

KNOWING GOD



LESSON 4

learning OUTCOMES
I WILL HAVE

1. **Explained** why truth is important
2. **Considered** what belief is
3. **Discussed** my reaction to a thought experiment
4. **Examined** who Jesus was in the light of the evidence



This lesson is about unpacking the nature of truth by challenging relativism. It continues with the themes of decisions and logical enquiry in relation to Jesus.



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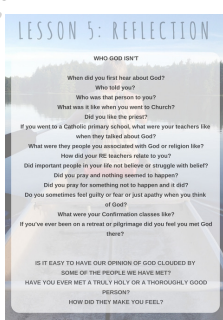


The content of this lesson will be challenging and will probably spark debate which is good as it shows they are thinking about the issues. Some students may object if they think the content is 'one-sided', so it might be good to emphasise (when you go through the learning outcomes) that it is about looking at truth and the person of Jesus from a logical standpoint, using historical evidence. If your class is mixed in terms of faith, then you may have to adapt the content to ensure it is inclusive.

Prior Learning

The reflection on slide 10 is partly a recap from last lesson, but also links and develops the themes from Lesson 3 into this lesson. You may want to do this with quiet music, candles etc. The whole point of it is to show that their ideas about God may be completely shaped by someone else. This idea leads into the animation (slide 12) which encourages them to ensure their decisions about belief are their own.

REFLECTION



You may or may choose not to give this sheet out when you read the reflection - or you might want to let the students read it to themselves.

KEY BIBLE VERSE:

"I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me." (John 14:6)

"Jesus then said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free,' (John 8:31-32)

CURRICULUM DIRECTORY:

1.1.2. The Nature of Revelation: God's gift of himself (74-100) A Scripture, Tradition, and the depositum fidei (74-100, 103-108, 134-135)

a Definitions, b Scripture is the inspired record of God's Revelation in history, c Tradition is the living transmission of the he message of the Gospel in the Church. 1.1.3.

Faith: the response to God's self-Revelation (144-165). a Recognition and acceptance of him as the Son

of God who died to save us from our sins (1248) b Willingness to believe and trust in what Jesus has taught us about the Triune God, about ourselves, and about how to live (915, 1693, 1816, 1823, 1986, 2262, 2347, 2427, 2466, 2612)

TIME

TEACHER

ACTIVITY

LEARNERS

SLIDE

2

register

1-2

10

introduce questions and 'would I lie?' game

STARTER GAME

discussing & playing in groups of 4

3-7

5

play presentation

LINK QUESTIONS

watching /answering questions

8

1

explain

LEARNING OUTCOMES

9

7

read reflection

INDEPENDENT THINKING TIME

mentally noting reactions pair sharing

10-11

15

play animation lead discussion worksheet 1

LEARNING 1

thought experiment: challenge completing questions

12-14

20

questioning playing clips worksheet 2

LEARNING 2

listening discussing & responding

15-35

5

discuss questions

CONSOLIDATION

reflecting synthesising

36

5

plenary

PLENARY

challenge making links

37-39

5

invite a student to lead the prayer

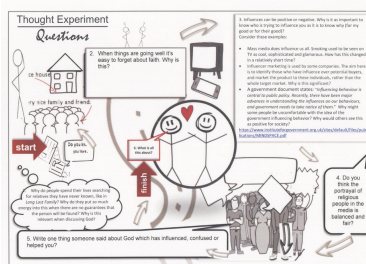
PRAYER

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Lesson Time: 75 mins. Lesson 4 of 6 (you may need to leave out one activity or complete the content over 2 lessons)

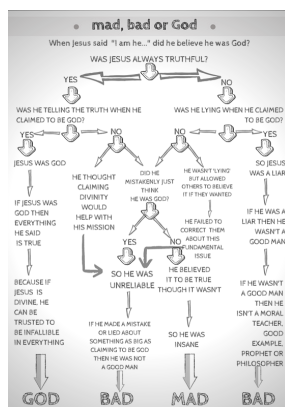
WORKSHEET 1 THOUGHT EXPERIMENT

This is the sheet which comes after the animation



WORKSHEET 2

MAD, BAD OR GOD



- This is C.S Lewis' Trilemma
- It allows the students to see logically the thought process
- This takes place as part of 'Learning 1' activities after Fr Frankie's video
- There is a link to an article about this in the notes section of the slide

RESOURCES

Presentation: Lesson 4A
Instructions for the Game
2 Worksheets



key words & people
C.S Lewis, Trilemma

Assessment

The 'Thought Experiment' worksheet will enable you to see if they have understood the animation. There is plenty of space for discussion and feedback.

KEY QUESTIONS

1. Why does truth matter?
2. Was Jesus really God?
3. Did Jesus really rise from the dead?



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