



Prep

Plan on spending 10 minutes without your kids to familiarize yourself with this session.

Begin with prayer, asking God for His wisdom and guidance.
Read through the session to:

- Be sure to understand the Big Idea and the Key Verse
- Preview the video
- Select the best questions in the **TALK** section and activities in the **DO** section for your family

Understanding the Character of God

Background information from the Bible about God's character.

God's sovereignty is the attribute by which He rules His entire creation, and to be sovereign, God must be all-knowing, all-powerful, and absolutely free.

1. God created all things, both in heaven and on earth, both visible and invisible. He sustains all things, holding them together.

*"For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together."
(Colossians 1:16-17 NIV)*

2. God is all-powerful, and He can do all things. Nothing is too difficult for Him. Nothing—not anything—is impossible for Him.

*"I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?"
(Jeremiah 32:27 NIV)*

3. God knows all things. He isn't limited. God knows everything completely before it happens.

"Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely." (Psalm 139:4 NIV)

"Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account." (Hebrews 4:13 NIV)



Big Idea:

**GOD KNOWS
EVERYTHING AND IS IN
COMPLETE CONTROL.**

As the Creator of the universe,
nothing escapes God's
attention or is beyond His
power. God is never surprised
or out of control because He
is the King of the universe.



Key Verse:

COLOSSIANS 1:17 (NLT)

He (God) existed before
anything else, and He holds
all creation together.

Watch

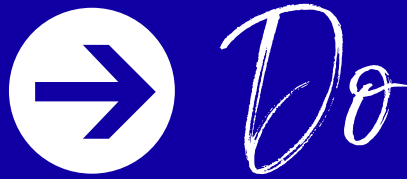
Set up the video for your family:

"We're going to watch a video
that tells a story to teach us
something about God. Let's
pay attention and see if we can
discover what the story says
about God."




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Ideas to help your family understand God's character for the rest of the week.

- Go to **RealGodChurch.com/view** and select the Family Devotional to **LOG IN**. Download the TAKEAWAY page for this Session. Put up a few around your house (refrigerator, bathroom mirror, etc.). Encourage your kids to read the verse every morning and every night. One option is to memorize the verse as a family.


SOVEREIGNTY
God knows everything and
is in complete control.

*"He (God) existed before anything else,
and he holds all creation together."*
(Colossians 1:17 NLT)

- Morning questions for breakfast or on the ride to school:
 - The Bible says God is sovereign. What does that mean?
 - What's happening today that is out of your control? What could it look like for you to trust God as King of the universe?
- Questions for the evening in the car on the way home from school or dinner time:
 - What were some things that happened to you today that were out of your control? How did you respond?
 - What does it mean to worry or be anxious? How can the truth about God's sovereignty help us with worry?

☐ Stories are powerful! Think through a few stories of God's sovereignty in your life and share a couple this week. Be vulnerable, as this will encourage your kids. Here are a few prompts to get you thinking: Describe a time when a series of events were confusing/overwhelming/out of control until you were able to look back and see God at work.

☐ If your kids have a mobile phone, text them a few times this week. Here are a few suggestions:

- Take comfort in the truth that God knows everything and is in complete control.
- "He (God) existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together." (Colossians 1:17 NLT)
- God is in control over everything that happens today. He loves you and so do I!
- Take a moment and give thanks to God for being in control of everything. We worship the King of the universe!
- If something stressed you out today, take a moment and say, "God help me to trust you more. Thank you for being in control and loving me."

☐ As a family, take 10 minutes and each person hunt for something in your home that best describes for you the sovereignty of God. Bring it back to the family and share why you chose that particular item.