

# The Lord God

Objective: The students will consider the authority in the name "LORD God"

**Link:**

Today we are going to be talking about the "Lord God." Modern people do not really understand what a 'lord' is. A 'lord' is like a king, but modern kings do not have much power.

In Japanese history, there were lords. These lords were called 'daimyo.' What can you tell me about 'daimyo?' (solicit student comments. To draw out: did the daimyo have power? Did they make laws? What happened if someone disobeyed the daimyo's law? Did people argue with the daimyo? Establish that they had power and authority over their land (area, territory).)

The 'daimyo' helps us to understand what a 'lord' is. A lord has power and authority. The Lord God has the highest power and the greatest authority.

**Introduction:**

We have been learning the names of God in the Bible. A few weeks ago, we learned the name "My Provider." We read the story of Abraham and a very difficult test that God gave him. Does anyone remember that story? (solicit the gist of the story of Abraham offering up his son, Isaac.)

Today's story is also about Abraham. It happens before Isaac is born, At that time Abraham's name was Abram. 'Abram' means 'honored father.' But Abram and his wife Sarai had no children.

**Questions:**

- What did God promise Abram? 3 things. (to defend him, to give him a great reward, to give him a son of his own.)
- Why was Abram right with God? (because he believed the Lord. Because of his faith.)

**Read Genesis 15: 1-6**

**Answer the questions.**

**Go on.**

In this story Abram is old. How do we know? (give some time for thought) Look at verses 1 and 2. God says that He will give Abram a great reward. But what does Abram say? (Let them answer.)

Abram is thinking about his death. Usually young people do not think about their death. Abram is thinking about what will happen after he dies. He is a rich man, and he is thinking about who will get everything after he dies. So we can imagine that Abram is old. In fact, he is over 80 years old. (If the students want proof from the Bible, first commend them, and then tell them to come back next week. But the proof text is Gen. 16:16)

Also, usually old people do not have children. But what did the Lord say to Abram? (vs. 4 You will have a son of your own who will inherit what you have.)

Usually old people do not have children. But the Lord God has the power and the authority to do whatever pleases Him. He is truly the Lord! God has the power to give Abram a son of his own.

And does Abram argue with God? No. Abram simply believed God. He did not understand how he could have a son of his own. He did not understand how he could have many descendants. But the Lord God said it would be true. So Abram believed it.

And look. Abram's belief, his faith, made him right with God. No one is right with God. We are made right with God by faith. Abram believed what God told him. God has told us many more wonderful things, about His son, Jesus Christ. And anyone who believes what God has told us is made right with him. I am praying that all of you will believe what God says and be made right with him.

That's all for today.