



## How Majestic Is Your Name!

### Scope & Sequence

*How Majestic Is Your Name* is a study for children on the names and character of God. It uses the names of God as a framework for learning about the attributes of God. The study begins by showing the character and work of God through His Hebrew names, and then Jesus is shown as fully God and a further revelation of the character of God. The study was designed with the thought that in order for faith to grow, children must first see the greatness of God and their own unworthiness. As the sense of their condition before God grows, so does the possibility of response to such a great God.

(NOTE: Though there are only 37 lessons in this curriculum, the curriculum is designed to span 40 weeks. Some lessons include two weeks' worth of material.)

#### Lesson 1: Names

The Life of Peter (Matthew 14, 26; and Acts 5)

**God is so great that He uses many names to reveal to us who He is.**

- ▶ Students are introduced to this study by learning that names in Bible times were not merely labels, but also a reference to a person's character or destiny. Sometimes when a person had an encounter with God, God changed that person's name to reflect a change in his character or destiny. Though several biblical characters are used as examples of this, focus is given to the life of Peter and how changes in Peter's life are reflected in the different names by which Peter was known.

Memory Verse: Psalm 8:1

#### Lesson 2: God's Name

Various Passages

**God will protect His name.**

- ▶ This lesson focuses on the reputation of God's name and demonstrates for children that God's name is powerful. Through examination of various biblical events, students will recognize that there is help, protection, strength, power, authority, and victory in the name of God.

Memory Verses: Psalm 20:7; Proverbs 18:10

#### Lesson 3: *Elohim*, Strong Creator

Creation (Genesis 1)

**God creates from nothing, from within Himself.**

- ▶ This lesson features the first specific name of God studied in this curriculum. Children will learn that God's name, *Elohim*, not only tells us that God created the world and everything in it, but that nothing is too hard for God. The variety in God's creation reflects the vastness of God.

Memory Verses: Jeremiah 32:17; Isaiah 40:28; Isaiah 44:24

#### Lesson 4: *Jehovah*, *Yahweh*, I AM, Self-Existent One, Unchanging One

The Burning Bush (Exodus 3)

**God exists by His own power; God does not change.**

- ▶ Children will be introduced to the name of God that was revealed to Moses during his encounter at the burning bush. Throughout this lesson, children will learn that God does not need anyone or anything. What God is, He always will be—He never gets used up or wears out.

Memory Verses: Acts 17:24-25; Romans 11:34-36

**Lesson 5: *El Shaddai*, God Almighty**

God's Promise to Abraham (Genesis 17-21)

**God is all-powerful.**

God Provides in the Wilderness (Exodus 16)

- ▶ The name *El Shaddai*, reveals to us that God is Almighty! He has no limits, and nothing is too hard for Him. Because God is almighty, He is more than able to care for His children. As is demonstrated in His provision for the Israelites, God is all-sufficient for our needs.

Memory Verses: Job 42:2; Jeremiah 32:17; Romans 11:34-36; Ephesians 3:20-21

**Lesson 6: *Adonai*, Lord, Master**

Various Passages

**God is our Lord and Master.**

- ▶ Children learn the name *Adonai* and find out that God made us and sustains us, therefore He has the right to rule over us. They will also see that God provides for us and is in relationship with us. Throughout the lesson, students will look at four different biblical characters (Moses, Isaiah, Jonah, and Mary) to see how they responded to God as Lord and Master.

Memory Verses: Matthew 10:24-25a; Luke 6:46

**Lesson 7: *Jehovah-Jireh*, The LORD Will Provide**

God Provides for Elijah (1 Kings 17)

**God foresees our needs, and He provides for us.**

Abraham and Isaac (Genesis 22)

- ▶ Children will discover the joy in trusting *Jehovah-Jireh* for all their needs as they learn that God is able to fully provide for us. He not only has all of creation at His disposal, but He also has the inexhaustible resource of Himself. Students will learn that believing that God will provide enables us to sacrifice without reservation.

Memory Verses: Isaiah 65:24; Matthew 6:33

**Lesson 8: *El Roi*, The God Who Sees**

Hagar in the Wilderness (Genesis 16)

**God sees everything.**

- ▶ This lesson aims to show students that God sees “deeper” than man does—He sees beyond the surface. In studying the story of Hagar students will see that God looks upon His creation with eyes of compassion. Nothing is outside of His watchful care.

Memory Verses: 2 Chronicles 16:9a; Proverbs 15:3; 1 Peter 3:12; Psalm 33:18; Psalm 121

**Lesson 9: *Jehovah-Rophe*, The LORD Who Heals**

Bitter Water Made Sweet (Exodus 15)

**God is our Healer.**

The Bronze Serpent (Numbers 21)

- ▶ This lesson shows the power of God by focusing on His healing power. Students will explore two events that occurred as the Israelites wandered in the wilderness to see that God heals all kinds of hurts. The lesson emphasizes that God is most concerned about healing our deepest needs.

Memory Verse: Psalm 103:2-3

**Lesson 10: *Jehovah-Sabaoth*, The LORD of Hosts**

Various Passages

**God protects His people and leads them to victory.**

- ▶ Students will learn that God is the commander of a multitude of angels. Through the exploration of various Scripture texts, students will be given a better understanding of angels and will learn that angels are powerful beings who obey God and do His bidding; they are messengers and warriors who protect the people of God.

Memory Verses: Psalm 34:7; Psalm 89:8; Psalm 84:12

**Lesson 11: *Jehovah-Nissi*, The LORD My Banner**

Israel versus the Amalekites (Exodus 17)

**Victory comes from the Lord.**

- ▶ The previous lesson introduced students to the fact that God protects His people and leads them to victory. This lesson further explores that subject. While this lesson primarily uses the battle with the Amalekites as a foundation for this point, children will also look at Israel's history and see that we are victorious when we trust in *Jehovah-Nissi*.

Memory Verses: Psalm 20:6; 1 John 4:4b

**Lesson 12: *Jehovah-Shalom*, The LORD is Peace**

Gideon 's Offering (Judges 6)

**Peace comes from God.**

(Two-week lesson)

- ▶ This lesson emphasizes that only God is worthy of our highest affections. Children will examine the story of Gideon to see that blessing comes through obedience. The lesson also teaches that God does not always remove our troubles, but He gives us peace in the midst of trouble.

Memory Verse: Isaiah 26:3

**Lesson 13: *Jehovah-Rohi*, The LORD My Shepherd**

The LORD is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)

**God knows His own and cares for us as a shepherd cares for his sheep.**

(Two-week lesson)

- ▶ This lesson begins by exploring the role, tools, and characteristics of a shepherd as well as the characteristics of sheep. Students will see the similarities between God and a good shepherd, and see that people are ignorant, foolish, and weak, and that they need a shepherd's care. The lesson then continues by walking students through Psalm 23 verse by verse, to help them see that God's care is loving, protective, and sure. He will protect, defend, and provide for us because His name is at stake.

Memory Verses: Psalm 100:3; Psalm 23:1

**Lesson 14: *Jehovah-Shammah*, The LORD is There**

The Pillars of Cloud and Fire (Exodus 13)

**God is always present with His people.**

- ▶ This lesson shows students that the Lord is present everywhere, and therefore He is with us wherever we are. It also encourages children by showing them that if they belong to God, there is nothing to fear because *Jehovah-Shammah* is always with them.

Memory Verse: Joshua 1:9

**Lesson 15: *Jehovah-El Emeth*, The LORD God of Truth**

Various Passages

**God will lead us in the truth if we trust Him.**

- ▶ God does not lie; every word of His proves true—this is the emphasis of Lesson 15. God will fulfill all His promises because He is a God of Truth. The Scripture passages will also demonstrate that Satan is a liar, and students will see the consequences of what happens when we follow his lies.

Memory Verses: Psalm 18:30; Proverbs 30:5; Numbers 23:19

Lesson 16: *Jehovah-Maginnenu*, The LORD Our Defense

Jesus Before Pilate (Mark 15)

**God will defend those who trust in Him.**

Aaron and Miriam Question Moses (Numbers 12)

- ▶ This lesson teaches children that God hears when someone murmurs against His children. The Lord always comes to our defense if we trust Him. As students see Jesus' actions before Pilate they will see that we need Jesus to be our defense against God's wrath.

Memory Verses: Luke 12:11-12; Psalm 36:5-6; Psalm 56:3-4

Lesson 17: *Jehovah-Or*, The LORD is Light

Nathan Rebukes David (2 Samuel 12)

**God is light, in Him is no darkness.**

- ▶ *Jehovah-Or* teaches students that God exposes evil and darkness. He will also guide and provide direction for His children. Children will also study 1 John 1:5-10 more closely to examine what it means for God to be light.

Memory Verses: Psalm 27:1

Lesson 18: *El Elyon*, The Most High King of Kings

Nebuchadnezzar Humbled (Daniel 4)

**God will not allow another to take His place.**

- ▶ God is the Most High. He is greater than anyone or anything else. He alone is sovereign over everyone and everything in this world. Children need not fear if they know *El Elyon*, the Most High. This lesson also teaches the consequences of challenging God's place as the Most High.

Memory Verses: Psalm 47:2; Psalm 7:10; Daniel 2:20-21

## Lesson 19: Review of the Hebrew Names of God

Review of Previous Passages

**Review of previous themes.**

- ▶ This lesson provides an intermission in the curriculum by providing a week for the teacher and students to review what they have learned about God thusfar. The lesson contains a number of ways to review the Hebrew names of God with the students, and also covers the main themes that correspond with each name.

Memory Verse: review previous verses

## Lesson 20: Other Names of God

Various Passages

**God has other names that help describe who He is.**

(Two-week lesson)

- ▶ This lesson provides an overview of some of names of God not covered in individual lessons, giving students a quick glimpse of the facets of God revealed in these names: Fortress, Refuge, Hiding Place, Rock, Lion of the Tribe of Judah, Mighty God, King of the Nations, King of the Ages, King Eternal, King of Heaven, Helper, God of our Fathers, The Faithful God, Living God, Wonderful Counselor, and Holy One.

Memory Verse: none

Lesson 21: Father, *Abba* Father

The Prodigal Son (Luke 15)

**God is a Father to those who believe in His name.**

- ▶ God is a Father to His children, not only in name, but also in function. This lesson emphasizes that God is a good Father to His children. Children will learn that if we are children of God then we will grow in resemblance to Him.

Memory Verse: John 1:12

## Lesson 22: The Word

The Word Became Flesh (John 1)

### Jesus is fully God.

- ▶ This introduces a series of lessons on the names of Jesus. Children will learn that the names of Jesus are names of God because Jesus is fully God. They will also study correlations between many names of Jesus and names of God, demonstrating that Jesus is God. The term *The Word* shows students that God communicates with man, and in fact, Jesus is God's greatest communication with man.

Memory Verse: Isaiah 40:28b

## Lesson 23: Lamb of God, Savior, Messiah

Various New Testament Passages

### Jesus paid the price for man's sin.

- ▶ There must be a punishment for sin. In this lesson, students will discover that the shedding of blood is the only acceptable punishment for sin. This lesson walks children through the Gospel using a number of New Testament passages to show that Jesus, as the Lamb of God, was the only sacrifice able to pay the price for our sin.

Memory Verse: 1 Peter 3:18

## Lesson 24: High Priest

Portions of Hebrews

### Jesus intercedes for those who trust in Him.

- ▶ Lesson 24 shows students that Jesus is the sinless High Priest. The lesson begins with an overview of Old Testament protocol related to the priest, his role, and his duties. The lesson then goes on to reveal Jesus as the great High Priest, the only One we need, because He removed the barrier of sin between God and man. It is through Jesus that we can come boldly into the presence of God.

Memory Verses: 1 John 2:1b; 1 Timothy 2:5

## Lesson 25: Cornerstone

Various Passages

### Jesus is a precious cornerstone to those who believe Him.

- ▶ Through passages such as 1 Peter 2 and Psalm 73 students will learn the purpose of a cornerstone in first century building and how Jesus is a cornerstone for those who rely on Him. The lesson also points out that Jesus is a stumbling stone for those who reject Him.

Memory Verse: 1 Peter 2:6

## Lesson 26: Overcomer

Various Passages

### Jesus will return with great power and authority, and crush the powers of evil.

- ▶ Jesus is a great victor over evil. The lesson emphasizes things to come by looking at numerous eschatological passages. Children will see that in the final days those who belong to Christ will be on the winning side. The lesson also encourages children that Jesus can help them walk in victory for the battles in their lives.

Memory Verses: 1 John 4:4b; 1 John 5:4-5

## Lesson 27: Coming King

Various Passages

### Everyone will bow under the authority of Jesus.

- ▶ Continuing on the theme of the previous lesson, this lesson highlights that not only will Jesus crush the powers of evil, but He will reign in His kingdom forever. God will not share His

glory with another. However, the lesson also points out that although Jesus is King of all, He chose to humble Himself and subject Himself to the Father's will by becoming human and paying the penalty for our sin.

Memory Verse: Daniel 4:35

### Lesson 28: Judge of the Whole Earth

Various Passages

**God is a just judge, and He will eternally punish those who do not trust Him.**

- ▶ This lesson builds on the foundation from previous lessons by teaching that God will judge the world in the final days. This lesson helps children to understand who will be judged and by what standard. Children will study various Scripture passages and will discover that there is no condemnation for those who trust in Jesus.

Memory Verse: Romans 8:1

### Lesson 29: *Alpha and Omega*

John's Description of Heaven (Revelation 21-22)

**God is the author and the finisher of history.**

- ▶ The beginning of this lesson teaches children that by the name *Alpha and Omega* (or A to Z) we can see that God is everything, total and complete—God is all. A portion of this lesson is devoted to reviewing previous names of God, as well as listing several others to demonstrate that it takes many names to describe God because He is *Alpha and Omega*. Students will discover that God is sovereign over all of history and that God alone is worthy of our worship.

Memory Verse: Romans 11:34-36

### Lesson 30: Unknown Name

Various Passages

**God is incomprehensible.**

- ▶ This lesson focuses on a name of God that we do not know, illustrating that God is so unique and complex that we cannot completely know Him. The activities in this lesson demonstrate to children that knowing about God is not the same as knowing God. To know God is to have a relationship with Him. Students will also see that God desires to be in relationship with us.

Memory Verse: Jeremiah 29:13-14

### Lesson 31: *El Kana, A Jealous God*

God and Dagon (1 Samuel 5)

**God is a jealous God.**

- ▶ In this lesson, students will see that God requires our faithful devotion. He will not allow another to take His place. A number of illustrations throughout this lesson show students the foolishness and consequences of putting someone or something else in God's place.

Memory Verses: Exodus 34:14; Matthew 6:24

### Lesson 32: Salvation in No Other Name

Jesus and Zacchaeus (Luke 19)

**God accepts anyone who calls on His name.**

- ▶ The aim of this lesson is to show students that the only means of salvation is trusting in the work of Jesus on the cross as a payment for our sin. Students will see that an encounter with God results in a heart change, and God will accept anyone who trusts in Him.

Memory Verses: Romans 10:13; Acts 4:12

### Lesson 33: Response to the Name

Various Passages

**Everyone responds to the name of God, either positively or negatively.**

- ▶ Continuing in the path of last week's lesson, this lesson is Gospel-focused by calling children to think about their own response to God. The lesson emphasizes that the name of God demands a response; God cannot be ignored, and our response could be to praise and proclaim the name of God.

Memory Verse: Psalm 34:8

### Lesson 34: Helper

Elisha and the Armies of Syria (2 Kings 6)

**The Holy Spirit convicts man of sin and leads man to repentance.**

- ▶ This lesson continues asking children to think about the Gospel in correspondence to the names of God. It also focuses on the Person of the Holy Spirit. Students will discover that man is unable to understand or embrace spiritual truth apart from a work of the Holy Spirit

Memory Verse: John 8:32

### Lesson 35: Do Not Take the Name of the LORD in Vain

Various Passages

**God's name should be revered.**

- ▶ Throughout the curriculum, students have seen that God's name is a reflection of His character and reputation. In this lesson, they will see that God will judge those who dishonor His name. Students will examine ways we misuse the name of God, and also learn why it is such an offense to God.

Memory Verse: Exodus 20:7

### Lesson 36: Worthy to Suffer for the Name

The Apostles Arrested and Freed (Acts 5)

**The way to endure in suffering is to abide in Jesus and trust in the promises of God.**

- ▶ The challenge of this lesson is to help students see that their heart desire and actions should bring glory to God and not to themselves. Through the exploration of various passages and an examination of the lives of the apostles, children will see that it is a cause for rejoicing when we are counted "worthy to suffer" for the name of Christ.

Memory Verse: James 1:2-3, 12

### Lesson 37: God Will Protect His Name

Tower of Babel (Genesis 11)

**God will protect His name.**

Elijah and the Prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18)

- ▶ This lesson brings the curriculum to completion by reinforcing the importance and value of God's name. Students will be reminded that God's name and reputation are important to Him, and that He will not cast away His children for His name's sake. Children will review themes learned throughout the curriculum and also several moments in biblical history to reinforce the point that God will protect His name.

Memory Verses: Isaiah 46:9; 1 Samuel 12:22