

# The God Who Is Not Far Away

•	Athens was a city full of	(Acts 17:16)
•	Paul introduces the people to the God who (17:22-31):  the world and everything in it  Is of heaven and earth	
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	For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal, have been clearly	
perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. (Rom 1:20)  Isn't an  Commands all people everywhere to and follow his lead		

## **How Can I Know What God Wants?**

- Nature is amazing! ... but I need more than nature to tell me who God is, what God has done, why I'm here, and what God wants me to do.
- God has given me his word—the Bible—to teach me
   "the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_ " (Rom 1:5).

## For Family Discussion:

- What's your favorite part of nature? The ocean? Stars? Mountains? Animals? Why is that your favorite? What does it show you about God?
- Why can't I learn what I need to know about sin from an acorn or Jesus from a waterfall or salvation from a sunset?
- Think about "the obedience of faith." What is that?

## Bible Readings for This Week:

- Acts 17:1-15
  Leading up to Athens...
- Acts 17:16-34
  Paul in Athens
- Psalm 148
  Let all creation praise the LORD
- Romans 1:1-15
  The obedience of faith
- ☐ Romans 1:16-23
- The power of the gospel

## Next Weekend:

All Scripture is Breathed Out By God