know your name put their trust in you.

—Psalm 9:10

SCRIPTURE

- 1) Exodus 3:4b-6a, 13, 15
- 2) Psalm 9:10a
- 3) Isaiah 42:8



LESSON SUMMARY

This lesson presented the biblical account of God's revelation of His name, YHWH (there are no vowels given in our Hebrew texts), to Moses and the people of Israel. Of all the revealed names of God, it is the one most often used in the Bible that is considered His proper personal name. Many non-Jewish English speakers usually pronounce it as *Yahweh*, and it is translated as "LORD" in many English versions of the Bible. God's unique name reveals that He alone defines and explains Himself: "I will be who I will be." He is the self-existent One, independent from all other things.

This lesson also explained the importance of God revealing His personal name: God wants people to know Him as a specific and unique Person, not just one of the common "gods" proclaimed among other nations and peoples. Furthermore, in revealing His personal name, God binds the greatness and worth of His character with that specific name, and not simply with the generic title "God"—*Yahweh* is the one true, eternal God. And though *Yahweh* is more than we can fully understand, He makes Himself known so that we may embrace *Yahweh* as our God, Ruler, Friend, Savior, and Treasure. In this way, He draws His people into an intimate and loving relationship with Himself.

PRAYER POINTS

As you review this lesson with your child, pray...



- *that your child will, by His grace, embrace Yahweh as his or her God and Savior.*
- *that, as your child becomes more and more acquainted with Yahweh's character, his or her confidence in God would increase.*

AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

- **Why is it important for someone to tell us his name? How can knowing that God has a personal name that He shares with us help us to better understand that He is "real," and that He cares for us and wants us to love Him? Is it sometimes hard for you to feel that *Yahweh* is real? In what ways does *Yahweh* show us that He is real and cares for us?**

- When you say a friend's name, do certain things about your friend come to mind? Give your child an example of this. Explain that *Yahweh* wants us to have certain things come to mind when we think of Him.

What kinds of things should come to mind when we think of *Yahweh*? What kind of things describe what He is like?

- Read the memory verse from Psalm 9:10a. Explain that the "know" in the verse means to

know and understand a person's character—what makes him special. People who really "know" what *Yahweh* is like—the things that go along with His name: incomprehensible, loving, great, powerful, etc.—will understand that He is trustworthy. You can trust *Yahweh* to always keep His word.

Is there something that you have a hard time trusting God for? What could help you to become more trusting?

ACTION STEP

Over the course of the week, read Psalm 33 together as your child looks on. Look for God's personal name in the text: "LORD." How many times is it used? Talk about what these verses are telling us about the LORD—*Yahweh*.

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Look up the verses in your Bible and fill in the blanks. Then, color the picture as you memorize the verses.

I am the
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 that is my
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 —*Isaiah 42:8a*

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 trust in you.
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