

# THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

A study for children on the nature and character of God



## Family Discipleship Resource

**Key Point:** God is worthy. Only God deserves all glory.

This week we looked at how God decided to show his worth to the nations. He placed a star in the sky to show men from afar that his Son deserves all glory because Jesus is God.

**Capture discipleship moments:** After dinner one evening, talk through the questions below. Anytime we open the Bible and talk about God, we need to pray and ask Him to help us because only God can teach our hearts. Pray with your family for God to give understanding and belief.

1. What attribute did we learn about today? **Worthy- only Jesus deserves all glory.**
2. We learned about this attribute a while ago. Can anyone remember what we learned the last time we talked about God being worthy? (you may have to give some clues)  
**We learned about the Tower of Babel.**
3. What happened at the Tower of Babel?  
**The people tried to make a name for themselves by building a tower up to the heavens.**
4. Why was that a problem?  
**Because their name wasn't great. People are full of sin. Only God's name is great. He is holy and the only one worthy (deserving) of praise and glory.**
5. What did God do to stop them?  
**He confused their language and made them scatter to different places in the world.**
6. Today we learned that Jesus is worthy. Why is Jesus worthy of all glory?  
**Because Jesus is God.**
7. Can you remember who was travelling to visit baby Jesus? **The Wise Men.**
8. Who are Wise Men?  
**Men who studied the stars, history, and many other things.**

Open to and **read Matthew 2:1-2**. Have the kids place a bookmark in their Bible because we will come back to Matthew 2 in a few minutes.

**Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."**

1. Where did the Wise Men come from? **The east**
2. Was that nearby or far away from Bethlehem?  
**Far away; they had to travel many months in order get there.**
3. What appeared to guide the Wise Men? **A star.**
4. Who put the star there? **God did.**
5. Why were they looking for Jesus?  
**They knew He was a king and wanted to worship Him.**

Read **Matthew 2:9-11**.

After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

1. How did the Wise Men feel when they saw the star reappear and guide them to the place Jesus was? **Overjoyed! They rejoiced exceedingly (that means that were extremely joyful)**
2. Where did the Wise Men find Jesus? Still in the manger or in a house?  
**In a house.**
3. Was Jesus still a newborn baby at this point?  
**No. He was probably around 2 years old.**
4. What did the Wise Men do when they saw Jesus?  
**They were so filled with joy that they bowed down and worshipped Him. They also brought Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.**
5. Is it normal to worship small children? What can little kids do that are deserving of worship?  
**No, it is not normal. 2 year olds aren't worthy of worship or glory.**
6. Why did the Wise Men bow down and worship this child?  
**They knew that Jesus was the promised Savior and was worthy of worship.**

Turn to and read **Revelation 4:1**.

**"Worthy are you, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they existed and were created."**

1. Who does this verse say is worthy? **God.**
2. What does it say God is worthy of receiving? Why is He worthy of those things?  
**God is worthy to receive glory, honor and power because He is the creator and sustainer of all things.**
3. Is there anyone else who is worthy of all glory? **No.**
4. What does it mean to glorify someone or something?  
**To show, honor and enjoy them as most valuable.**
5. Did King Herod think he was worthy of all glory? **Yes.**
6. Was he? **No! He was a king for a small group of people for a short time. Jesus is the one, true King of all people everywhere.**
7. Do you think that you are worthy of maybe just some glory?  
**No, only God is worthy of glory.**
8. What if you make straight A's? What if you are always nice to your brothers and sisters? What if you never disobey your parents?  
**Even if we sometimes do good things, we could never deserve all the glory. Jesus is the only one who is worthy of all the glory.**
9. Why is only God worthy of being glorified?  
**Because only God is most valuable. Only God deserves all glory.**

10. What are your reasons for doing good things?  
To be liked, to be accepted, to not get in trouble, etc.
11. Do you think those are the right reasons for doing good things? No.
12. Why not? Because it's all about us and making a name for ourselves. And we are not worthy of glory. Only God is.
13. How can you bring glory to God by the way you live your life?  
Know and believe that He is most valuable; know that every desire and ability you have to do good is from Him; do good things so that people would see Jesus and glorify Him.
14. Do we sometimes give glory to things God created instead of giving it to God for making those things? Yes.
15. What can we do to change that?  
We can ask God to forgive us and to give us hearts that want to worship him instead of his creation. When we think of things we like, we can worship God for those things.

**Create discipleship time:** Recap by asking your kids what they learned, as they **look back at/color their Worthy Attribute Sign** for your Attribute Wall at home.

1. What is one thing you learned about God today?  
God alone deserves all the glory.
2. What is one thing you learned about yourself today?  
I can give God the glory when I do good deeds.

**Pray together as a family.** Ask each member of your family – parents included – to share one thing they would like prayer over. Have someone pray for that person's request. Challenge them to pray for that person all week long. Parents, pray a blessing over your children as you close.

**MVOTM.** *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14*