

**Aim:** Fundamental 2, 3 (God the Father and Jesus the Son of God)

**Resources:** What We Believe for Kids by Jerry D Thomas; What We Believe for Teens by Seth J Pierce; God Loves Me 28 ways – Bible Adventures for Young Readers. All published by Pacific Press Publishing Association.

Each week for the remainder of the year we will be learning about what the Adventist church believes are the key points to understand from the Bible – we call these the fundamentals. We will also as a part of that be reading the Bible verses that tell us about the story we heard today. This week we will learn more about who God the Father and Jesus are.

**In Summary:**

*God the eternal Father is the Creator, Source, [Maintainer], and [Ruler] of all creation. He is just and holy, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, [loving and faithful]. The qualities and powers [shown] in the Son and the Holy Spirit are [from] the Father.*

*God the eternal Son became [a human] in Jesus Christ. Through Him all things were created, the character of God is [shown], the salvation of humanity is [done], and the world is judged. Forever truly God, He became also truly man, Jesus the Christ. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary [in other words, He didn't have a human Dad]. He lived and experienced temptation as a human being, but perfectly [showed] the righteousness and love of God. By His miracles He [showed] God's power and was [shown] as God's promised Messiah. He [chose to] suffer and die on the cross for our sins and in our place, was raised from the dead, and ascended [went up] to [work] in the heavenly sanctuary in our behalf. He will come again in glory for the final [saving] of His people and the [renewal] of all things.*

Paraphrased from the 28 Fundamentals

(If you are involved in Pathfinders, you may find that many of these verses are memory gems, or say the same thing as the memory gems – in which case feel free to use the Memory gems instead.)

Read and briefly discuss the following verses – what do they tell us?

**Genesis 1:1**

**Exodus 34:6** (God introduces Himself to Moses)

1 John 4:8 tells us that God is love

**1 Timothy 1:17** (Eternal, never dying)

**John 14:9** (Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father)

Or as Colossians 1:15 say, Christ is the visible image of the invisible God...

**John 10:30** (The Father and I are One)

Some religions claim that Jesus wasn't really God. But Jesus Himself said He was.

**Optional verse:**

John 1:1-3, 14 The beginning of the Gospel of John, talks about 'The Word' who was there in the beginning and, who was with God, and was God... and verse 14 tells us 'The Word' became human – in other words John is calling Jesus 'The Word of God', because Jesus came as a witness to us from God.

**John 3:16**

**Read Philippians 2:5-11 a verse at a time** (Christ's attitude)

**Hebrews 2:14** (Jesus became human)

Some religions claim that Jesus wasn't really a human – but this verse tells us that He was, just like we are.

These verses tell us what Jesus is doing now.

Hebrews 8:1, 2 – (Jesus our High Priest)

John 14:1-3 – (preparing a place for us)