

THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

A study for children on the nature and character of God



Family Discipleship Resource

Key Point: God is good. He is what is best.

This week we finished our study on the attributes of God by learning that God is good. He is what is best for His children. God is our greatest good, and being near Him is where we find fullness of joy. In the same way that God's people waited for the promised Savior, we are waiting now for Jesus to return and make all things new.

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 of God are we talking about today?
God is good. He is what is best.

Open to and read **Psalm 31:19**.

Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind!

2. Are there any words in this passage that you don't recognize or understand?
3. Can you tell me what the word "abundant" means?
To have plenty of something.

Have your kids make up a motion for the word "abundant". You can also help them understand this word is similar to the idea of overflowing.

4. Whose goodness is abundant? God's goodness.
5. Does God's goodness ever run out? No.
6. We have talked about the word "refuge" before. Do you remember what it means that God is refuge? God is a place of safety and protection for His children.
7. What is an example of a refuge?
8. Is there any refuge better or stronger than the Lord?
No. God protects His children perfectly. He is what is best for His children and they know that they can run to Him and depend on Him.
9. Is God still good when His children face hard times and suffering?
Yes. God is always what is best for His children. He does not promise that they will be free from suffering. He promises to be with them through it.
10. Is there any joy greater than knowing God?
No. The joy of knowing God is stronger than the joy of new stuff, good friends, a happy family or success.

11. If you had the choice between something that would bring a little joy for a short time or something that brought the most joy forever, which would you choose? Why?
You should choose what brought the most joy forever, because if we have the choice of what is best, that's what we pick every time.
12. What is the best gift that God has given to his children?
God gave Jesus to rescue sinners and adopt them into his family.
13. Is it easy or hard for you to believe that God is what is best?
14. What are some things we sometimes love and enjoy more than God?
15. What can we do when we don't show, honor and enjoy God as most valuable?
Confess that as sin and then repent – turn away from our sin to follow Jesus in obedience.

*****Additional Passages for Study:** Read **Revelation 21:1-5** together.

1. Are there any words in this passage you do not recognize or understand?
2. What will be the very best part of eternal life for God's children? (see verse 3)
3. Make a list of all the things that will be no more when Jesus returns.
4. What do you think it will be like to live in a world without sin?
5. How should we live as we wait for Jesus to come again?

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

1. What is one thing you learned about God today?
God is good. He is what is best.
2. What is one thing you learned about yourself today?
I can trust that God's goodness will never run out!

As a family, set aside time to reflect on this past year. Think about the following questions:

1. Where have we seen God's faithfulness this year?
2. What struggles have we faced as a family? How has God sustained us?
3. What have we learned about the Lord this year?
4. What have we learned about ourselves?
5. As a family, how do we want to grow spiritually in the coming year? What will we put in place to make that happen?

Pray together as a family. Praise God for being what is very best for His children. Praise God for His faithfulness to your family this year. **Confess** places where you do not believe that God is what is best and pursue joy in other things. **Ask** God to give you greater knowledge of and love for Him in the coming year.

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**