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**Give any Campus-Specific Announcements**

**Genesis 1-2**

**Luke 12:6-7**

**Colossians 1:15-17**

**God is awesome.**

**September 25-26, 2021**

**God Is – Week 1 (Awesome)**



**Take attendance and make sure to welcome anyone who is a first-time guest!**

What was the highlight of your week?

Have you ever experienced something in your life that was so awesome that it’s hard to even describe or explain? If so, what happened?

When you’re finished (and there’s time), pray for our time of worship.

**"You Had One Job"**

This is a fun, video-based game that gets everyone involved! Have you ever been given one job to do...and then you totally blew it? Don't worry; you're not alone! This game shows videos of people doing their one job and you simply choose…did they fail (put the palm of your hand on your forehead - facepalm!) or was it awesome (praise hands up in the air!)? There are 10 videos with one practice round at the beginning. Just do process-of-elimination until a final winner is still standing and then give them an awesome prize!

**\*\*\*Make sure to test the technology before playing the game!!**



I’m excited about our new series that starts today called “God Is.” Every week here at Northview Students, we learn something about God, and this whole series is designed to help us learn a different part about God each week. Here is what I am challenging you to do over the next several weeks: come with a heart and attitude that is ready to learn. Secondly…come with a heart and attitude that is willing to change the way you live based on what you learn. We would love nothing more than for every 5th & 6th grade student at our church to be in awe of God and to think He is awesome…because He is awesome! In fact, that’s where I want to start off this message and this entire series.

**THP: God is awesome!**

That word “awesome” is something we say a lot, and yet, we probably need levels to the word “awesome.” The English language can’t really help us there. We can say pizza is awesome, naps are awesome, Netflix is awesome, the NBA is awesome, and God is awesome…without any difference!

The Gospel writers Matthew and Luke describe God’s name as “hallowed” in the New Testament, which means holy or set apart. There were many believers in God in ancient history that wouldn’t even say the name of God because they were so in awe of Him. In other words, He was awesome and because He was so awesome, they hesitated to say His Name.

However, I sometimes wonder (and maybe you do, too), “What makes God awesome?” I mean, there has to be a reason for it. Here are a couple reasons…

**No one/Nothing else is like God.**

God is unlike anyone or anything else in all of creation. We’re told in Genesis 2 that God created male and female in His own image. That means human beings were a special creation by God and that parts of God were put into us. However, even then, human beings aren’t even remotely close to being like God. He is perfect, He is all-powerful, He is awesome! Remember how I used the word “hallowed” earlier? Matthew and Luke both tell us about a conversation where Jesus tells people that God’s name is hallowed: holy, set apart, or special.



**God is our Creator.**

Christians believe that God created the world: in Genesis 1, at the very beginning of the Bible, it says He created the heavens and the earth. Oceans, mountains, caves, animals, planets, stars…everything! That basically means the entire universe. Whoa! Just to give you an idea of what God created, this video illustrates the awesomeness of God being a Creator. If you’re in 6th grade, some of you may remember this video from last year…

**(Leaders Note: Show “Awe Factor of God” video)**

Does anyone feel kind of small right now? I do. After watching something like that, it might be easy for some of you to think, “With all that going on, why would God care about me? Why would He even care about my family, my grades, what sports I play, the things I pray about, what boy or girl I like, what my favorite food or movie is? He has way more important things to deal with.” However, this is what makes God the most awesome: He can handle all of that and yet give you His undivided attention at all times! How crazy is that?!

In fact, Jesus even talks about that in the New Testament in Luke 12:6-7: *“Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.”*

Jesus is saying that God takes care of the sparrows and makes sure they have enough to eat. God knows how many hairs are on your head! Again, you might be thinking, “Doesn’t God have more important things to take care of or worry about?” Not according to Jesus! In fact, it’s the exact opposite. God cares about every detail! They are important to Him.

Let’s make it more personal…He cares about every single detail of YOUR life. NOT A SINGLE ONE OF YOU IS FORGOTTEN BY GOD. He cares about you. He loves you. That is awesome!

**This great big God, who COULD choose to not bother with us…He could just stay somewhere far away from humanity like, “I’ve got more important things to do.” In fact, a lot of people in our world see God like that. But…you know what He did instead? He sent His only Son: Jesus Christ, God in human form. GOD IN THE FLESH! He did that so that He could identify with us…so He could come close to us and actually show us that He loves us. He gave us a small glimpse of who He was.**



Paul says this in the New Testament in Colossians 1:15-17 says this: *“The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 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.”*

I love that last part: IN HIM ALL THINGS HOLD TOGETHER. Nothing can happen apart from God. Nothing. Students…I want my life to be in God’s control and I want yours to be, too, because He is awesome…just like our THP says.

**Since God is awesome, we can trust Him with anything in our life. We know He cares about it and since He is a perfect, loving God…we can know that He will take good care of us. Now THAT is awesome! Let’s pray.**



**After your group is finished with your discussion questions, close in prayer!**

What was the THP today and why was it important during the message?

During the message, we talked about a couple of reasons why God is awesome. Does anyone remember what those are?” **(Leaders Note: No one else like God, God is our creator)** What are some additional things that make God awesome?

What did you think of the video we watched today called “The Awe Factor of God”? What do you think this video shows us about God?

Let’s read one of the verses that was mentioned during the message from Luke 12:6-7 in the New Testament. Can I have a volunteer to do that?

*“Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.”*

What does this verse tell us about God? What does it tell us about His relationship with us?

How will the THP help you to live differently this week? Try to think of a specific example.

How can this group pray for you this week?



-Some Bibles for students to share during group discussion

-Pen/paper for SOAP study (optional)

-Playlister material

Pro Presenter or Playlister

Stupid Video of the Week

Message script

Message slides