



# Attentive

## MAIN IDEA

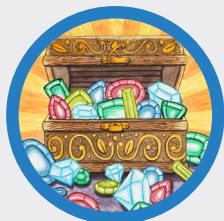
- **God constantly sees, hears, and acts in the world.**

## MEMORY VERSE

*The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.*  
—Psalm 34:15

## SCRIPTURE

- 1) 1 Kings 18:26a-27, 29b, 36b-39
- 2) Psalm 3:5
- 3) Psalm 34:15
- 4) Proverbs 15:3
- 5) Matthew 6:9-13
- 6) Hebrews 1:3b



## LESSON SUMMARY

God's attentiveness—His providence—is truly deep and rich in meaning, not easily grasped for even the adult mind, let alone a child's mind. Nevertheless, it is important that children begin to understand what it is and its implications at a basic level. For one thing, we can teach children that God does not regard His creation as some toy that He made a long time ago, but now finds boring. God is actively involved in every aspect of His creation and communicates with His creatures. He is attentive to the galaxies, as well as to the sleeping child.

In this lesson, we also emphasized God's attentiveness being shown as He interacts with those who trust in Him, as was demonstrated in the story of Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The prophets of Baal could not be heard by their false god. But when Elijah called out to the one true God, *Yahweh*, God heard and acted. He is an attentive God who watches over us, hears His people's prayers, intercedes and acts on our behalf, all in the context of His wise and sovereign rule. God's people are truly blessed to enjoy the special privilege of His constant care.

## PRAYER POINTS

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



- *that your child would truly experience the amazing strength and comfort that God gives to His children through His always seeing eyes and listening ears.*
- *that this lesson would increase your child's desire to call out to Him in every circumstance.*

## AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

- Read Psalm 34:15. Explain that the word "toward" means "attentive." "The righteous" are people who trust in God—Christians. **Why is it good to know that God sees what is happening and is paying attention?**

**Can you think of a time that you were especially glad that God was attentive? Is there a time that you cried out to God? How did He answer? Do you think that someone might not like it that God is always attentive? Why not? Read Proverbs 15:3.**

- **Do you ever worry about what might be happening when you go to sleep at night? While you sleep, can you control anything? Can Daddy or Mommy control anything while they sleep?**

No, we cannot even control our breathing! **Do we need to worry about this?** Discuss Hebrews 1:3b and Psalm 3:5. **What can you do the next time you are worried? Does God see that you are worried? Can you cry out to Him? Will He ignore anyone who trusts in Jesus? Why not?**

- Explain that just because God is attentive, it does not mean that God will act how we want

Him to act in a certain situation. God is still sovereign and has the right, wisdom, and power to do all that He pleases. God's actions are always best. When we cry out to God, we should understand this, and our prayers should seek to desire things that God would desire.

Read and discuss the Lord's Prayer from Matthew 6:9-13.

**ACTION STEP**

This week, with your parents' help, start a simple prayer journal. At the top of a sheet of paper, write out Psalm 34:15. Write down a one or more prayer requests every day. Pray and ask God to see, hear, and act on these requests.

**MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY**

Use secret code to fill in the missing words below. If needed, ask a parent or older sibling for help.

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