

# The Lord of All

**Objective:** The students will learn that Jesus is Lord for people of all nations.

Link:

We have all been members of groups. We are members of a family. We are members of this English class. When we were students, we were members of the tennis circle, or the English circle. Can you tell me about some groups that you were a member of? (encourage some discussion – warm memories of belonging to a group)

It is nice to be a member of a group. We feel secure and valuable. We have something to do and people to be with. We are accepted. (write on board)

But sometimes we are not accepted. We are rejected (write). For example, a child moves to a new school and the other children won't be friends. The new child wants to be in a group, but is rejected because of feelings. (subjective) Or someone wants to go to a school like ToDai, but they fail the entrance examination. This person is rejected not because of feelings, but because they didn't meet the requirements. (objective)

Background:

There are two main groups in the Bible. One group is the Jews (write). They are God's people. The other group is the Gentiles (write). The Gentiles are everybody else. The Gentiles were foreigners. Anyone who is not a Jew is a Gentile. How about you? Are you a Jew or a Gentile?

Questions:

The Jews are God's people, and God is the God of the Jews. But is He only the God of the Jews? Let's look in the Bible and see.

- Is God only the God of the Jews? (there is no difference, He is Lord of all)
- What name of God can you find? (the Lord of all)

Read Romans 10: 11-13.

Answer the questions.

Go on.

We see that there is no difference between people who are Jews and people who are not Jews. God is the same, and He is Lord of all.

Let's keep looking at these verses. Who will never be disappointed? (the ones who trust in God.) So we are beginning to see two groups again. One group is the people who trust in God. The other group is the people who do not trust in God.

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Look at verse 13. What will happen to anyone who calls on the Lord? (they will be saved.) So again, we see two groups. One group is people who call on the Lord and are saved. The other group is people who do not call on the Lord and are not saved.

So on the one hand we have all people together. (Draw a large circle on the board.) Jews, Americans, Japanese, Africans, Russians, everybody. And God is the Lord of all.

But the Bible teaches that this whole group is separated from God. (Draw a barrier) We are separated from God because of sin. No one in this group is perfect. All have sinned. And God is holy and must punish sin. Do you remember the example of failing the examination? We fail God's examination every day. We are not right with God.

But God has the heart of a loving father, and does not want us to be separated from Him. He wants us to be right with Him. So He made a different way to be right with Him. The way of faith. He sent Jesus to live the perfect life. Jesus had never sinned and was never separated from God. Then before He went back to God, He took our punishment for sin. He died on the cross. And He rose again from the dead.

Let's see what the Bible says about being right with God. Let's read verses 9 and 10. (read) We say with our mouths that "Jesus is Lord" and we believe in our hearts that He was raised from the dead. Being a believer is a personal thing – believing in your heart – but it is also a public thing – saying it with your mouth. (Draw a smaller circle on the 'God' side of the barrier.)

But the great thing is that anyone in this group (big circle) can become a member of this group (smaller circle). Do you remember the example of the new child? The other children did not want to be friends, based on feelings. God is not like those other children. He always wants to be friends with anyone who wants to be made right with Him. This is for anyone. Anyone who believes. He is the Lord of All. He waits to become friends with you. I pray that all of you will become members of this group. I pray that all of you will trust in God and receive His blessings. I pray that all of you will call on the Lord and be saved.

That's all for today.