



Objects: A Bible and two 8½" x 11" photos—1 "normal" and 1 distorted—of yourself or another person. (Use a computer scanner or digital camera software to distort photo image. Office supply stores distort images for a minimal charge.)

Scripture: John 1:1.

Lesson: Have you ever seen a picture of God? (*Allow responses.*) Yes, you've seen pictures of what Jesus, God's Son, may have looked like, but you don't see photos of God the Father or



God the Holy Spirit.

(*Show normal photo.*) What does this picture tell you

about me? (*Color of eyes, hair, skin, approximate age or size.*) A photo shows you what a person is like on the outside but it doesn't tell you what he's like on the inside—how he thinks or what makes him happy or sad.

(*Show distorted photo.*) Does this photo show the real me? (*No.*) What's wrong with it? (*Allow responses.*) We often hear wrong things about God from people who don't know the true and living God who made us. What wrong things have you heard about God? (*"God didn't create the world." "God will punish you." Clarify answers as needed, e.g., "Yes, but He sent His own Son to take that punishment for you..."*)

(*Show Bible.*) The Bible gives us the only true picture of God. It helps you to know who the true God is. It tells you what He's done in the past and will do in the future and what He expects of you. (*Read John 1:1.*) Reading the Bible, God's Word, gives you a complete picture of God. Read it to know Him better and to learn to trust Him as your Savior and friend.

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