The Enormously Gigantically Big Game Show Sample Lesson

Lesson 1: God is Eternal

LESSON PASSAGE: Psalm 102:25-27 (The Psalmist declares that God is eternal.)

SUMMARY: God is eternal and is the only one who was not created. He has always been and always will be. The Psalmist declares this in Psalm 102. Because God is eternal, we can live with Him forever if we accept His plan of forgiveness. He is worthy of our worship.

LESSON SUPPLIES:

Pre-Service:

Games and activities

Offering:

□ offering containers up front

Team Up Time:

□ 2 scoreboards (one for each team)

 can be made with numbers that hang or dry erase board/markers or chalk board/chalk

Challenge 1: Circle of Life

 \Box 2 to 8 hula-hoops depending on total number of children:

- o 2 hula-hoops if 6 to 40 kids
- 4 hula-hoops if 41 to 80 kids
- 6 hula-hoops if 81 to 120
- 8 hula-hoops if 120 + kids
- □ "Talk About It" paper for each child (versions for lower & upper elementary)
- \Box Pens and crayons for each group

Challenge 2: A to Z

- □ 8 signs that say "A" (white cardstock)
- \Box 8 signs that say "Z" (white cardstock)
- □ 2 large bags of balloons (1 balloon for every child plus a few extra)

Challenge 3: Global Domination

 \Box Globe beach ball for each group

Wrap-Up & Announcements

- □ 2 prizes / candies for every child on winning team
- \Box 1 consolation prize or candy for every child on other team

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Bonus Activity: Never-Ending Paper

- □ 1 strip of white paper with Deuteronomy 10:17 printed on it for each child
- □ Pair of scissors for each child
- \Box 2-3 clear Scotch tapes for each group

Dismissal & Parent Pick-Up

- □ Envelope for each child (9" X 12")
- □ 1 take home challenge paper for each child

PRE-SERVICE ACTIVITIES (25 MIN)

Music videos on screen (1-4)

- Games and activities
- Volunteers spending time with kids

VIDEO COUNTDOWN (5 MIN)

Game Show Countdown with fast, fun music (5)

- Group leaders gather the kids to their groups and spend time talking with them during the countdown. Here are some sample questions to discuss:
 - How did your week go?
 - How was school this week?
 - > Did anything special or interesting happen this week?
 - > What did you do fun this week?
 - What is your favorite _____? (pick something)
 - What's something else you want to talk about?

Game Show transition slide with fun music (6)

WORSHIP SONGS AND OFFERING (10 MIN)

WL: What's up kids!?!?! It's so good to see your faces today!!! Let's get this party started by worshipping our great big, awesome God!!!

(Gather kids to front.)

WL: Turn to someone beside you and say, "God is ginormously big!"

(Let kids respond.)

WL: Now turn to someone else and say, "God is awesomely big!"

(Let kids respond.)

WL: Awesome! Now let's sing to Him and tell Him how awesome He is!

Song 1 – _____ (7)

Worship God with your offering with background music (8)

WL: One of the ways we can worship God is by giving Him a tithe, which is 10% of our money. That means if you have \$1.00, you give back 10 cents to Him and you keep 90 cents.

Picture of split screen with \$1.00 and 90 cents (9)

WL: When you do this, you're saying, "God, I believe You are big enough to do more with 90 cents than I can do with \$1.00 by myself." God says in His Word to try it and He will show You how big He is.

WL: If you brought an offering today, you can place it in one of the containers during this next song. When you put your offering in, whisper a prayer inside your heart to God and tell Him, "You are a big God and I trust You."

Prayer for offering - thank God for being such a big God and for taking care of us, as we trust Him with our tithe.

Song 2 – _____ (10)

(Kids can place offering in containers during song.)

Game Show transition slide with music (11)

WL: Awesome job! Let's head back to our seats!

(Have kids return to their seats.)

GAME SHOW INTRO VIDEO – (1 MIN)

Game Show intro video (12)

(Video script)

DANNY: Hey, I'm Danny....

ALLY: and I'm Ally...

DANNY: and this is the Enormously, Gigantically Big Game Show...the show where you try to figure out how big God really is!

ALLY: That's right! And if your team wins, you can earn some great prizes.

DANNY: Yeah...but to win, you've got to get through some crazy challenges and score the most points in three rounds of play.

ALLY: Are you ready to play? If you are, let me hear you make some noise!!!

(Host(s) on stage help get kids excited and cheering.)

DANNY: Louder!!! Come on!!! Make some noise!!!

(Let kids respond.)

ALLY: Okay! Let's get started by dividing you into two teams. After you've got your teams ready, we'll be back!

DANNY: See you in a minute!

TEAM UP TIME: (2 MIN)

Team 1 / Team 2 with fun music (13)

Instructions:

- Host(s) divide the room into two teams.
- Divide the teams with the same amount of kids on each side. Move kids as needed.
- Make sure you have same age levels on both teams.
- Have a scoreboard set up for each team.
- After you have the two teams ready, go to Challenge 1 Video.

HOST: Okay, let's check in with Danny and Ally and see what your first challenge is.

CHALLENGE 1 INTRO VIDEO (2 MIN)

Challenge 1 intro video (14)

(Video script)

ALLY: Okay. Looks like you've got your teams ready, so let's jump in. Today you're going to try and find out how long God has been in existence and how long He will live. You'll face 3 challenges that will help you figure out the answer.

DANNY: That's right! Team 1 are you ready to play? Let me hear you???

(Host(s) on stage help get Team 1 excited and cheering.)

ALLY: Sounds like you're ready! How about you Team 2? Are you ready to take on Team 1?

(Host(s) on stage help get Team 2 excited and cheering.)

DANNY: We're giving away some major points in this first challenge. You can win up to 30,000 points for your team, so do your best!

ALLY: That's right! (*point to image on screen*) So the first challenge is called the "Circle of Life."

(Demonstrate while telling.)

DANNY: Here's how it works. You're going to join hands and make a circle. Then you're going to see which team can pass a hula-hoop around their circle the fastest.

ALLY: That may sound pretty easy. But here's the catch. You've got to pass it without letting go of each other's hands.

DANNY: Yep! So, that's the challenge! We'll be back to see how you did in just a few minutes! Good luck!

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CHALLENGE 1: CIRCLE OF LIFE (5 MIN)

Challenge 1: Circle of Life with fun music (15)

Circle of Life Instructions:

- Have both teams get up and stand in a circle on their side.
- If you have a large number of kids, you can have the teams form more than one group on their side.
 - If you do this, make sure you have the same number of groups on both sides with the same number of kids in each group.
- Have all the groups join hands.
- Disconnect the hands of two kids in each group and place a hula-hoop on someone's arm.
- Then have the kids rejoin hands.
- On "go" each group of kids must pass the hula-hoop all the way around their circle without letting go of the hand of the person beside them.
- Tell them the following points will be given:
 - 1st place 30,000
 - 2nd place 20,000
 - \circ 3rd place 10,000 (if you have more than one group on each side)
 - 4th place 5,000 (if you have more than one group on each side)
 - 5th place 1,000 (if you have more than one group on each side)

Fast music on "go" (16)

Game Show transition slide with music (17)

- Have kids return to seats.
- Award points to teams and record them on the scoreboards.

CHALLENGE 1 DISCUSSION (7 MIN)

TEACHER: Wow! That first challenge was pretty intense. You had some really fun competition going on and you've racked up a lot of points!

TEACHER: The challenge you just went through contains a clue about how long God has been here and how long He will be here. It has to do with the hula-hoop. Figure it out and you'll earn more points for your team. You've got 5 minutes! Good luck!

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Talk About It #1 Instructions:

- Give each child a "Talk About It" paper. (separate versions for upper & lower elementary)
- Pens / pencils and crayons for your group.
- Place a hula-hoop up front so all the kids can see it.

Talk About It #1 with 5-minute timer and music (18)

Questions/Activities on paper:

- Read Psalm 90:2 "Before the mountains were born, before You gave birth to the earth and the world, from beginning to end, You are God."
- Answer these questions:
 - Was God here before the earth was created? (yes)
 - Did anyone create God? (no) What does that mean? (He has always been here.)
 - Will God ever stop existing? (no) What does that mean? (He is eternal.)
- Draw a hula-hoop on your sheet with you standing inside it. How does the hulahoop represent God's beginning and end? (hula-hoop circle has no beginning and no end – goes on forever)

Game Show transition slide with music (19)

HOST: Okay, here's your chance to earn some points for your team. I'm going to ask 2 questions to each team. You'll earn 5,000 points for each question you answer correctly.

Team 1 Questions:

- Who was here before the earth? (God) (20-21)
- True or False. God was created. (False) (22-23)

Team 2 Questions:

- Will God ever stop existing? (No) (24-25)
- How is the hula-hoop a picture of God? (No beginning or end) (26-27)

Game Show transition slide (28)

• Award points and add to scoreboards.

HOST: Awesome job! Let's check back in with Ally and Danny for our second challenge.

CHALLENGE 2 INTRO VIDEO (2 MIN)

Challenge 2 intro video (29)

(video script)

ALLY: Welcome back to the Enormously, Gigantically Big Game Show...the show where you try to figure out how big God really is! Are you ready for challenge #2? If you're ready, then let me hear you say this month's key truth really, really loud! Repeat it after us!

DANNY & ALLY: (*have kids repeat*) This is my story...worshipping God and declaring His glory!

DANNY: Not bad! But this time we're going to give 5,000 points to the team that says it the loudest with us. Our stage crew will be watching in your room to see who wins! Here we go.

DANNY & ALLY: (*have kids repeat*) This is my story...worshipping God and declaring His glory!

ALLY: Okay! Go ahead and award 5,000 points to the team who won.

(Host will award points on board. Hosts on video will wait.)

ALLY: Awesome! So, this next challenge is called A to Z and it will help you discover more about God's eternal existence. Here's how it works. *(demonstrates)* Each team will form a line behind point A. Then each person on the team will be given a balloon. The first person in line will blow up their balloon and let it go in the air...aiming it toward point Z. Wherever the balloon lands, the person will run to that spot and do the same thing again until the balloon has crossed point Z.

DANNY: Once the first person crosses point Z with his or her balloon the next person will go. You'll have 5 minutes to get as many balloons across point Z as possible. You get 5,000 points for every balloon you get across point Z.

ALLY: This is a chance to win some major points, so do your best!

DANNY: Good luck!

CHALLENGE 2: A to Z (8 MIN)

Challenge 2: A to Z with fun music (30)

A to Z Instructions:

- Have both teams get up and form a single file line on their side.
- If you have a large number of kids, you can have the teams form more than one line on their side.
- Place the A sign on the ground as the starting point and the Z sign as the finish point about 20 to 40 feet away depending on the age of the children.
- On "go" the teams will race to see how many balloons they can get across the Z point in 5 minutes. If they get all their balloons across before time is up, kids can go again.
- Count up how many total balloons each team got across x 5,000.

Challenge 2: A to Z with 5-minute timer and fun music on "go" (31)

Game Show transition slide with music (32)

- Have kids return to seats.
- Award points to teams and record them on the scoreboards.

CHALLENGE 2 DISCUSSION (7 MIN)

HOST: Looks like things are really heating up! Those points are really rising! You guys are rocking it!

HOST: The second challenge also contains a clue about God's existence...and it's got something to do with the letters A and Z! Figure it out and you can earn more points for your team!

Talk About It #2 with 5-minute timer with music (33)

<u>Questions/Activities on paper:</u>

- Read Revelation 22:13 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."
- Draw a line from A to Z.

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- Write the word "Alpha" under A and "Omega" under Z. (Explain that "alpha" was the first letter of the alphabet and "omega" was the last letter of the alphabet in Bible times. Today it's like saying God is A to Z. He is the beginning and the end. He has always been and always will be.)
- Fill in the blanks. This is my **<u>story</u>**...worshiping God and declaring His **<u>glory</u>**.
- If you have extra time, you can have the kids use other letters of the alphabet to write words on the line that describe God. (example G = good, H=holy, etc.)

Game Show transition slide with music (34)

HOST: Okay, here's another chance to earn some points for your team. I'm going to ask 2 questions to each team. You'll earn 5,000 points for each question you answer correctly.

Team 1 Questions:

- Alpha is like what letter in our alphabet? (A) (35-36)
- Omega is like what letter in our alphabet? (Z) (37-38)

Team 2 Questions:

- This is my story...worshipping God and declaring His _____? (Glory) (39-40)
- Jesus is the beginning and the _____? (End) (41-42)

Game Show transition slide (43)

• Award points and add to scoreboards.

HOST: You guys are doing great! Are you ready for your third and final challenge?

(Get kids excited and cheering.)

HOST: Okay...here we go!

CHALLENGE 3 INTRO VIDEO (2 MIN)

Challenge 3 intro video (44)

(Video script)

ALLY: Welcome back to the Enormously, Gigantically Big Game Show...the show where you try to figure out how big God really is! Are you ready for your 3rd and final challenge? *(let kids respond)*

DANNY: Today you've been trying to find out how long God has been here and how long He will be here. This challenge will help you by giving you the final clue.

ALLY: And it can also give you lots of points that will help your team win.

DANNY: This challenge is called "GLOBAL DOMINATION."

ALLY: That's right! Here's how it works. Your team will get an earth ball that looks like this. *(hold up earth beach ball)*

DANNY: (*demonstrate*) The challenge is to keep the earth up in the air and not let it touch the ground.

ALLY: The team that keeps their earth ball up in the air the longest will win 25,000 points for their team.

DANNY: This final challenge could decide who wins today, so do your best!

ALLY: Good luck!

CHALLENGE 3: GLOBAL DOMINATION (5 MIN)

Challenge 3: Global Domination with fun music (45)

Global Domination Instructions:

- Groups will get up and move away from their tables.
- Each group will stand in a circle. This means both teams will have multiple groups playing at the same time.
- On "go" the group leaders will throw up a globe beach ball in the middle of their group.
- Each group must keep their ball up in the hair by hitting it up. They can't hold or catch the ball. If it touches the ground, the group is out.
- The last group with their ball in the air wins 25,000 points for their team. If teams keep their ball in the air the entire time, then award each team 25,000 points.
- Play as many rounds as you can in 3 minutes.

Global Domination with 3-minute timer and fast music on "go" (46)

Game Show transition slide with music (47)

- Have kids return to seats.
- Award 25,000 points for the winner of each round and add to their team's scoreboard.

CHALLENGE 3 DISCUSSION (7 MIN)

HOST: I have some bonus points to give away right now. If someone from both teams can come up and say this month's key truth, I will give you 10,000 points for your team.

(Bring up a child from both teams and have them fill in the blank on screen.)

Team 1 – This is my story, <u>worshipping</u> God and <u>declaring</u> His glory. (48-49) Team 2 – This is my <u>story</u>, worshipping <u>God</u> and declaring His glory. (50-51)

Game transition slide (52)

(Award 10,000 points if they answer correctly and add to scoreboard.)

HOST: The third challenge you just completed has the final clue to how long God has been here and how long He will live. Discuss it with your group and then you can earn some more points for your team.

Talk About It #3 with 5-minute timer with music (53)

Questions/Activities on paper:

- Notice the verse that was written on the earth ball. It's Psalm 102:25-27 "Long ago You laid the foundation of the earth and made the heavens with Your hands. They will perish, but You remain forever; they will wear out like old clothing. You will change them like a garment and discard them. But You are always the same; You will live forever."
- Answer these questions:
 - Who created the earth? (God) What does that mean? (He has always been here.)
 - Will God's years ever end? (no) What does that mean? (He will always be here.)

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- Fill in the key truth inside the globe on your challenge sheet. (This is <u>my story</u>...worshipping <u>God</u> and <u>declaring</u> His <u>glory</u>.)
- If you have extra time, have the kids locate where they live on the earth ball. They can also identify other parts of the world they would like to visit and discuss how God made those places as well.

Game Show transition slide with music (54)

HOST: Okay, here's your chance to earn some points for your team. I'm going to ask 2 more questions to each team. You'll earn 5,000 points for each question you answer correctly.

Team 1 Questions:

- God laid the foundation of the _____? (Earth) (55-56)
- God created the _____with His hands? (Heavens) (57-58)

Team 2 Questions:

- True or False. God will always be here. (True) (59-60)
- This is my ______...worshipping God and declaring His glory? (Story) (61-62)

Game Show transition slide (63)

• Award points and add to scoreboards.

HOST: Okay. Let's check back in with Danny and Ally.

LESSON TIE-IN VIDEO (2 MIN)

Lesson tie-in video (64)

(video script)

DANNY: Wow! You guys have done an amazing job today on the Enormously, Gigantically Big Game Show!

ALLY: That's right! You've discovered that God is eternal! That means He has always been and always will be! Remember what Psalm 102 said?

"Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, but You are the same, and Your years have no end." Psalm 102

(Both pick up rope illustration.)

DANNY: Here's an example to help you understand better. See this rope. I want you to imagine that it goes on forever this way. This is God. He has always been. No matter how far back you go, He was there.

ALLY: And imagine the rope goes on forever this way. That's how long God is going to exist. He will be here forever!

DANNY: Now check out this little red part of the rope. *(show kids)* See it? This is how long our lives are here on earth compared to God's eternal nature.

ALLY: Wow...that's not very long compared to the rest of the rope, isn't it? We only live here on the earth for a very short time, don't we?

DANNY: Yeah...but the cool thing is we can live with God for all of this when we invite His Son, Jesus, into our lives.

ALLY: Yeah...and if God is eternal, that means He will always be there for us. You can trust Him and depend on Him now...and forever!

DANNY: That's right! Say...why don't you take a few minutes right now to thank God for always being there. We'll be back in a few minutes with a final wrap-up.

PRAYER...TALKING AND LISTENING TO GOD (5 MIN)

Prayer...talking and listening to God with prayerful music (65)

HOST: Let's bow our heads and close our eyes. We serve a big God, don't we? He is worthy of our worship and praise. Our key verse this month tells us how big God is. Let's tell God how awesome He is by whispering it to Him.

(Have kids repeat the verse after you to God. They should whisper it one line at a time.)

"For the LORD your God is the God of gods... and Lord of lords... He is the great God... the mighty and awesome God." Deuteronomy 10:17

HOST: Now take 30 seconds to talk to God quietly in your heart and thank Him for being eternal. Thank Him that you will always be able to trust Him and depend on Him.

(Give kids 30 seconds to pray quietly.)

HOST: Now if you have other prayer requests, your group leaders would love to hear them and pray for you. Take some time to do that.

Give group leaders 3-4 minutes to take prayer requests and pray for the kids in their group and then close up front in prayer.

Game transition slide (66)

HOST: Okay...let's check back with Ally and Danny to finalize today's score.

WRAP-UP & ANNOUNCEMENT VIDEO (2 MIN)

Wrap-up Video (67)

(video script)

DANNY: It's been great having you on the Enormously, Gigantically Big Game Show today! Both of your teams have done an amazing job and scored a lot of points.

ALLY: Should we give them one more chance to earn some points?

DANNY: Yes...I think we should. Whoever says the key truth the loudest will win 15,000 points for their team. Repeat it after us. Here we go!

This is my story...(*repeat*) worshipping God and declaring His glory! (*repeat*)

(Have repeat two times.)

DANNY: Okay...add those points to the team that was the loudest!

(Pauses and gives Host time to add points.)

ALLY: It looks like we have a final winner today! Stage crew, which team won today's show?

(Pauses and gives Host time to add points and announce winner.)

DANNY: Congratulations to the winning team! You guys rocked it today!

ALLY: Yes, you did. And we have a prize for you! Our stage crew will give it to you before you leave today!

DANNY: Yep! And we also have a consolation prize for the other team too. You guys gave it a great try as well so we've got something for you too!

ALLY: And I'm going to let you in on a little secret. You'll get one of these when you leave today. It's a challenge you can do at home this week. Complete it, bring it back next week and you'll get 5,000 points for your team right off the bat!

DANNY: Wow! That's awesome!

ALLY: We'll see you next week where you'll have another chance to win the Enormously, Gigantically Big Game Show!

Game show transition slide with music (68)

(Pass out candy/prizes to teams.)

BONUS ACTIVITY – NEVER-ENDING PAPER (through parent pick-up)

Instructions:

- Give each child a strip of paper that has Deuteronomy 10:17 written on it.
- Have them twist one of the ends and then join the ends together (it will put a twist in the loop).
- Have the kids tape the ends together.

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- Give each child a pair of scissors. Have them use the scissors to make a hole in the loop and then cut around the entire ring. (cut above the verse).
- Once cut, it will form a bigger loop that is still joined as a circle.
- Have the kids read the verse around the loop they made.
- Talk with the kids about how God is like the loop. He has no beginning and no end. He goes on forever. He is eternal.

PARENT PICK-UP

Parents – ask your child what they learned about God today with music (69)

- Give each child an envelope to put their papers in.
- Connect briefly with each parent.
- Thank for coming.
- Invite the child to come back to your group next week.
- Please remain with your group until your last child is picked up.
- Take home challenge papers will be passed out. Remind kids they can earn 5,000 points for their team if they bring them back completed.

Game show transition slide that stops music (70)