

OUR GREAT GOD

Kids rarely grasp the “big picture” of who God is (His names and roles), what God is like (His qualities), and what God can do (His actions). Instead, most children pick up random ideas here and there—without discerning which ideas are true, and which are not. Furthermore, kids do not realize the significance of what they learn—how each truth about God relates to all the others. The more you see and appreciate about the Lord, the more there is to see and appreciate!

The following outline of God’s characteristics taught in this adventure provides an in-depth look at our great God. Internalize these concepts so you can speak clearly and readily with your children.

WHO GOD IS

God is Supreme [Lesson 1]

Big Idea: One God rules the universe as Supreme Being—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Deuteronomy 4:39)

- **God is Preeminent** (*Elohim*)—God is the Mighty One with absolute authority; He remains separate from and far above the material universe. (Psalm 115:3)
- **God is Personal** (*Yahweh*)—God is self-existent and self-supporting—the God who is. (Exodus 3:14)
- **God is Triune**—The one, true God exists as three distinct Persons, each fully God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19).

—**The Father is God.** The loving Father adopts believers into His own family. (Psalm 103:13)

—**The Son is God.** The obedient Son died to forgive sins and rose to give new life. (1 Peter 2:24)

—**The Spirit is God.** The Holy Spirit helps believers walk in God’s ways. (Ezekiel 36:26-27)

WHAT GOD IS LIKE

God is Infinite Creator [Lesson 2]

Big Idea: The all-powerful, all-knowing God created everything out of nothing. (Hebrews 11:3)

- **God is all-knowing (omniscient)**—God understands everything about everything. (Psalm 147:4-5)
- **God is almighty (omnipotent)**—God has unlimited power to do what pleases Him. (Jeremiah 32:17)
- **God is eternal (immortal)**—God exists forever—without beginning or end. (Psalm 90:2)
- **God is everywhere (omnipresent)**—God is always present in every place. (Jeremiah 23:23-24)
- **God is unchanging (immutable)**—God is endlessly the same. (Hebrews 13:8)

God is Majestic King [Lesson 3]

Big Idea: God reigns as King, displaying His splendor and greatness throughout the universe. (1 Chronicles 29:11)

- **God is awesome**—God’s magnificent wonders inspire fear and respect. (Psalm 89:6-7)
- **God is beautiful**—God is altogether desirable—perfect in every way. (Psalm 27:4)
- **God is glorious**—God is beyond compare in majesty, splendor, and honor. (Psalm 19:1-2)
- **God is light**—God shines through the darkness, making everything visible. (1 John 1:5)
- **God is sovereign**—God controls all things—nothing blocks His plans. (Psalm 103:19)
- **God is worthy**—God deserves reverence, praise, and total allegiance. (Deuteronomy 10:20-21)

God is Selfless Lord [Lesson 4]

Big Idea: God is Lord over all—but He shows personal concern for people. (Psalm 86:5)

His Character

- **God is good**—God possesses every excellent virtue—He always does what is best. (Psalm 119:68)
- **God is humble**—God is modest and meek, never conceited or arrogant. (Philippians 2:5-8)
- **God is joyful**—God rejoices and delights in all He does. (Psalm 16:11)
- **God is loving**—God selflessly seeks the very best for His beloved. (1 John 4:16)
- **God is peaceful**—God brings inner calm during times of fear and trouble. (John 14:27)

His Conduct

- **God is generous**—God owns everything there is—and He shares it gladly. (2 Corinthians 9:8)
- **God is gracious**—God shows people favor that they do not deserve and cannot earn. (Hebrews 4:16)
- **God is kind**—God is friendly, considerate, and caring. (Romans 2:4)
- **God is merciful**—God shows sympathy and tender compassion to those in distress. (Psalm 103:8)
- **God is patient**—God waits calmly—never worrying or getting upset. (2 Peter 3:9)

God is Upright Judge [Lesson 5]

Big Idea: God makes righteous rules and judges all people by them. (Ecclesiastes 12:14)

His Character

- **God is holy**—God is altogether pure; He stays away from sin. (Leviticus 19:2)
- **God is jealous**—God fiercely guards His name and reputation. (Exodus 34:14)
- **God is righteous**—God always does what is right; He is incapable of doing wrong. (Deuteronomy 32:4)
- **God is truthful**—God is altogether honest and true; He cannot lie. (John 14:6)

His Conduct

- **God is faithful**—God is steadfast and loyal; He keeps every promise forever. (Deuteronomy 7:9)
- **God is just**—God judges rightly and fairly—without showing favor. (Psalm 19:9)
- **God is wrathful**—God hates sin and evil; He will judge every wrong. (John 3:36)
- **God is wise**—God chooses the best plan and the best path to complete it. (Romans 11:33-34)

WHAT GOD CAN DO

God Blesses [Lesson 6]

Big Idea: God blesses all people so they can respond to His love. (Matthew 5:45)

The Holy Spirit is actively involved on earth through seven symbols: a dove, deposit, seal, fire, water, oil, and wind.

The Holy Spirit compares to a Dove—symbolizing God’s presence. The Spirit is like a sensitive dove, assuring God’s people that He is present among them. (Matthew 3:16-17)

- **God adores us**—God cherishes His precious children. (Jeremiah 31:3)
- **God knows us**—God understands people inside and out—nothing escapes His notice. (Psalm 139:1-4)
- **God preserves us**—God watches over events on the earth. (Hebrews 1:3a)
- **God hears us**—God listens to all the prayers of His people. (1 John 5:14-15)

God Saves [Lesson 7: Salvation]

Big Idea: God left heaven and came to earth to rescue people from sin. (Matthew 1:21)

The Holy Spirit compares to a Deposit—symbolizing God’s pledge. The Spirit is like a security deposit that guarantees God’s full payment for salvation. (Ephesians 1:13-14)

- **God calls us**—God chooses people to fulfill His wonderful plan. (Matthew 4:19)
- **God substitutes for us**—God’s Son took the place of people who deserved to die for their own sins. (Isaiah 53:5-6)
- **God redeems us**—God’s Son paid the ransom price to free people from sin. (1 Peter 1:18-19)
- **God reconciles us**—God befriends people who were previously His enemies. (Romans 5:10)

God Seals [Lesson 8]

Big Idea: God places His seal of ownership on every believer. (Ephesians 4:30)

The Holy Spirit compares to a Seal—symbolizing God’s possession. The Spirit is like a seal of ownership that proves believers belong to God. (2 Corinthians 1:21-22)

- **God justifies us**—God declares people “not guilty,” removing their sin and confirming their righteousness. (Romans 5:1)
- **God raises us**—God gives new life to people who were dead because of their sin. (Romans 8:11)
- **God indwells us**—God comes to live within everyone who believes in Jesus Christ. (John 14:16-17)
- **God adopts us**—God welcomes believers into His family, making them His own children. (John 1:12-13)
- **God baptizes us**—God places all Christians into the universal Body of Christ, the Church. (1 Corinthians 12:13)

God Purifies [Lesson 9]

Big Idea: God refines believers to share in His holiness. (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

The Holy Spirit compares to Fire—symbolizing God’s purification. The Spirit is like a cleansing fire that purifies God’s people from sin. (Zechariah 13:9)

- **God sanctifies us**—God sets believers apart from the world to be His own holy people. (Leviticus 20:26)
- **God convicts us**—God discloses the truth about personal sin, the need for righteousness, and the coming judgment. (John 16:8-11)
- **God disciplines us**—God corrects His beloved children so they learn to walk in His ways. (Deuteronomy 8:5-6)
- **God forgives us**—God pardons believers because Jesus’ death paid the full price for their sins. (Colossians 2:13-14)
- **God prays for us**—God’s Son and Spirit ask the heavenly Father to help believers obey Him. (Romans 8:26-27)

God Empowers [Lesson 10]

Big Idea: God strengthens believers to accomplish His supreme purposes. (Isaiah 40:31)

The Holy Spirit compares to Water—symbolizing God’s power. The Spirit is like rushing water that empowers believers to do God’s will. (John 7:38-39)

- **God transforms us**—God changes believers into new people who follow Jesus. (Romans 12:2)
- **God fills us**—God infuses His children with the Holy Spirit’s incredible power. (Ephesians 3:16)
- **God equips us**—God gives His followers spiritual gifts to serve one another. (Ephesians 4:11-12)
- **God enables us**—God partners with believers to produce spiritual fruit. (John 15:5)
- **God unites us**—God unifies His people to live in harmony with each other. (Acts 4:32-33)

God Sustains [Lesson 11]

Big Idea: God encourages and supports His followers wherever He sends them. (Psalm 121:7-8)

The Holy Spirit compares to Oil—symbolizing God’s provision. The Spirit is like soothing oil that comforts, heals, and refreshes God’s people. (Psalm 45:7)

- **God anoints us**—God appoints specific people to fulfill special jobs. (Isaiah 61:1)
- **God protects us**—God watches over His followers, keeping them safe from harm. (Psalm 23:4)
- **God heals us**—God restores injured bodies, minds, and spirits. (Psalm 41:3)
- **God provides for us**—God supplies everything that His children truly need. (Psalm 23:1-3)
- **God rescues us**—God delivers His people from desperate situations. (Psalm 34:17-19)

God Guides [Lesson 12]

Big Idea: God directs believers to faithfully carry out His incredible plan. (Psalm 32:8)

The Holy Spirit compares to Wind—symbolizing God’s pathway. The Spirit is like heaven-sent wind that guides believers to do His will. (John 3:8)

- **God counsels us**—God communicates His thoughts, feelings, and plans to believers. (John 14:16-17)
- **God leads us**—God directs the steps of people who truly listen to Him. (Psalm 25:9-10)
- **God teaches us**—God tells His children what is true and trains them how to live. (John 14:26)
- **God gives us wisdom**—God grants understanding to people who obey His Word. (James 1:5)
- **God rewards us**—God examines the way people live and repays them as they deserve. (Jeremiah 17:10)