

Self-Sufficiency of God

Read Acts 17:24-25 and John 15:1-8, then briefly consider the questions below.

This week in Children's Worship, the kids are learning that God is entirely self-sufficient and does not *need* anything from us. Within the Trinity, God is complete; He wants for nothing. As our lesson so perfectly states this week, "God does not need anything. He is always full." Despite God's lack of need for creation, he chose to create mankind out of an expression of his love.

Acts 17:24-25 describes God as the creator and author of life.

- How does knowing that God does not need anything from you give you comfort and peace?
- How have you seen God's self-sufficiency in your own relationship with Him?

Oftentimes, self-sufficiency is compared with aloofness, or the lack of relationship with others. However, this is not the self-sufficiency of God. Although he does not need us, he is always present with us and he wants us to rely on Him.

- According to John 15:4-5, how are we to relate to this self-sufficient God?

Scripture tells us that God is ever-present and lacking in nothing. Because of this, He is strong enough to handle your toughest problem, and gentle enough to comfort your broken heart. He wants you to come to him (Matt 11:28).

- What do you need to bring before the Lord today? What anxiety, decisions, or burdens do you need to lay before him?

Let's pray:

Father, the nature of your character never ceases to amaze us. Thank you for being the vine we can cling to, and for wanting us to come to you with our biggest fears. Help us to trust in your goodness, and to praise you as the author of life.

In your name we pray,

Amen.