

# God is Sovereign

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Curriculum Focus: Social Studies



*Learn, serve and grow in God*



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### Values:

1. Respect (valuing and appreciating)
2. Humility before God (Our absolute reliance on God and our recognition of this)

**Key Idea:** God is the Kings of Kings and Lord of Lords

### Key scriptures:

- 1 Timothy 6:15 God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords,
- Colossians 1:17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
- Jer 32:17 Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.

*In this unit we are focusing on God's sovereignty and our response to it:*

1. That students will come to know that God is The Supreme Being; the only one true God and that all that we are and all that exists around us was made through Him and for Him.
2. God in His Sovereignty has gifted each one of uniquely therefore our response to His Sovereignty is to use these gifts for His glory.

Link to curriculum theme: Resources: Commerce (W) People (A), Environment (T)

**Jer 32:17** Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.

God is sovereign, he has made the earth and everything in it and therefore we need to **respect** it

### Other scriptures and ideas

#### **He is all in all**

Romans 11:36 "For from him, through him, and to him are all things. To him be the glory for ever."

#### **He owns everything**

Psalm 24:1 – The earth is the Lord's and everything in it

**We are here on earth only by God's grace and God has the right to do whatever He wants.**

**Exodus 33:19** “And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion.”

**Colossians 1:15 -20**

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

**Psalms 115:3** Our God is in heaven and he does whatever He pleases.

**Deuteronomy 10:17** For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes.

**Jn. 15:16** You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should remain.

**Revelation 21:6** He is the alpha and the omega.

**Proverbs 16:9** The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes His way

**Psalms 37: 23** The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord.

**1 Timothy 6:15** which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords,

**God in His Sovereignty has created us unique**

Psalm 139:

You have searched me, LORD,  
and you know me.

<sup>2</sup>You know when I sit and when I rise;  
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

<sup>3</sup>You discern my going out and my lying down;  
you are familiar with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>Before a word is on my tongue  
you, LORD, know it completely.

<sup>5</sup>You hem me in behind and before,  
and you lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
too lofty for me to attain.

<sup>7</sup>Where can I go from your Spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence?

<sup>8</sup>If I go up to the heavens, you are there;

if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.  
9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn,  
if I settle on the far side of the sea,  
10 even there your hand will guide me,  
your right hand will hold me fast.  
11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me  
and the light become night around me,"  
12 even the darkness will not be dark to you;  
the night will shine like the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.  
13 For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well.  
15 My frame was not hidden from you  
when I was made in the secret place,  
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.  
16 Your eyes saw my unformed body;  
all the days ordained for me were written in your book  
before one of them came to be.  
17 How precious to me are your thoughts,<sup>[a]</sup> God!  
How vast is the sum of them!  
18 Were I to count them,  
they would outnumber the grains of sand—  
when I awake, I am still with you.  
19 If only you, God, would slay the wicked!  
Away from me, you who are bloodthirsty!  
20 They speak of you with evil intent;  
your adversaries misuse your name.  
21 Do I not hate those who hate you, LORD,  
and abhor those who are in rebellion against you?  
22 I have nothing but hatred for them;  
I count them my enemies.  
23 Search me, God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious thoughts.  
24 See if there is any offensive way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.

### **Parable of the talents Matt 25:14-30**

**St Augustine.** "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it find its rest in you."

**John 10:10** I have come that you might have life; life to the full

**The story of Saul's conversion.** Acts 9:5-6 –God used Saul's natural gifting plus also his background to serve Him in the end.

**Jeremiah 1:5** “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

**Romans 12:1-21**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

**Matthew 10:30** But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.

**Ephesians 2:10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

**1 Peter 2:9** But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

**Ps 115:3** Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.

**Phil 2: 9-10** Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

**Character studies:**

**Biblical**

Esther: She understood the role of the king  
Job: When everything else failed he was left with his faith in God.  
Jonah: Was annoyed when God sovereignly showed mercy.  
Joseph: Honoured God through all his difficulties and blessings.  
Jesus: Calming the storm  
Easter The sovereign plan of God.

**Other People:**

Mother Theresa  
Corrie Ten Boom

## Key competencies

### **Relating to others**

**Respect:** We honour those in authority who God has appointed to lead us.

We use protocols that honour others as we would be treated ourselves.

Manners – Golden words = “Please”, “Thank you”, “Excuse me”, “Sorry”, “After you”, “You’re welcome”.

Waiting for adults to finish their conversations before interrupting.

Letting adults walk through a doorway first before yourself.

Making requests in a polite way – “May I...”, “Could you please pass the ...”

Respecting other’s opinions and questions.

### **Participating and contributing**

My opinions and questions are valuable. They always help the whole group to grow.

Always giving my best effort.

Knowing when to I should be patient and when I should contribute.

### **Thinking**

Asking questions feeds and grows my thinking.

What I think in my heart comes out in my words and actions.

### **Language, symbols and texts**

Our loyalty to God is shown in our responsible use and understanding of all forms of communication.

Communication keeps us safe, helps us grow, and enables us to achieve excellence personally and with those we work with.