



Omnipresent

MAIN IDEA

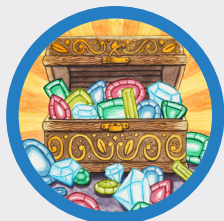
- **God is everywhere all the time.**

MEMORY VERSE

Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.
—Jeremiah 23:24

SCRIPTURE

- 1) Psalm 139:7-10
- 2) Jeremiah 23:24
- 3) Matthew 28:20b
- 4) John 14:15-17



LESSON SUMMARY

For creatures that are body-bound, this quality of God is truly hard to fathom. But the implications concerning God's omnipresence in our own lives are within our grasp to understand and embrace. For He is not a God that resides in a certain location—there is no pilgrimage on which we must travel. He is always there no matter where we are. Nor must He bounce back and forth across the world trying to care for the various needs of His people. His abiding presence is available in all places at all times. What a great comfort and means of confidence this is for God's people! It is also true that no one can hide from His presence and sovereign authority. And this should cause all to tremble. For no sin is truly secret, no matter how well hidden from the world or others.

In this lesson, we used portions of Psalm 139 and the story of Jonah to help the children understand the meaning and implications—especially the personal implications—of God's omnipresence.

PRAYER POINTS

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

- *that your children will increasingly live in the reality of God's continuous presence.*
- *that he or she may grow in knowledge and love of this precious truth.*



AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

- Talk with your child about some of things that characterize infants. **Do babies like to be left alone? What happens when their moms leave them? Why do they usually cry?** Babies want their mother's presence as much as possible. Even as children get older, they still like to have their parents near them, especially if they are afraid. **But can your parents be with you all of the time? Why not? But is God limited? Why can He be with you all of the time? Does His presence comfort you? How? Have there ever been times when you have wished that He wasn't present everywhere all the time? Why?**
- Read Jesus' promise to His disciples: "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). **Do we see Jesus bodily here with us today? No. So what did He mean by this**

promise? Explain that while Jesus is bodily in heaven (in his human nature), he is also omnipresent and with us always in his divine nature. He is both in heaven and with us here on earth.

Read and/or discuss John 14:15-17. **Have you felt helped by these promises? How?** Pray with your child that God would make His presence real in his or her life.

- Review one or two promises from Scripture that address God's abiding presence for His people, such as Matthew 28:20b and John 14:15-16. Talk about ways in which God often makes His presence increasingly real to us: through the reading of His words in the Bible, going to Him in prayer, fellowship with other Christians, etc.

ACTION STEP

This week, make a plan to intentionally seek out God's presence by having a time of daily Bible reading and prayer.

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Search for the hidden letters in the picture and use them to complete the verse.



Can a ___an hide himself in se___ret places so t___at I can ___ot see h___m? dec___ares the LO___D. Do I not ___ill hea___en and ear___h? decl___res the LOR___.—___eremiah 23:24