

THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

A study for children on the
nature and character of God



Family Discipleship Resource

Key Point: God is glorious. He shows His greatness and worth.

This week we looked at the message of the birth of Jesus and how that message was shared with the most unlikely people, the shepherds, through the most amazing heralds, angels.

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 glorious: He shows His greatness and worth.
2. I want you to think about a time you had some really good news – like the best news ever. Did you want to keep it to yourself or tell other people? **You told other people.**
3. Mrs. Cassie told us about someone called a “herald”. Does anyone remember what the job of a herald was?
To spread good news. In the days that Jesus lived, people would hire heralds to go around and spread the news that a baby had been born.
4. Jesus had a pretty special herald. Who was it? **An angel.**

Open to and read **Luke 2:9-12**.

And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

5. What was the news the angel told the shepherds? **A savior had been born!**
6. How did the angel describe the news? _____ news of _____ joy.
Good news of great joy!
7. Why would the birth of a savior have been good news and of great joy?
The people were in need of a savior – someone to save them from their sins – and they had waited for the promised savior for a long time.

Read **verses 13-14**.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

8. Who were the angels giving glory to? Why?
God; because He had sent the Savior that the people had waited so long for.

9. Who did God send the angels to tell about the birth of His son? **Shepherds in the field.**
10. What did we learn about shepherds during large group?
They lived with their sheep and would not generally leave them; they were poor and not well-liked by most people; they were dirty from living outside and with animals.
11. God could have told anybody the news about His Son. Why do you think God told the shepherds first instead of people who were rich and well known?
God does not care about and is not impressed with money and power. God uses the humble (those who are not proud and who are not seen as important) and undeserving.

Look at **Luke 2:15-18**.

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

1. What did the shepherds do when they heard the news?
They hurried (went in haste) to Bethlehem to look for and find Jesus.
2. Why do you think they hurried?
They believed what the angel had told them and were excited.
3. Do you think they took their sheep with them? **No.**
4. Why would that have been a big deal?
Their sheep were the most important thing to them. They left them behind because seeing the promised Savior was even more important and great than their sheep.
5. When they got to Bethlehem, what did they see?
Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus in the manger.
6. Did that match what the angels told them they would see? **Yes.**
7. What did they do after they had seen all of this?
They told others what the angels had told them about the child...that this child was the promised savior.
8. Did the shepherds believe what the angels had told them? How do you know?
Yes. They went to see the baby they were told about; then they told other people that this child that had been born was the savior.
9. How has God shown that He is glorious through the birth of His Son?
He sent His Son as the promised savior, announced it through angels and sent an unlikely group of men to spread the news about Jesus.

Additional passage for study:

Have someone read **Psalm 145:10-12** out loud. Study the verses as a family with the questions below.

**All your works shall give thanks to you, LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,
to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,**

and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

1. What are these verses about?
Praising the Lord and telling of His greatness and worth.
2. Who is the Psalmist speaking to in this Psalm. Who is "your"? God.
3. Who is included in "they"? Saints.
4. What/who are saints?
God's children: those who have heard and believed the news about Jesus.
5. What will "they" (God's children) do? Tell and speak.
6. Review: God's children (those who have heard and believed), are telling and speaking. What are they telling and speaking about? The glory of God's kingdom; God's might.
7. Why do you think they are telling and speaking about these things? (let your kids give answers).
"So that all men may know" God's mighty acts and the glorious splendor of His kingdom.
8. Who have we talked about so far today that heard, believed and then told others about the birth of the savior? The shepherds.
9. Can you think of anyone else you know that has heard about Jesus the savior, believed and then told others?
10. What about your parents? How do you think I heard about Jesus?
Someone told me (feel free to share about who that was).
11. Why do you think your parents are taking time today to teach you about Jesus?
Because they love the Lord and treasure Him as what is best. They want to share what they value most with you because they love you. They are so excited about what Jesus has done that they can't keep it to themselves.
12. Have you heard the good news about Jesus being the savior?
Yes! (at least you have if you paid attention to the Northway Kids lesson today)
13. Do you believe it?
14. If you have heard and believe, how can you now be like the shepherds?
Put aside things we think are important and spread the word that the Savior has come.

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

1. What is one thing you learned about God today?
God always shows that He is great and worthy of all praise.
2. What is one thing you learned about yourself today?
I can tell others about the good news of Jesus coming to earth.

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*