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# Jeremiah

... LESSON 1

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## FOR THE LEADER

### WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT:

There is only one true God and He alone deserves our worship, praise, and devotion. As men of God we can accept no imitations.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

- Are idolatry and the worship of false gods only from the past or Bible times?
- What god impersonators do Christians face today?
- How has God revealed himself to us as the only true God?



## PREP

None

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## READ

*No one is like you, O Lord; you are great, and your name is mighty in power. Who should not revere you, O King of the nations? This is your due. Among all the wise men of the nations and in all their kingdoms, there is no one like you. They are all senseless and foolish; they are taught by worthless wooden idols. Hammered silver is brought from Tarshish and gold from Uphaz. What the craftsman and goldsmith have made is then dressed in blue and purple—all made by skilled workers. But the Lord is the true God; he is the living God, the eternal King. When he is angry, the earth trembles; the nations cannot endure his wrath. Jeremiah 10:6–10*

Born on January 8, 1935 in a small two-room house in Tupelo, Mississippi, was a man whose life and talent would rock the world and forever change the face of music. In his relatively short career, Elvis Aaron Presley would leave a mark on the music scene that earned him the title “The King of Rock and Roll.” More remarkable still is that this man is probably the most impersonated musician of all time. From New York to Beijing and beyond, Elvis impersonators span the globe.

What about you? Do you have a decent Elvis

impersonation? Give it a try!

Over the years, Elvis impersonators have come and gone, each claiming to be the greatest and best. However, as much as these impersonators practice and as hard as they try, that’s all they will ever be—impersonators, knockoffs of the original.

The nation of Israel had a similar problem with cheap imitations and knockoffs. Their imitations were idols and false gods. Influenced heavily by the nations around them, the people of Israel created and worshipped idols made of wood and stone in place of the one true God. On various occasions, God reminded the people through miraculous signs and wonders that He alone is God and is deserving of worship. God called the prophet Jeremiah to remind Israel of this and that no idol made of wood, stone, or gold could ever take His place.

Today there are still religions that offer imitations of or substitutes for God. They try to place their impersonators on the same level as God. Some even claim that we worship the same god, just called by a different name. Can you recognize some of the god-impersonators we face today? How has God revealed and proven himself as the one true God above all imitations?

Much like the prophets of old, God is looking for those who will boldly proclaim the truth that He alone is God and worthy of worship, honor,

and obedience. There is only one true God, and He wants us to be a witness to this. This doesn't mean we have to be rude in conveying this message. After all, we stand on behalf of a loving and kind God. We should share His message with the same love and kindness so that others want to meet this one true God and spend eternity with Him.

**PRAYER:** God, I believe that You alone are the one true God. I refuse to be confused by imposters and cheap imitations. Open my eyes every day to see Your power and authority revealed in the world around me. Give me the strength not to compromise but to boldly proclaim that You alone are God and are worthy of all my praise. In Jesus' name. Amen.



REFLECT

As a patrol, take turns impersonating some of your favorite people or characters from music, movies, and TV. As you act it out, see if your patrol can guess who you are without you telling them. The person who guesses correct first gets a point. After everyone has had a turn, the one with the most points wins.

Who did the best impression? How easy was it to figure out who each person chose? If you had the choice of watching the real celebrities or your fellow impersonators which would you choose? Why? Most people would prefer the real thing over an imposter any day. Make sure you don't settle for any substitutes when it come to serving God.



RESPOND

This week, with parental permission, go online or visit your local library and research another religion (e.g., Islam, Hinduism, Mormonism, New Age). Compare that religion's views on Christianity and Jesus and how they differ from the Bible. Then, as a patrol, discuss any interesting findings.

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