

Basic Theology Series
Week 2 – Special Revelation

Big Idea: God makes Himself fully known through His Word and through Jesus Christ.

Lesson Overview (45 Minutes)

Time	Segment
1-10	Prayer
10-15	Review & Foundation:
15-25	Lecture: What Is Special Revelation?
25-30	Whole Group Discussion
30-40	Lecture: The Forms of Special Revelation
40-45	Family Discussion Time
45-50	Final Application & Prayer

Prayer 10min

As people arrive the men and boys will go to one side to do prayer requests, and the women and girls will go to the other side. Each side will pray independently then everyone will return to sit with their families.

Review 5min

What is revelation?

(God making Himself known.)

What is General Revelation?

(God revealing Himself to everyone through creation and conscience.)

What can General Revelation show?

(God exists)

(God is powerful)

(God is wise and moral)

What can General Revelation NOT do?

(It cannot tell us about Jesus)

(It cannot explain the gospel)

(It cannot save anyone)

If creation tells us that God exists, how do we learn who He is and how to be saved? Those are the things that we learn from Special Revelation

Lecture: What Is Special Revelation? 10 Minutes

Definition

Special Revelation =

God revealing Himself in specific, clear, saving ways.

Unlike General Revelation (given to everyone), Special Revelation is:
Clear
Personal
Redemptive
Focused on salvation

Power Point Slide:

General Revelation → Shows God exists
Special Revelation → Shows who God is and how to be saved

Key Truth

Special Revelation answers the questions creation cannot:
Who is God?
What is He like?
What is sin?
How can we be saved?

Whole Group Discussion 5 Minutes

Ask:

If someone only looked at nature, what could they learn about God?
What important things would they still NOT know?

Guide toward:

- (They wouldn't know about Jesus)*
- (They wouldn't know about the cross)*
- (They wouldn't know God's plan of salvation)*

That is why Special Revelation is necessary.

Lecture: The Forms of Special Revelation 10 Minutes

Explain:

Scripture shows God has revealed Himself in specific ways.

1. The Word of God (Scripture)

Primary text: 2 Timothy 3:16–17 “All Scripture is breathed out by God...”

The Bible is God's written revelation.

It is:

- Inspired*
- True*
- Sufficient*
- Authoritative*

Explain simply for children:

The Bible is how God speaks clearly to us today.

2. Jesus Christ – The Ultimate Revelation

Explain:

Jesus does not just teach about God—He reveals God.

Primary Texts:

Hebrews 1:1–3. "God spoke in many ways in the past, but has now spoken finally through His Son."

John 14:9 "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

3. Direct Revelation in Scripture (Briefly)

God sometimes revealed Himself through:

Prophets

Dreams and visions

Miracles

But today in the western world, our sure and complete Special Revelation is the written Word and the person of Christ revealed in it.

Family Discussion Time 5 Minutes

Families discuss:

Why do we need the Bible if we already have creation?

What do we learn about God from Jesus that we could never learn from nature alone?

Parents ask children:

How does the Bible help us know God better?

Why is the story of Jesus the most important revelation?

Encourage parents to summarize:

Creation shows God is real.

The Bible shows us who He is and how to be saved.

Final Application & Prayer 5 Minutes

Closing Challenge for Families

This week:

Read a short Bible passage together each day.

Ask: "What does this teach us about God?"

Remind children: "This is God speaking to us."

Closing Prayer