I Am - Bible Study- Day 1

“Yahweh”

Welcome to our bible study.

Let’s get started with a word of prayer if we haven’t already.

PRAYER

Our theme for camp “I Am” comes from several verses in the bible. The simple phrase “I Am” isn’t actually that simple at all. It tells some very important information about who God is.

Can someone please read for us Exodus 3:13-15?

***Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.”***

*Q. What are some things you know about God?*

*Q. Why do you think “I Am” means?*

*(Give time for responses and discussion)*

When God calls himself “I Am”, He is telling the whole world that He is the only one who knows everything, sees everything, and is everywhere all at the same time. “I Am” also mean that God is in complete control. He will never change. His ways are good and what He says He will- He will do.

Can someone please read for us Revelations 1:8?

***I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”***

“I Am” is the biggest name for God, but within “I Am” it tells us a lot about the character of God, or what God is like. God actually has many names.

*Q. Do you ever go by any other names? If so, what do others sometimes call you?*

*Q. What other names for God have you heard?*

*(Give time for responses and discussion)*

Let’s talk about some other names for God:

1. Yahweh- He is the Lord or Ruler.

2. Jehovah Jireh- This means God is a provider.

3. Elohim- It means God is strong and powerful.

4. Abba- It means God is a good father.

Before we move on, let’s play a game.

Name: Paper Rock Scissors Transformation

1. Everyone will start out as an egg (making an oval with their arms to show they are an egg).
2. Play Paper Rock Scissors with an opponent. If you lose, you will stay an egg. If you win, you will become a chicken (clucking your arms like a chicken).
3. If you are a chicken, find another chicken to play with. The loser goes back to an egg and tries to find another egg to play with again. The winner will become an eagle ( flapping their wings slowly and majestically like an eagle).
4. If you are an eagle, you must play with another eagle. The loser will become a chicken again. The winner will become a King (making his hands like a crown on his head.
5. Once someone becomes a king the round is over.
6. Play a few rounds if the game goes too quickly.

**Now back to our lesson.**

*Q. When we played our game who became the King?*

*Q. How long did it take you to become the King?*

*Q. Was anyone close to becoming the King, but didn’t? What was that like?*

*(Give time for responses and discussion)*

“I Am” talks about who God is. One of the other names for God is Yahweh, meaning - the Lord or Ruler. Unlike when we play our game, God has always been the King and will always be the King. He will never lose to anyone. No one will ever take over his throne. Let’s read a few verses from the bible to hear more about how God is the King.

Could I have some volunteers to read the following verses:

***-Psalm 47:7 “For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.”***

***-Psalm 145:1-3 “ I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.”***

***-***[***Psalm 86:8–10***](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Ps%2086.8%E2%80%9310) ***“Among the gods there is none like unto Thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto Thy works. All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship before Thee, O Lord; and shall glorify Thy name. For Thou art great, and doest wondrous things: Thou art God alone.”***

***-Psalm 24;1-2 "The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters."***

*Q. What do each of these verses tell us about God being our King? (allow time for discussion)*

 When God tells us his name is I Am or Yahweh, He is telling us that He never changes. He is telling us that He will always be the one in control of everything. The Leader. The Ruler. The King. The Head honcho. The boss. The Hero. He has created the heavens and the earth. He was here before anything or anyone else, and He is still here to lead us, strengthen us, and watch over us.

 As we sing our praise songs in worship tonight, let’s remember to sing and thank God for being the King in our lives. Let’s pray.

PRAYER

I Am - Bible Study- Day 2

“Jehovah Jireh”

Welcome to our second day of bible study.

Let’s get started with a word of prayer if we haven’t already.

PRAYER

Yesterday we talked about how “I Am” is our theme. We talked about how “I Am” is both the name for God, but it also tells us a lot about who God is, his character. We discussed how “I Am” also mean Yahweh or the King, Lord above all others.

Today we are going to talk about another name for God.

*Q. What are some things in life that you are thankful for?*

*Q. Did you have to work for these things, or did some kindly provide them for you?*

*Q. How are some of your needs in life taken care of?*

*(Give time for responses and discussion)*

Can someone please read for us Matthew 6:26?

 ***"Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?"***

Before we move on, let’s play a game.

Name: Sharks and Minnows

1. Pick someone to be the shark.
2. Set a boundary to stay inside.
3. Everyone else will be minnows. Minnows will be on one side of the boundary and the shark will be in the middle.
4. Be sure all players know minnows will run to the other side when the shark says *Shark Attack!* The shark will try to tag as many minnows as possible before they can reach the other barrier *(*remind all players to be aware of their surroundings so that they do not run into one another).
5. If a minnow is tagged, he also becomes a shark.
6. When there is only one minnow left; they become the first shark in the next round.

**Now back to our lesson.**

*Q. Was it difficult to be the shark? Why or why not?*

*Q. How long did it take for you to be able to get all your “food” when you were the shark?*

*Q. Was being a minnow scary?*

*Q. Was it easier to get all the rest of the minnows when more sharks were helping you?*

*(Give time for responses and discussion)*

One of the other names for God is Jehovah Jireh, meaning - the provider. In our game, it was difficult for the sharks to be able to provide for their needs (the minnows for their food). God is the ultimate provider. He is able to always give us exactly what we need. Listen closely. He doesn’t always give people what they WANT; instead, He ALWAYS provides for their true NEEDS. Let’s read a few verses from the bible to hear more about how God is the Great Provider. Could I have some volunteers to read the following verses:

-***James 1:17 “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”***

***-Psalm 147:8 "Who covers the heavens with clouds, Who provides rain for the earth, Who makes grass to grow on the mountains."***

***-Matthew 6:31-33. "Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."***

***-Philippians 4:19. "And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."***

*Q. What do these verses tell you about God being a provider of our needs? (allow time for discussion).*

 When God tells us his name is I Am or Jehovah Jireh, He is telling us that He will always provide. God is telling us that He knows what we need and when we need it. He has created the heavens and the earth and He cares for every thing that He has created. He knows your worries, fears, hurts, struggles. He knows your best and worst moment. He is your provider, giving you everything you need.

 As we close in prayer and sing our praise songs in worship tonight, let’s remember to sing and thank God for being the provider in our lives. Let’s pray.

PRAYER

I Am - Bible Study- Day 3

“Elohim”

Welcome to our third day of bible study.

Let’s get started with a word of prayer if we haven’t already.

PRAYER

This week we’ve talked about how “I Am” is our theme. We talked about how “I Am” is both the name for God, but it also tells us a lot about who God is- his character. We discussed how “I Am” means Yahweh- or the King, Lord above all others. “I Am” also means Jehovah Jireh- our great provider.

Today we are going to talk about another name for God.

*Q. Who is the strongest person you can think of that you know?*

*Q. How strong are they? Can they move a bus or train? Can they rip a phonebook in half? What can they do with all that strength?*

*Q. How did they get all that strength?*

*Q. Do you think they will be strong forever?*

*(Give time for responses and discussion)*

Can someone please read for us Job 26:7-14?

 ***“God stretches the northern sky over empty space and hangs the earth on nothing. He wraps the rain in his thick clouds, and the clouds don’t burst with the weight. He covers the face of the moon, shrouding it with his clouds. He created the horizon when he separated the waters: he set the boundary between day and night. The foundations of heaven tremble; they shudder at his rebuke. By his power the sea grew calm. By his skill he crushed the great sea monster. His Spirit made the heavens beautiful, and his power pierced the gliding serpent. These are just the beginning of all that he does, merely a whisper of his power. Who, then, can comprehend the thunder of his power?”***

Before we move on, let’s play a game.

Name: Indian Wrestle

1. Pair up with an opponent.
2. Stand side by side facing the opposite way of each other. Your right feet should both be side by side, touching the side of your opponent’s right foot. You should grasp your right hands together in an arm-wrestling hold. Both of your feet should be planted in place to keep your balance (be mindful of each other. Knock the other off balance, but do not hurt them).
3. Using only the shifting of your body and arms, try to knock your opponent off balance by making him lose his footing.
4. If you knock your opponent of balance, you win. If you lose your own footing first, you lose.
5. Once you’ve won or lost, play with a new opponent.

**Now back to our lesson.**

*Q. Was it difficult to keep your balance?*

*Q. Did you get knocked off balance?*

*Q. What was the best strategy to defeat your opponent?*

*Q. Did this game require a lot of strength?*

*(Give time for responses and discussion)*

Our verse earlier told us that God is powerful enough to hang the earth in place, make the moon, move rain clouds, separate the waters, and crush sea monsters! Do you know anyone THAT strong?

Our next name for God is Elohim. It means God is strong and powerful. In our game, each person had to display power, strength, balance, and agility. God is stronger and more powerful than any other. He is able to move mountains and calm storms. He is able to shut the mouths of lions. Let’s read a few verses from the bible to hear more about how God is the strongest and most powerful. Could I have some volunteers to read the following verses:

***-2 Samuel 22:33 “For who is God except the Lord? Who but our God is a solid rock? God is my strong fortress, and he makes my way perfect.”***

***-Psalm 19:1 “The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.”***

***-2 Chronicles 20:6 “In your hand are power and might, so that none is able to withstand you.”***

***-Psalm 71:18 “O God. Let me proclaim your power to this new generation, your mighty miracles to all who come after me.”***

***-Jeremiah 10:12-13 “But God made the earth by his power, and he preserves it by his wisdom. With his own understanding, he stretched out the heavens. When he speaks in the thunder, the heavens roar with rain. He causes the clouds to rise over the earth. He sends the lightning with the rain and releases the wind from his storehouses.”***

*Q. What do these verses tell you about God being strong and powerful? (allow time for discussion).*

 When God tells us his name is I Am or Elohim, He is telling us that He is full of power and might. God tells with his name that He is unmatchable, stronger than any wrestler or MMA fighter. He has created the heavens and the earth with his strength. He spoke the whole world into existence with the strength of his voice. He uses his strength to watch over his creation. God is the ultimate warrior, ultimate protector, the ultimate hero. He will never lose.

 As we close in prayer, let’s remember to be strong and courageous and to thank God for being our example of confident strength and power. Let’s pray.

PRAYER

I Am - Bible Study- Day 4

“Abba”

Welcome to our fourth day of bible study.

Let’s get started with a word of prayer if we haven’t already.

PRAYER

This week we’ve talked about how “I Am” is our theme. We talked about how “I Am” is the name for God, but it also tells us a lot about who God is- his character. We discussed how “I Am” means Yahweh- or the King, Lord above all others. Next, “I Am” means Jehovah Jireh- our great provider. It also means Elohim- the strong and powerful.

Today we are going to talk about one more name for God.

Can someone please read for us 1 Corinthians 8:6

 ***“Yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.”***

Let’s play a game.

Name: Trust Walk

1. Select a volunteer to blindfold with whatever blindfold material is available. This volunteer will be walking an obstacle course.
2. Using any materials available, create an obstacle course for the blind-folded volunteer to try to walk.
3. Select someone to speak to the blindfolded volunteer and lead them through the obstacle course.
4. Make it more difficult by having the other members of the group try to distract by shouting wrong directions.
5. If the volunteer runs into an obstacle, they lose. If they make it all they way through, they win.
6. Play multiple rounds, changing up the obstacles, to give others a chance to walk or lead the walker.

**Now back to our lesson.**

*Q. How challenging was it to walk the obstacle course?*

*Q. Was the leader helpful and trustful?*

*Q. Was it difficult with others trying to distract you?*

*Q. Where you afraid of running into obstacles?*

*(Give time for responses and discussion)*

Our next name for God is Abba. It means God is a good father. In our game, some had to lead another person through an obstacle course by speaking good directions to them. That person had to be truthful and helpful (much like a good father). God is the best example of a father because he is the best father around. He loves his children (you are one of them), He is trustworthy and is always concerned about his children’s needs. He is a good father because he can protect and comfort like no one else can. Let’s read a few verses from the bible to hear more about how God is the strongest and most powerful. Could I have some volunteers to read the following verses:

***-Romans 8:15 “The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again;rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba Father.”***

***-***[***Luke 15:20***](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%2015:20&version=NIV&src=tools) ***“So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.”***

***-Psalm 68:5-6 “A Father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, he leads forth the prisoners with singing.”***

***-Matthew 7:11 “If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!”***

***-Ephesians 1:3-5 “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us…. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his [children].”***

*Q. What do these verses tell you about God being a good father? (allow time for discussion)*

 When God tells us his name is I Am or Abba, He is telling us that He is a good and loving father. God tells with his name that He is full of compassion and treats us like we are his very own. He has loved us since before we were even born, and He will continue to love us forever and ever. He created his children and thinks that they are extremely special (that means he thinks YOU are extremely special and wonderful). We are his precious sons whom He loves.

 As we close in prayer, let’s remember that we have a good father who loves us and who will never abandon us. Let’s pray.

PRAYER

I Am - Cabin Devotion- Day 1

“Yahweh”

When God tells us his name is I Am or Yahweh, He is telling us that he never changes. He is telling us that He will always be the one in control of everything. The Leader. The Ruler. The King. The Head honcho. The boss. The Hero. He has created the heavens and the earth. He was here before anything or anyone else, and He is still here to lead us, strengthen us, and watch over us.

Yahweh means that God is our Lord or King. If God is the King, what does that make you in his kingdom? In God’s kingdom you are a servant of God. What does a servant do for a king? Let’s read the following verses to find out what your role is in the kingdom of God: Matthew 4:10, Matthew 20:27-28, Romans 6:13, Romans 12:1.

1. What are these verses are saying?

2. What is your role as a servant of God?

3. How can you serve God in your life?

4. What difference can you make in the lives of others?

Please discuss these questions, then end your devotion in prayer, asking God to show you how to be good servants in his Kingdom.

I Am - Cabin Devotion- Day 2

“Jehovah Jireh”

When God tells us his name is I Am or Jehovah Jireh, He is telling us that He will always provide. God is telling us that He knows what we need and when we need it. He has created the heavens and the earth and He cares for every thing that he has created. He knows your worries, fears, hurts, struggles. He knows your best and worst moment. He is your provider, giving you everything you need.

Jehovah Jireh means that God is our provider. If God is the provider, what does that mean for you? In God’s job is to provide, that means you are to receive with a thankful heart. How can you be a grateful and humble person? Let’s read the following verses to find out how to be grateful and thankful for what precious gifts God has provided to you: Philippians 4:6-7, Psalm 28:7, 1 Peter 4:10.

1. What are these verses are saying?

2. What things can you be thankful for in your life?

3. How can you show appreciation to God for what he has provided for you?

Please discuss these questions, then end your devotion in prayer, thanking God for caring for our needs.

I Am - Cabin Devotion- Day 3

“Elohim”

When God tells us his name is I Am or Elohim, He is telling us that He is full of power and might. God tells with his name that He is unmatchable, stronger than any wrestler or MMA fighter. He has created the heavens and the earth with his strength. He spoke the whole world into existence with the strength of his voice. He uses his strength to watch over his creation. God is the ultimate warrior, ultimate protector, the ultimate hero. He will never lose.

Elohim means that God is strong and powerful. If God is all power, he wants to teach you strength as well. Let’s read the following verses to find out how to be strong in the Lord: 1 Corinthians 15:58, Colossians 3:23, 1 Timothy 4:10.

1. What do you think these verses are saying?

2. What other kinds of strength are there besides physical strength?

3. How can you be strong and work hard for the Lord?

Please discuss these questions, then end your devotion in prayer.

I Am - Cabin Devotion- Day 4

“Abba”

When God tells us his name is I Am or Abba, He is telling us that He is a good and loving father. God tells with his name that He is full of compassion and treats us like we are his very own. He has loved us since before we were even born, and He will continue to love us forever and ever. He created his children and thinks that they are extremely special (that means he thinks YOU are extremely special and wonderful). We are his precious sons whom He loves.

Abba means that God is a good father. If God is a good father, it means you are called to be his children. Let’s read the following verses to find out what it means to be a child of God: 1 John 3:1-10, Matthew 18:2-5, 1 Peter 2:2-3

1. What do you think these verses are saying?

2. What does it mean to be a child of God?

3. How does a child of God act?

Please discuss these questions, then end your devotion in prayer, thanking God for being a good father.