

# Lesson 1: God is Holy!

**Objectives:** Students will...

- 1) Define the word holy and determine that God is holy by looking at Bible verses
- 2) Create a Mouse Pad Craft that will remind them that God is Holy and so should we be!
- 3) Create a "God is Holy" banner to help remember all the ways God is holy

## Supplies:

### Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)

- Bible(s)
- Markers/Pencil Crayons/Crayons
- Pencils
- Attendance Chart
- Stickers for Attendance
- Banner Paper (11 x 17 computer copy paper or large construction paper) - one per child
- Banner Template - one per child
- Craft Foam - 6 ½ inches by 9 inches - one per child various colors
- Sharpie Markers - various colors or other types of good markers
- Laminator - if available to laminate the mouse pad (not mandatory)
- Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- Hole punch (one for each child preferably and different sizes if possible)
- Chalkboard or Easel to write down ideas for all to see

### Optional

#### Snack:

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| - Swiss Cheese and/or Donuts | one per child |
| - Napkins for snack          | one per child |
| - Juice or water and cup     | one per child |

## Lesson:

### 1) Introduction to Lesson

5 minutes

As students enter welcome them and help find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming. Have children put a sticker beside their name for this week on their attendance chart. Once children are seated say;

**What have we learned about God so far?** (God is Love, God is worthy of praise, God is faithful, God is fair and just, God is our provider, God is merciful) **Today we are going to learn that God is also holy. Let's turn to our Bible and read from 1 Peter 1:15-16.**

### 1 Peter 1:15-16

**15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy.**

**Who is Holy?** (God)

**And what does he want us to do?** (Be holy too.)

**WHAT IS HOLY?**

**Can anyone tell me what being Holy is? Raise your hand if you know.** (Encourage children to raise hands and tell you what they think holy is. Examples may be – perfect, pure, religious, etc.)

**The word holy means pure, without impurities or defects. It also means free from all wrong doing or sin. In the case of God it means that God is absolutely sinless and He is morally perfect. It also means that God will have nothing to do with evil and He himself cannot be tempted by evil or be near it because He is holy.**

## **2) God is Holy Verses and Ideas**

**5 minutes**

**Have you ever drank pure water? Water that is pure and comes from a spring for instance? Maybe a cold bottled water where every drink is clean, crisp, and cold. Where the water is clear and pure?**

**What makes the water pure?** (Bad stuff is filtered out so only the good stuff is left)

**Just like pure water is clean and pure and there is nothing bad in it, God is totally clean and pure and there is nothing bad in Him. But, he doesn't need to be "filtered."**

**Have you ever seen water with something gross in it? Like mud or swamp water? Have you ever smelt stinky water that has just been sitting for a long time like in a swamp or dirty pond? It smells so bad; you don't even enjoy being near the water at all!**

**"Would you be willing to drink this nasty, polluted water? Why? Why not?"** (Let kids answer.)

**Just like the tiniest bit of something foul destroys the whole glass of water. *The tiniest bit of sin would destroy Gods holiness;* He would not be pure. God cannot be in a relationship with someone who has been stained or "made dirty" with *sin* and God remain pure and clean. It is important for us to remember that even what we may consider "just a little sin" still makes our clean heart dirty.**

**The good news is that God made a way for us to be washed clean and pure so we CAN have a relationship with Him! When you learn to follow God and His Son Jesus and do what the bible says, thanks to Jesus dying on the cross, He washes your sins away once and for all through baptism. Then we are pure and clean to God.**

## **3) God is Holy Mouse Pad Craft**

**10 minutes**

Hand out one piece of craft foam to each child along with scissors, markers, and Bibles.

Have the children turn to 1 Peter 1:15-16. Read the verse aloud to them. Say, **"God is Holy! He says we can be holy too, if we follow him! Let's write the verse out on the mouse pad along with a picture if you want that reminds you of what the verse means, maybe you can draw the word "sin" and then cross it out, maybe a picture of a Bible, maybe water to represent something clean and pure. Once you are done drawing, we will cut the edges of the craft foam so it has a "soft edge".** (If you have a laminator, have the children write their names on the bottom of the pad and then heat up the laminator – in advance before class – so that you can quickly and easily laminate the pads and have the kids cut out the shape before moving on to the next activity or do it over the week and hand it back to them next week! As well if you have bought different colors of craft foam allow the children to pick what color they would like.) Remind students to write the verse 1 Peter 1:15-16 at the bottom as well to remind them where this verse is found.

## **1 Peter 1:15-16**

15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

### **4) God is Holy Banner Craft**

**15-20 minutes**

Hand out one piece of construction paper or large copy paper to each child for their banner. Tell kids to write their name on the back of the paper. Then hand out markers, crayons or pencil crayons along with a piece of template paper for each child and bibles to share. The template paper has the words "God is Holy" along with a Bible.

**"Each week that we study a characteristic about God we will make a banner. This will help us remember that God is many things and all of them amazing! This week we will add to our banner and make a God is Holy page! I am handing out some words you can color and cut out, that say God is Holy, along with a bible you can color to add to your banner. You can also draw pictures of things that remind you of God's holiness or words or phrases that show that God is holy. Remember to fill up the whole banner with things and ways that show God is Holy! Hand out scissors and glue for students who want to use the template word phrase.**

**Optional:** Hand out different hole-punches and after kids have decorated their banners, have them make hole-punches around the edge of the banner to represent "holy"!

**Go ahead and start and if you need help or have any questions feel free to ask!**

**Talk about what it means that God is holy – it means He is pure, without sin, clean, and perfect. Because He is holy His commandments in the Bible are also perfect and pure so we should trust that we can follow the Bible and by doing so we can learn to be pure and holy too!**

Make sure students have access to their bibles for ideas and if necessary help them with cutting, gluing, verse look ups, or other things. Ensure kids clean up before leaving. If banners are dry kids can take them home or you can collect them and then hand them out to each child at the end with all banners the child will make stapled together to make one huge rolled up banner!

### **5) Optional – Snack : Swiss Cheese and/or Donuts**

**5 minutes**

Hand out one snack along with a glass of water or juice to each child. Have a napkin for children to clean their hands. **"What does Swiss cheese/or Donuts, have to do with our lesson today? (They are h-o-l-e-y too! " 😊)**

Discuss questions and examples of how God is holy while snacking!)

## 6) Optional: Songs

### Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!  
Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the crystal sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.  
Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.  
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

### Sanctuary

Chorus:	With thine own hand.
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary	
Pure and holy, tried and true	Chorus
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living	
Sanctuary for You	Lead Me on Lord
	From temptation
It is you, Lord	Purify me
Who came to save	From within
The heart and soul	Fill my heart with
Of every man	Your holy spirit
It is you Lord	Take away all my sin
who knows my weakness	
Who gives me strength,	Chorus

## 7) Close in prayer

Thank you God for being clean, pure, and free from sin. Thank you that we have you and your Son Jesus as examples. We pray that we can look to you and your holiness and pray that you will help us to live holy lives as well. In your Son's precious and holy name we pray, Amen.

Thank you for serving Christ in this way!