

We were just beginning to learn this song when we had to stop meeting together, so we're going to spend two weeks on this song/verse.

Call to Me (taught in February 2020)

Jeremiah 33:3 Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. (Shout it out now: Hallelujah!)

Week 1 (of 2)

Optional discussion questions/conversation starters:

- Old Testament or New Testament? (Old)
- Who is Jeremiah? Answer: A prophet around 600 BC. He lived in Judah at the rise of the Babylonian Empire. The Northern Kingdom of Israel had already fallen to Assyria 100 years before Jeremiah. Only Judah remained in the south, but it included the great city of Jerusalem. At the time when Jeremiah began his ministry, the Assyrian Empire fell to Babylon. Jeremiah foretold that the Babylonian Empire would attack Jerusalem and carry the people into exile for 70 years (chapters 25-29). He was alive when that took place (chapter 39): King Nebuchadnezzar took the people to Babylon, including well-known Daniel. In between the prophecy of the fall (25-29) and the writings of the actual fall (39), we have chapters 30-33 which tell of God's promises of restoration for His people at the end of the exile. This verse today is from chapter 33, part of this promise.
- What does "unsearchable things" mean? (things that cannot be completely understood, beyond human knowledge) Can you name some "unsearchable things"?
- How do we learn how to read? (By someone teaching us. Someone other than us who already knows how to read.)
- How do we learn about polar bears? (By someone teaching us directly or by reading a book about polar bears, etc.)

- Some things can be understood by some people and not by others. Can you think of things like this? For example, some people are experts on astrophysics; I am not. Even though such topics may seem “unsearchable” to us because we don’t understand them, this is not what “unsearchable” means, and it’s not what Jeremiah is talking about. Remember, “unsearchable things” are things that humans are unable to understand.
- What is the difference between questions about math and questions about life? What are some “questions about life”?
- How do we learn about life and find answers to our questions about life? (The Bible. Kids may say “parents” – which is excellent. Tell them how you/parent go to the Bible to find the answers to questions about life. It’s great for them to see that their parents weren’t born with all the answers; their parents learn from the Bible and pass that knowledge and wisdom on to their children. If parents are teaching children from the Bible, then it’s not that the parents’ teaching is wise; it’s that the Bible is wise.)
- Speaking of learning, do you know that the more we learn about the world God created, the more we learn about God? The more we learn about science and math, the more we see how creative and organized God is. The more we learn about nature, Earth, and space, the more we see how much God loves beauty, details, and AWESOMENESS. God continues to let us discover more and more about the world and the universe around us, graciously allowing us to learn not only how God does things but also more about who God is. That is so cool! And the more we learn about history, the more we’re able to see the world’s desperate need for a savior.
- Ask each person to share something for which they would like prayed. Close in prayer (can be led by one person or each person can pray), specifically including everyone’s prayer requests, and thanking God for teaching us more and more about him and his plan for our lives.
- *To be continued next week!*

- Finish by singing the song again!

Optional activity during the week: Searchable Sort

by Dana Twichell

Let's take a survey of our books! If you have any books at home, gather them up.

Try separating them into 2 groups:

Group 1: God's word

Group 2: All other books

Questions:

1. Are there GREAT WONDERFUL books with knowledge and ideas in Group 2? Yes! Definitely! What are your favorites?

2. Will you be able to keep learning about the world from more and more books? YES!

3. Do they tell you anything about the unsearchable things? (Note from Rebecca: This is a good question! We're not going to answer it. Talk about it with your family and see what you guys come up with.)

4. Where can we go to know God and ask life's important questions? Where can we go to find the knower of unsearchable things? God and His word- Group 1!

5. Do you have a favorite verse to remind you to go to God with your big questions? (Hint, there's a great one on this page!!)

Extra challenge- God isn't just creative, He is ORGANIZED! Can you think of different ways to organize your books? Try it, and then put them back where they go in that new order!

There is a phrase of unknown origin that says, “The more you know, the more you know you don’t know.” In other words, the more we discover about big things like our universe down to the smallest things like the parts of an atom, the more questions we have and the more we’re able to see God’s big and amazing design.

We as the human race have learned SO MUCH, especially in the last hundred years. We often write down what we have learned in books, and we can find books on anything that has been made *searchable* by God. Did you know that our Library of Congress in Washington D.C. is the largest library in the world? Can you guess how many books are in it? 24 million (MILLION!) books and a total of over 170 million items in 470 different languages. That’s A LOT of searchable things!

When we separate books of *God’s word* in the Library of Congress, like the [Gutenberg Bible](#), we see that the great amount of *searchable* information doesn’t tell us anything about the *unsearchable* things. God’s word points us to God, the only one who knows and can share the *unsearchable things*.

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