

Jehovah!!!

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Objective: This lesson is designed to remind us of the very depth found within Jehovah. The name, Jehovah, is, absolutely loaded. There is nothing shallow about Him and the good news is that we have been given heavenly authorization to tap into every multi-dimensional aspect. Jehovah is the *prefix* for everything we need and more!

Key Scriptures:

Revelation 22:13 NIV

13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

Matthew 6:33 NIV

33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.



What does Jehovah mean?

- A form of the Hebrew name of God
- Lord (Yahweh)
- I Am

Exodus 3:14 NIV

14 God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'"

Psalm 83:18 NIV

18 Let them know that you, whose name is the Lord, that you alone are the Most High over all the earth.

Week 1:

➤ *Jehovah - Jireh (The Lord Our Provider):*

Group Discussion: Can you recall a time when you experienced results after calling on Jehovah Jireh? Have you ever experienced moments of doubt in the waiting period?

Abraham's Test to Sacrifice His Only Son:

Read Genesis 22:1-12

Genesis 22:13-14

13 Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham **called that place The Lord Will Provide.** And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."

NOTE: Do you truly believe the Lord will provide for you on your mountain? There is something very profound about the way, in which Abraham responded. In Genesis 22:3, he not only "got up", but he got up "early the next morning". His actions spoke volumes for his lack of hesitation and level of unwavering obedience. He followed every detail of God's instructions. Turn your attention to Genesis 22:5, where Abraham says to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then **we** will come back to you". Likewise, in verse 8, Abraham says, "**God himself will provide the lamb** for the burnt offering, my son". Given the circumstances, who says **we'll** be back when the one going with you is intended to be the sacrifice? When Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb", his words were faith-filled. Abraham confirmed within himself that the sacrifice was not going to be based on his own initiated provision (his son), but on God's provision (the ram in the bush). Abraham had an uncompromised inner knowing. He understood who Jehovah Jireh was and is!!!

Group Discussion: Have you ever received provision from an unexpected or unlikely source? Explain.

God Used the Birds to Help Us Understand His Provision:

Matthew 6:25-27

25 "Therefore I tell you, **do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?** 26 **Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?** 27 **Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?**

NOTE: When God uses the words, "Are you not much more valuable than they", it should cause us to stand tall. It's a direct reminder of who you belong to. We are the King's children. He's our Father and He will not let His children go without. So, why do we worry? Why do we allow the enemy to plant seeds of doubt?

➤ **Jehovah - Rohi (The Lord Our Shepherd):**

Group Discussion: Have you experienced moments of uncertainty about the direction your life was taking you?

1 Samuel 17:34-35 Voice

34 I work as a shepherd for my father. Whenever a lion or a bear has come and attacked one of my lambs, 35 I have gone after it and struck it down to rescue the lamb from the predator's mouth; if it turned to attack me, I would take it by the chin, beat it, and kill it.

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NOTE: Many of us are aware that David was an experienced shepherd who had keen understanding of the benefits found in Jehovah Rohi. The characteristics David exhibited as a shepherd was that of a guide, protector, manager, and caregiver. He tended to his flock's every need. Psalm 23:1 highlights his understanding, as he states, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want". He expected nothing less from his Heavenly father.

Pause: Read the remainder of Psalm 23, picture yourself in the scripture and take note of how it details Jehovah Rohi's role in your life.

Psalm 37:23

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way.

As we continue to yield to our Heavenly father, He will take notice. He will order our steps, guide, care, protect and manage our affairs. Let's allow God to be our spiritual navigation system in life. We will always arrive at our destination safely and on time!

Group Discussion: Who is the person in your life that exhibits the characteristics of a shepherd? Are you exhibiting these characteristics in the life of someone else? Please share how it has impacted you.

Our responsibility/collaboration: Seek God for guidance, pay attention to his instruction and obey.

Week 2:

➤ ***Jehovah - Rapha (The Lord Our Healer):***

Group Discussion: Have you ever felt that *sinking feeling* in the pit of your stomach, after hearing an unfavorable health report from a physician?

Note: If we're being honest, many of us have experienced the above feeling, whether it be in relation to news received about ourselves, family members or close friends. It is a natural reaction because we still live in this earthly body. The good news is that *we don't have to stay there* because we have a healer...a great physician and His name is Jehovah Rapha!

There are countless miracles of healing that Jesus performed while on earth. The following scripture reminds us that we are already healed, because Jesus **paid** the price for ALL sickness and disease on our behalf. This is spoken in past tense, which means we do not have to accept or exchange sickness and disease for our good health. All we need to do is bring Jehovah Rapha into remembrance of His word (Isaiah 43:26) and begin to thank and praise Him for paying the price, **in advance**, and return the sickness to sender (Satan).

Isaiah 53:5 NIV

*5 But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.*

Hezekiah provides a great example of how he brings Jehovah Rapha into remembrance.

II Kings 20:2-6 NIV

1 In those days Hezekiah became sick and was near death. Isaiah the man of God, the son of Amoz, came to him and said, "The Lord says, 'Make those of your house ready, for you will die and not live.'" 2 Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord, 3 "Remember, Lord, how I have walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in your eyes." And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

4 Before Isaiah had left the middle court, the word of the Lord came to him: 5 "Go back and tell Hezekiah, the ruler of my people, 'This is what the Lord, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you. On the third day from now you will go up to the temple of the Lord. 6 I will add fifteen years to your life. And I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city for my sake and for the sake of my servant David.'"

Note: Isaiah delivered an unfavorable report to Hezekiah, but Hezekiah chose to turn his face to the wall to have a personal moment with Jehovah Rapha. He began to bring Him into remembrance, and it made enough of an impact to prompt God to stop Isaiah in his tracks. Isaiah immediately returned to Hezekiah and released words of healing.

Our responsibility/collaboration: As Christians, we must have the posture of faith and the willingness to turn our faces to the wall, however, it is just as important to do the practical things necessary to maintain a healthy lifestyle (exercise, eat healthy and get adequate rest).

➤ **Jehovah - Nissi (The Lord our Banner):**

Group Discussion: Who are some of the people in your life who are known for exhibiting love? Do you feel loved?

Solomon 2:4

Let him lead me to the banquet hall and let his banner over me be love.

Note: The lyrics below are etched in the minds of us who attended Sunday School and/or Vacation Bible School. All the children sang with choreographed hand motions, rocking from side to side. It is a fond memory. It was also a wonderful way to inform children that they were, indeed, loved.

Guess what? So are you!

Our Heavenly Father's banner of love covers all of us.

Group Sing-a-long 😊

Song Lyrics:

I am my beloved's and He is mine

His banner over me is Love

I am my beloved's and He is mine

His banner over me is Love

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I am my beloved's and He is mine

His banner over me is Love

His banner – over me – is Love!

Another scripture-based childhood song comes to mind. It is an indicator of who Jehovah Nissi is.

1 John 4:7-8 KJV (scripture and song lyrics)

7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

Note: God is love. We are commanded to be like God and love one another.

Our responsibility/collaboration: Remind yourself of God's love when moments get tough. Sing the word!

Week 3:

➤ ***Jehovah - M'Kaddesh (The Lord Our Sanctifier):***

Group Discussion: What does sanctification mean to you?

1 Thessalonians 4:1-3, 7-8

1 As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live, in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. ²For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

3 It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality;

7 For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. ⁸Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit.

Definition of sanctify - to be set apart, make pure or free from sin or guilt

Saul (later Paul) experienced sanctification on the Demascus road!!!

Acts 9:1-4,6, 10, 13-16

1 Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest

3 As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. ⁴ Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

6 So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?"

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Then the Lord said to him, “Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

10 Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, “Ananias.”

And he said, “Here I am, Lord.”

13 Then Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. 14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name.”

15 But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. 16 For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name’s sake.”

Group Discussion: Why do you think Paul was chosen to be set apart?

Note: Saul not only received Paul as his new name, but experienced sanctification of the mind. His entire perception changed. He went from murderer of the Israelites to being an advocate for them. Jehovah M’Kaddesh brings about life change.

Our responsibility/collaboration: Pay attention to the instructions of how our Heavenly father has commanded us to live.

➤ ***Jehovah - Shalom (The Lord Our Peace):***

Group Discussion: Can you share a time you’ve experienced seemingly unexplainable peace while in the middle of a storm?

Gideon found peace:

For context read Judges 6:1-21

Judges 6:22-24

22 When Gideon realized that it was the angel of the Lord, he exclaimed, “Alas, Sovereign Lord! I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face!”

23 But the Lord said to him, “Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die.”

24 So Gideon built an altar to the Lord there and called it The Lord Is Peace. To this day it stands in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

Note: Jehovah Shalom had chosen Gideon to lead the Israelites, but he didn’t believe he had what it took. Gideon needed confirmation and decided to worship by building an altar unto God. As a result of his worship, he found his peace.

Philippian 4:7 NIV

7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Paul and Silas exhibited peace in prison:

Acts 16:25-28 NIV

²⁵ And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

²⁶ And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

²⁷ And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

²⁸ But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

Note: At a time when it seemed all odds were against Paul and Silas, they chose to sing praises. Similar to Gideon's experience, there is a pattern of worship that is followed by peace. Jehovah Shalom resides in the atmosphere of worship. Paul and Silas made a conscious decision to turn their focus on their heavenly father, and not on their current state. Likewise, as Peter kept his eyes on Jesus as he walked on the water, he remained in peace and above his circumstances (water). Where is your focus?

Our responsibility/collaboration: Worship and expect to receive the benefits of Jehovah Shalom!

Week 4:

➤ ***Jehovah - Tsidkenu (The Lord Who is Righteous):***

Psalm 11:7 NIV

*For the Lord is righteous,
he loves justice;
the upright will see his face.*

Group Discussion: Is the accuser (Satan) tormenting you about the things you may have done?

Romans 8:1-11 NIV

¹ Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives, ² but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them. ³ As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd.

⁴ "Teacher," they said to Jesus, "this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?"

⁶ They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. ⁷ They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, “All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!” ⁸ Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust.

⁹ When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. ¹⁰ Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, “Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?”

¹¹ “No, Lord,” she said.

And Jesus said, “Neither do I. Go and sin no more.”

Psalm 145:17-19 NIV

The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and faithful in all he does.

¹⁸ The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

¹⁹ He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them.

Note: By no means is this passage intended to condone adulterous behavior. It is intended to show how Jesus puts everything in proper perspective and considers every detail. He is a God of justice. The teachers of religious law and the Pharisees were in no position to accuse the woman. Jesus did not let the woman remain in the same state and mindset she was in, so in this case, there was correction. His righteous nature not only saved her life, but it turned her away from sin.

Woman who anointed Jesus’ feet:

Luke 7:36-39, 44-50

³⁶ When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee’s house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee’s house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. ³⁸ As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner.”

⁴⁴ Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.”

48 Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

49 The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

50 Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Note: This woman committed sinful acts, but she received the benefits of Jehovah Tsidkenu, as she humbled herself in worship. It did not matter how others felt about her. God’s righteousness trumped the opinions of others. At that moment, she received justice and peace. Her sins were forgiven, and she was saved.

Our responsibility/collaboration: Move with humility unto God, in spite of what others may say.

➤ ***Jehovah - Shammah (The Lord Who Is There):***

Three Hebrew Boy’s Experience:

Daniel 3:8-25 ESV

⁸ Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and maliciously accused the Jews. ⁹ They declared to King Nebuchadnezzar, “O king, live forever! ¹⁰ You, O king, have made a decree, that every man who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image. ¹¹ And whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into a burning fiery furnace. ¹² There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men, O king, pay no attention to you; they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

¹³ Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king. ¹⁴ Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, “Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? ¹⁵ Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?”

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷ If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

¹⁹ Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with fury, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered the furnace heated seven times more than it was usually heated. ²⁰ And he ordered some of the mighty men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. ²¹ Then these men were bound in their cloaks, their tunics, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the burning fiery furnace. ²² Because the king’s order was urgent and the furnace overheated, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. ²³ And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell bound into the burning fiery furnace.

24 Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, “Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?” They answered and said to the king, “True, O king.” 25 He answered and said, “But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.”

What resonates with you about Jehovah Shammah in this story?

Daniel in the Lion’s Den:

Daniel 6:1-10

1 It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom, 2 with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss. 3 Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. 4 At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent. 5 Finally these men said, “We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God.”

6 So these administrators and satraps went as a group to the king and said: “May King Darius live forever! 7 The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or human being during the next thirty days, except to you, Your Majesty, shall be thrown into the lions’ den. 8 Now, Your Majesty, issue the decree and put it in writing so that it cannot be altered—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.” 9 So King Darius put the decree in writing.

10 Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

What resonates with you about Jehovah Shammah in this story?

Our responsibility/collaboration:

In summary and as mentioned above in Exodus 3:14, when God told Moses to tell the Israelites, ‘I Am’ sent him, it encompassed everything Moses would need Him to be, at any given moment. All Moses had

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to do was fill-in-the-blank. Moses did just that, as he tapped into Jehovah - Jireh, Shalom, Rapha, Rohi, Tsikednu, Shammah, M'Kaddesh and Nissi throughout his journey. We, as believers, are expected to do the same. He is just as accessible to each of us.

There is nothing added, and nothing taken away...'I Am' is enough!