

WEEK ONE: GOD THE FATHER

DAY ONE: GOD IS ALL-POWERFUL AND ALL-KNOWING

1. We will start our course on the Christian Faith with a study of God. We need to understand the character and nature of God before we can understand the Christian faith. This week we want you to learn eight important things about God's character and nature. Don't just memorize them. Try to understand each one. We will discuss them in the next meeting. Read the eight things below.

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| (1) God is all-powerful | (5) God is holy |
| (2) God is all-knowing | (6) God is loving |
| (3) God is always present | (7) God is in complete control |
| (4) God is eternal | (8) God is spirit |

Copy the first two things from the list above.

- (1) _____
(2) _____
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2. Today you will study the first two things about God's character and nature. **God is all-powerful** and **God is all-knowing**. His power and knowledge are great. We begin to understand the power of God when we think about this scripture:

Nehemiah 9:6

"You alone are the Lord. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you."

Name all the things this scripture says God has made. _____

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3. God made everything. His power is so great that He made the heavens, the sky, and the stars. He made the land and sea. He made everything on the land and everything in the sea. He gave life to everything that lives. Everything we can see was made by God. Listen to what God said.

Isaiah 45:12

It is I who made the earth and created mankind upon it. My own hands stretched out the heavens; I marshaled [controlled] their starry hosts [sun, moon, and stars].

Name the things this scripture says God controls. _____

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4. God's power is so great that he controls the sun, the moon, and the stars. It is God's power that makes the sun move across the sky. God's power is so strong that we say he is ALL-POWERFUL. God has all the power. He is the one who gives power to everything. Without his power life would stop.

Romans 11:36

Yes, God made all things. And everything continues through God and for God. [NCV]

This week we are going to learn eight things about God. Write the first one on the line below.

- (1) God is _____ - _____
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5. God is all-powerful. No one has power like God. He made everything and he keeps everything going. His power is so strong that he never gets tired.

Isaiah 40:28

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom [learn].

Who keeps everything in the world going? _____

6. God has all power. He keeps everything in the world going, but he never gets tired.

Write the first thing you have learned about God. Then read the second one below.

(1) _____

(2) God is all-knowing

7. God is able to keep everything going because he is all-powerful. It also takes knowledge to make the world and keep it going. The knowledge of God is great. The knowledge of God is beyond the knowledge of man.

Romans 11:33

Yes, God's riches are very great! God's wisdom and knowledge have no end! No one can explain the things God decides. No one can understand God's ways. [NCV]

No one can explain or understand God's ways because his knowledge is greater than ours.

What else does God, use in addition to his power, to make the world and keep it going?

8. God uses knowledge to make the world and keep it going. His knowledge is greater than all the knowledge of men. No one has greater knowledge than God. We say that God is ALL-KNOWING. He knows everything.

Romans 11:34

"Who has known the mind of the Lord? Who has been able to give the Lord advice?" [NCV]

No one can give advice to God. What is the reason we are not able to give advice to God?

9. We are not able to give advice to God because his knowledge is greater than ours. We have to say that God is all-knowing. This is the second important thing we are going to learn about God this week. There is nothing new that we can tell God. He knows everything.

You have learned two things about God today. Read the first one and write the second one.

(1) God is all-powerful

(2) God is _____

10. God is all-knowing. He knows everything. He knows what is happening every place. God knows the things we do.

Proverbs 15:3

The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.

How much does God know? _____

11. God knows everything. He knows what you are doing now. There is nothing that you can hide from God.

Hebrews 4:13

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Write the first two things you have learned about God.

- (1) _____
- (2) _____

12. God is all-powerful and he is all-knowing. There is no place we can go to hide from God. He knows everything. He knows every good thing we do. He also knows every bad thing we do.

Do you think God knows you? _____

13. Yes, God knows you. He knows everything you do and everything you say.

Write the first two things you have learned about God.

- (1) _____
- (2) _____

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DAY TWO: GOD IS ALWAYS PRESENT AND GOD IS ETERNAL

1. Yesterday we learned two important things about God's character and nature. Today we are going to learn two more.

Write the first two things you learned about God on the first two lines. Then read the other important things about God in the list below.

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| (1) _____ | (5) God is holy |
| (2) _____ | (6) God is loving |
| (3) God is always present | (7) God is in complete control |
| (4) God is eternal | (8) God is spirit |

2. Yesterday you learned that God is all-powerful. He created everything and he keeps everything going. You also learned that God is all-knowing. His knowledge made it possible for him to create everything and keep it going. He knows what we are doing now.

Look at the list of eight important things about God then write the third and fourth ones on lines (3) and (4) below. These are the things we are going to study today. (The list is in frame 1.)

- (3) _____
- (4) _____

3. **God is always present. God is eternal.** There is nothing that is hidden from God. This is because God is ALWAYS PRESENT. This is the third important thing you are going to learn about God.

Jeremiah 23:23-24

"I am a God who is everywhere and not in one place only. No one can hide where I cannot see him. Do you not know that I am everywhere in heaven and on earth?" [TEV]

Write the third thing you have learned about God. (3) _____
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4. God is always present. God is not in only one place. He is so great that he is every place at the same time.

Isaiah 66:1

This is what the Lord says: "Heaven is my throne and the earth is my footstool. Where is the house you will build for me?"

Can we build a house big enough for all of God to dwell inside? (yes or no) _____
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5. No, we cannot build a house that all of God could go inside. He sits down in heaven and puts his feet on the earth. Every place we go God is there.

Psalms 139:7-10

Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
If I go up to the heavens, you [God] are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.

Where can we go to hide from God? _____
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6. There is no place we can go to hide from God. He is always present. If we are his children he will always be there to lead and help us. A child of God should be happy that God is always present.

Write the third thing you have learned about God. Then read the fourth one.

(3) _____
(4) God is eternal
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7. God is always present. Every place we go he is there to lead and help us. God has always been there to help his children. This is because God is ETERNAL. God does not have a beginning or an ending. God has always existed. We cannot measure the life of God in years or in thousands of years. We can only say he is eternal.

Write the fourth thing you have learned about God. (4) God is _____
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8. God is eternal. He has no beginning. He has always existed. We cannot number the existence of God in years. A time that seems long to us is a short time to God.

2 Peter 3:8

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord . . . a thousand years are like a day.

(true or false) A thousand years is a long time for God. _____
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9. False. A thousand years is a short time to God. A thousand years is like one day to God. Many people have lived and died on the earth, but God still exists. Thousands of years have passed, but God is still the same as he was when he made the world.

Psalm 90:1-2

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Did God exist before the world was made? (yes or no) _____

10. Yes, God existed before he made the world. God was eternal before he made the world.

Write the fourth thing you have learned about God. (4) _____

11. God is eternal. One time God called Moses to be his messenger. Moses wanted to know what name he should call God.

Exodus 3:14

God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

What name did God tell Moses to call Him? _____

12. God told Moses to call him I AM. The name I AM means someone who exists but has no beginning or ending.

Read below the first two things you have learned about God. Then write the third thing on line (3) and the fourth thing on line (4).

- (1) God is all-powerful
- (2) God is all-knowing
- (3) _____
- (4) _____

13. God is always present. God is eternal. He has no beginning and no ending. Another name for God is Jehovah. This name means one who always exists.

Do you think God will die? (yes or no) _____

14. God will never die. He will always exist. Every promise that God has made, he will be able to keep.

Write the first four important things you have learned about God.

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____
- (4) _____

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DAY THREE: GOD IS HOLY AND GOD IS LOVING

1. We are studying the character and nature of God. You have already learned four important things about God.

Write the first four things you have learned about God. Then read the others below.

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| (1) _____ | (5) God is holy |
| (2) _____ | (6) God is loving |
| (3) _____ | (7) God is in complete control |
| (4) _____ | (8) God is spirit |

2. You have learned that God is all-powerful, all-knowing, always present, and he is eternal. There is no place we can go to escape God. He is always there to help his children. God will always be there to bless his children because he is eternal.

This week you will learn eight things about God. Look at the list above, then write the fifth thing about God on line (5).

(5) _____

3. God will always do what is right because he is HOLY. This is the fifth thing we are going to learn about God. Listen to what is said in heaven about God.

Isaiah 6:3

And they were calling to one another:
"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory."

Write the fifth thing we are going to learn about God. (5) God is _____

4. God is holy. He does nothing wrong. Everything he does is good and perfect. God is the only one who is perfect. Look at this song that is sung in heaven.

Revelation 15:3-4

"Great and marvelous [wonderful] are your deeds,
Lord God Almighty.
Just and true are your ways,
King of the ages.
Who will not fear you, O Lord,
and bring glory to your name?
For you alone are holy.
All nations will come
and worship before you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed."

Write the name of the only one who is holy. _____

5. God is the only one who is completely holy. God's children must try to be holy, but only God is completely holy. Everything he does is right and fair.

Deuteronomy 32:4

He is the Rock, his works are perfect,
and all his ways are just.
A faithful God who does no wrong,
upright and just is he.

God is the only one who is completely _____.

6. God is the only one who is completely holy. He is always right and fair. Only good comes from God. God never does anything that is evil.

James 1:13

When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone;

Can God do evil? (yes or no) _____

7. God can do no evil. God is holy. Everything he does is good.

James 1:17

Every good action and every perfect gift is from God. These good gifts come down from the Creator of the sun, moon, and stars. God does not change like their shifting shadows. [NCV]

Write the fifth thing you have learned about God.

(5) _____

8. God is holy. Every good thing comes from God. No evil thing comes from God.

Write the fifth thing you have learned about God. Then read the sixth one.

(5) _____

(6) God is loving

9. God is holy. Everything he does is right and fair. God also loves us and does what is best for us. God is patient and merciful.

Psalm 145:17

The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and loving toward all he has made.

Who is loving toward all he has made? _____

10. The Lord God is loving and merciful toward all he has made. God loves us and wants us to be his children.

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish [be lost] but have eternal life.

How did God show that he loved the world? _____

11. God showed that he loved the world by giving his only son. Everyone who believes and obeys Jesus will be saved from the penalty of their sins. God loves us very much.

Romans 5:6-8

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare [be willing] to die. But God demonstrates [shows] his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

How did God show that he loves us very much? _____

12. Christ died for us while we were still sinners. This is how God showed us that he loves us very much.

Read the first four things you have learned about God. Then write the fifth and sixth things you have learned today.

- (1) God is all-powerful
- (2) God is all-knowing
- (3) God is always present
- (4) God is eternal
- (5) _____
- (6) _____

13. God is holy and God is loving. He wants everyone to be saved from the penalty of their sins. He does not want anyone to be lost. That is why God sent Jesus to pay the penalty for our sins. Everyone who believes and obeys Jesus will be saved. God has promised to judge the world. Those who have not accepted Jesus will pay the penalty for their sins. God is patiently waiting for people to change their hearts and lives. He wants everyone to believe and obey Jesus.

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow in doing what he promised-the way some people understand slowness. But God is being patient with you. He does not want any one to be lost. He wants everyone to change his heart and life. [NCV]

Why is God waiting for people to change their heart and stop sinning? _____

14. God is being patient and loving. He does not want any person to be lost. He is waiting to judge the world because he wants everyone to accept Jesus. He wants every person to change his heart and stop sinning.

Write the first six things you have learned about God.

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- (2) _____
- (3) _____
- (4) _____
- (5) _____
- (6) _____

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DAY FOUR: GOD IS IN COMPLETE CONTROL

1. You have learned six important things about God. Can you remember all of them? Write the first six things about God on the lines below. Then read the last two.

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____
- (4) _____
- (5) _____
- (6) _____
- (7) God is in complete control
- (8) God is spirit

2. God is all-powerful. He is all-knowing. He is always present. He is eternal. He is holy and loving.

Look at the list in frame 1. Then write the seventh important thing about God on line (7) below. This is the thing we are going to study today.

(7) _____
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3. God is IN COMPLETE CONTROL of the world. He created the earth and everything in it. He made man to live in the world. After God had created everything he did not leave it.

Psalm 103:19

The Lord has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom rules over all.

Who is the king over everything? _____
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4. The Lord God is king over everything. God controls both the heaven and the earth. People who do not know God are under his control.

Isaiah 45:5-6

"I am the Lord, and there is no other;
apart from me there is no God.
I will strengthen you,
though you have not acknowledged [known] me,
so that from the rising of the sun
to the place of its setting
men may know there is none besides me.

We are studying eight important things about God. Write the seventh one on line (7) below.

(7) _____
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5. God is in complete control. He gives strength to everyone. God provides for the good people and the bad people. Jesus told us this.

Matthew 5:45

"He [God] causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."

Who provides for the bad people? _____
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6. God provides for the bad people. God is in complete control. He is patient and loving with the bad people because he wants them to believe Jesus and change their hearts and lives. He also wants us to be patient with bad people so they will want to follow Jesus.

Write the seventh thing you have learned about God.

(7) _____
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7. God is in complete control. Some people complain because God has not destroyed evil. We must remember that God's knowledge is greater than ours. He knows what is best for everyone.

Isaiah 45:9-12

Does a clay pot dare to argue with its maker,
a pot that is like all the others?
Does the clay ask the potter what he is doing?

Does the pot complain that its maker has no skill?
Does anyone dare to say to his parents,
"Why did you make me like this?"
The Lord, the holy God of Israel,
the one who shapes the future, says:
"You have no right to question me about my children
or to tell me what I ought to do!
I am the one who made the earth
and created mankind to live there." [TEV]

(true or false) It is good to complain that God has not destroyed evil people. _____

8. False. We should not complain because God has not destroyed evil. God gave you a chance to believe Jesus. He wants to give others a chance to believe Jesus and change their hearts. Some day God's patience will finish. He will judge the world.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

God created us. Some day he will judge everything we do. What does this scripture say we should do?

9. God wants us to fear him and obey his commands. He wants everyone to prove they love him by believing and obeying Jesus. Those who refuse to follow Jesus will be punished. God is in complete control. Some day God will have a judgment and punish the bad people.

Psalms 92:6-8

This is something a fool cannot know;
a stupid man cannot understand:
the wicked may grow like weeds,
those who do wrong may prosper;
yet they will be totally destroyed,
because you, Lord, are supreme for ever. [TEV]

Read the first six things we have learned about God. Then write the seventh one.

- (1) God is all-powerful
- (2) God is all-knowing
- (3) God is always present
- (4) God is eternal
- (5) God is holy
- (6) God is loving
- (7) _____

10. God is in complete control. Some day his patience will finish. He will punish those bad people who refuse to obey and follow Jesus. God will reward the people who have been obedient to Jesus.

Psalms 37:1-4

Don't be worried on account of the wicked:
don't be jealous of those who do wrong.
They will soon disappear like grass that dries up;
they will die like plants that wither.
Trust in the Lord and do good;
live in the land and be safe.
Seek your happiness in the Lord,
and he will give you your heart's desire. [TEV]

What will God do to the wicked when he is no longer patient with them? _____

11. God will have a judgment when he is no longer patient with the wicked. He will reward the good people. He will punish the bad people. Read all of Psalm 37 and you will see that God is in complete control. When it is the best time, God will make everything right. We must be patient and wait for God's judgment.

Psalm 37:7

Be patient and wait for the Lord to act;
don't be worried about those who prosper
or those who succeed in their evil plans. [TEV]

When we see evil people prosper we should be _____.

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12. We should be patient and wait for God to bring his judgment. When evil people prosper God is still in control. In the judgment God will make everything right. The good people will be rewarded. The evil people will be punished.

Write the seven things you have learned about God this week.

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| (2) _____ | (6) _____ |
| (3) _____ | (7) _____ |
| (4) _____ | |

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DAY FIVE: GOD IS SPIRIT

1. This week we have been studying eight important things about God. You have already learned seven of them. Write the first seven things on the lines below. Then read the last one.

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| (1) _____ | (5) _____ |
| (2) _____ | (6) _____ |
| (3) _____ | (7) _____ |
| (4) _____ | (8) God is spirit |
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2. God is all-powerful. God is all-knowing. He is always present. He is eternal. God is holy and loving. He is in complete control. Read what Jesus tells us about God.

John 4:24

"God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth."

Write the eighth important thing about God on the line below. This is the last one in the list.

(8) God is _____

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3. God is spirit. Men have tried to draw pictures of God. Some men have tried to carve images (idols) of what they think God looks like. Read what Apostle Paul tells us about seeing God.

1 Timothy 6:16

God is the only One who never dies. He lives in light so bright that men cannot go near it. No one has ever seen God, or can see him. May honor and power belong to God forever. Amen. [NCV]

(true or false) Men are able to see God. _____

4. False. Men are not able to go near God and see what he truly looks like. Some prophets have seen God's throne and the glory of his presence on the throne. However, they did not see an image which they could carve that would fully represent God, because God is a spirit. No one can make a true image (idol) of God. Read what God said about worship of idols.

Exodus 20:4-5

"You shall not make for yourself an idol [image] in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, . . ."

God said we should not worship _____.

5. It is wrong to use an idol when we worship God. Paul said we are not worshipping God when we sacrifice to idols.

1 Corinthians 10:14 Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry.

1 Corinthians 10:20

. . . but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons.

People who sacrifice to idols really worship _____.

6. A person who offers a sacrifice to an idol is worshipping demons. Demons are the evil spirits who do the work of Satan. Satan is the enemy of God. A sacrifice to an idol is worship of God's enemy. It is not worship of God.

Read what each of these men did. Write God beside those who worshiped God. Write demons beside those who worshiped demons.

- a. _____ Ofem attends the worship at church. Every Sunday he sings songs of praise, listens to the Word of God and gives his offering.
- b. _____ At farming season Eko gives an offering to the spirit of rain to thank God for good crops.
- c. _____ At the time of first harvest Akpan always helps to prepare the local shrine for a celebration.
- d. _____ Peter gives some of his crops to the church every harvest time.

7. We will discuss your answers to frame 6 in the next meeting. Do you remember what Jesus said about worship of God.

John 4:24

"God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth."

Write the important thing we have learned about God today. It is number eight.

(8) _____

8. God is spirit. We should worship God in spirit and in truth. God has forbidden men to worship him with idols. The Apostle Paul tells us how to worship God in spirit and truth.

Romans 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - which is your spiritual worship.

What kind of sacrifice should we make to God? _____

9. Paul tells us to make a living sacrifice. We make a living sacrifice when we live for God. We live a life that is holy and pleasing to Him. This is the way to worship God in spirit and truth (John 4:24).

Paul says that this living sacrifice is our _____ worship.
(read again Romans 12:1 in the frame above)

10. The living sacrifice is our spiritual worship. We worship God spiritually by living our lives to please him. Paul calls this the living sacrifice. He said we should not be like people of the world. We should do the things that are good and pleasing to God.

Read the first seven things you have learned about God. Then write the one you have learned today. It is number eight.

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| (1) God is all-powerful | (5) God is holy |
| (2) God is all-knowing | (6) God is loving |
| (3) God is always present | (7) God is in complete control |
| (4) God is eternal | (8) _____ |

11. God is spirit. We must worship him in spirit and truth. We worship God spiritually when we do things that are good and pleasing to God.

Read what these men have done. Write yes beside the ones who have pleased God. Write no beside the ones who have not pleased God.

- a. _____ John wants to be sure he has a good harvest. On Sunday he asked the church members to pray for his farm. On Wednesday he bought a juju from a fetish priest to put on his farm.
- b. _____ When the fetish society dancers came to Omini's house, he refused to give them any money.
- c. _____ Every year Ubi gives money to help pay for the chickens that are used to celebrate the new harvest. Ubi knows that some of the chickens are sacrificed at the local village shrine.
- d. _____ Paul had a son who was very sick. He went to the native doctor for medicine. The native doctor makes sacrifices to a special shrine so his medicine will heal people.

12. We will discuss your answers to frame 11 at the next meeting.

This week you have learned eight important things about God's character and nature. Write all eight of them on the lines below.

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| (2) _____ | (6) _____ |
| (3) _____ | (7) _____ |
| (4) _____ | (8) _____ |