How Big is Your God?
The Greatness of God

Purpose: One big problem for Christian youth is that they don't really know the God they worship. If that’s the case, how can they depend on Him? This lesson will help your students to understand God's greatness. By learning this, they can become bolder in confidence because they will know just how capable and dependable our God really is.

Introductory Activity: For fun!
Pick a girl and guy to come up front (for the guy, pick the most "macho" one in the group). Use a semi-heavy object and ask the girl to pick it up. (Use something she definitely can pick up.) Then show the group a glass with just a little water in it. Then smile at the guy, pour the water on the floor, and ask him if he is strong enough to pick it up. The group will have fun with this one.

Statement: When we think of greatness we often mean raw strength, but our illustration shows that there is a lot more to power and greatness then just physical strength. We want to find out how strong God is and what kind of qualities make Him the God we can depend on.

Discussion: Using a whiteboard ask the students to give you some terms or phrases they would use to describe God's greatness. List them and discuss.

Bible Study: Try an old fashioned idea to look up the Scripture - a sword drill. You'll be surprised how much the students will get into it. (But make sure it’s a study sword drill, not a competition sword drill.) Go through the following outline explaining the qualities as you go. It's long, so move fast.

God’s Greatness
I. He is Infinite (Psalm 40:5; 103:12)
   ➢ Science proves infinity and God is the ultimate example.
   ➢ What is the largest number that exists?
   ➢ What is on the other side of the end of the universe?
   ➢ If you can answer these questions, you can figure out God. But you can’t.

   A. Self-Existant (Ex. 3:14; John 5:26)
      1. God was not born, he was not hatched, he did not evolve; he always was.
      2. God is the only thing that did not have a beginning. Satan, the angels, and the universe were all created.

   B. Eternal (Psalm 90:1,2; 1 Timothy 1:17)
      1. God not only existed before the beginning, he also will exist forever.
      2. God's eternity guarantees two things:
         a. His promises will hold true. No one can ever cut off God and stop him from doing what he promises.
         b. All men want to live forever. No one wants to die. God has the secret to eternal life and we have to gain it his way.
I. Unchangeable (Num. 23:19; Mal. 3-6; Js. 1:17)
   1. God never changes his nature, character, or will.
   2. When it appears that God has changed, what actually happened is that men have changed. God remains constant. Example: If you don't feel close to God anymore, guess who moved?
   3. This truth guarantees God's dependability. We can count on him like no other friend.

II. He is Perfect (Psalm 18:30, Matt. 5:48)
   A. Omniscient (Ps. 139:7-10; Acts 17:27-28)
      Two definitions: one is right; one is wrong
      1. God is everywhere, in everything, a part of all things.
      2. Everyone and everything is in the presence of God.

Number two is correct. God is not split up into a billion pieces in a billion directions. Example: It's like a child in his playroom. Let the room represent the universe. His father takes a chair and sits in a corner of the room. Dad is God. Now the child can see his dad no matter where he is in the room. Dad can see his son. However, the child can pay no attention to Dad; he can watch TV, play with his toys, read a book. Or he can talk to Dad.

Therefore, we can never run away from God. He sees all we do.

   B. Omniscient (Matt. 10:30; 1 John 3:20)
      1. God knows all things.
      2. God does not need to think new thoughts. He created knowledge.
      3. This truth guarantees that God can handle any problem you ever come up against. It also guarantees Satan will never out-smart God, so our future is secure.

   C. Omnipotent (Isa. 40:28; Matt. 19:25, 26)
      1. God has all power.
      2. "There is nothing God can't do."
         Some ask the absurd question, "Is God able to sin?" This has nothing to do with power. That's like asking if the smartest student in the class can get a zero on a test. It takes no power to sin. It takes power to be perfect. God is!

Conclusion:
God's greatness is incomprehensible. We can't begin to understand it. But that's good. If we could understand God completely, he would become like us.

It's funny when we think of how scared we are to stand up for our God. (As if he needed our help.) Let's face it, if we really believed God is who he says he is, we wouldn't be so fearful and quiet about being Christians, and letting the world know we have the answers. Let's quit pretending like we are doing God a favor by doing the little things we do. Let's be bold and live for the God of the universe who is great enough to take us to accomplishments we never dreamed of doing. Let's become the standard for the world to follow.