



Mealtime Devotions for Families

Attributes of God

30 Days of Conversations about God



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Hello!

Faith Talks Daily exists to give busy Christian parents easy, practical tips for how to include the Bible in their personal lives and in their parenting.

My mission is to help parents teach their kids about Jesus in uncomplicated ways.

This devotional + conversation guide is designed to be exactly that—an uncomplicated way to have spiritual conversations with your kids!

-Annie



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How to use this guide



1. At the time of day that works best for you and your family, start off with the intro question for that day's devotion. Keep this light and fun!
2. Read the transition statement and Bible passage. Sometimes after the questions you'll see a suggested answer in parentheses like this:

Transition: Today's verse talks about love. How would you explain what "love" means to someone else? (Love is caring about something or someone a really big amount.)
3. There are questions broken down by age range to spark discussion. Choose a few of the questions to ask your kids. You can stick with one or two questions from the age range of your kids, or you can skim all the questions and just ask the ones you think your kids would talk about the most.
4. Read the wrap-up section. It's basically a short thought that concludes that day's devotion. Feel free to add in a little of your own commentary, but try to keep this part short and to the point.
5. See if your kids want to keep talking or give their comments about what you have talked about. If yes, awesome! Keep talking. If not, that's cool too. You've still had a productive spiritual conversation with your kids today!



Talking Tips



HOW DO I KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING?

If you have trouble keeping the conversation going, try these ideas!



Repeat what your child says back to them, but as a question.

Try to keep your tone neutral so it doesn't seem like you're challenging what they said but are instead wanting more information.

There's something about this that leads children to give more details!

Child: God is big.

Parent: God is big?

Child: Yes, He would have to be to do all that He does.



Ask them, "Can you tell me more about that?" or "Interesting! What makes you say that?"



Wait for your child to answer the question. Give it longer than you feel comfortable with. If there's silence, let your kids fill it rather than feeling the need to fill it yourself.



If your kids seem confused, try rephrasing the question or even asking them if they have seen that issue/situation come up for someone else.

Sometimes kids don't want to talk about themselves but will talk about someone else, and you can still have great spiritual conversations about a hypothetical situation that has happened for "someone else" and will surely happen to them at some point!





Redirection



HOW CAN I REDIRECT IF IT'S NOT GOING WELL?

- ✦ Ask them, "Can you tell me more about that?" or "Interesting! What makes you say that?"

Then, once you've given your kid the chance to respond, start your response with "I can see how you might think that, but actually ..."

- ✦ If you already know a Bible verse that would explain the correct answer, go ahead and share it with your kid!

Say, "Can I share a Bible verse with you? It might challenge what you think!" or "Let's see what the Bible says about that" and then share that verse with them.

Ask your child what they think about that verse and what they think it means, and see where it goes.

- ✦ If your child is being silly, be silly too!

Give your own silly answers to the intro question, tell a joke, teach them a silly song, etc. Then say, "Ok, let's calm down for just a minute and then we can be silly again."

Take a few deep breaths with your kid, and then see if you can get them involved in the devotional in some way. Maybe they read the verse out loud, then you read it out loud. Maybe you have them get out their "listening ears." Lean into the FUN!



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GOD IS Most Important

Question: What is the greatest thing about you, and why do you think that?

Transition: The verses we are going to read talk about God being the most important thing about us. We all have ideas about what makes us great and what makes the people we know great, but the Bible teaches us that the real thing we should be most proud of is our relationship with God.

Passage: Jeremiah 9:23-24 (NIRV)

23 The Lord says, "Do not let wise people brag about how wise they are. Do not let strong people boast about how strong they are. Do not let rich people brag about how rich they are. 24 But here is what the one who brags should boast about. They should brag that they have the understanding to know me. I want them to know that I am the Lord. No matter what I do on earth, I am always kind, fair and right. And I take delight in this," announces the Lord.

Questions for Preschoolers:

- Is God greater than people? Why?
- What is the greatest thing about God?

Questions for Elementary Aged Kids:

- How often do you talk about God with other kids?
- How can we live as if God is the most important one in our lives?

Questions for Middle and High Schoolers:

- What do people your age typically brag to each other about? Why do you think they choose that thing to brag about?
- Do you have the kind of relationship with God that you feel you can brag about? Why or why not?

Wrap Up: God delights when we know Him well and when other people learn about how great God is because of us. We read the Bible, pray, go to church, and sing worship songs all because we want to learn more about God, and we try to live our lives in a way that allows other people to learn about God too. This is the goal of our lives as followers of God.

Prayer: *God, please help us know You. When we read our Bibles, please give us understanding so we can learn about You and also tell others about You. Amen.*





GOD IS *All-Powerful*

Question: What is the biggest animal you think you could pick up?

Transition: Today's verse talks about how God is all-powerful. What do you think it means that God is all-powerful? (God being all-powerful means that there is nothing that is too hard for God to make happen. You might have also heard that God is "omnipotent." That means all-powerful.)

Passage: Jeremiah 32:17 (NLT)

O Sovereign Lord! You made the heavens and earth by your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for you!

Questions for Preschoolers:

- What are some things that God can do that are really cool?
- What's something a person can't do that God can do?

Questions for Elementary Aged Kids:

- Can you think of a situation or circumstance that would be too hard for God to handle? What would that be?
- When you feel big emotions about a problem you're facing, do you ask God for help? Why or why not?

Questions for Middle and High Schoolers:

- Why do we doubt God's strength?
- Has there been a time where God did something big in your life that you couldn't do in your own strength?

Wrap Up: God is all-powerful. There is no limit to what He can do or what He is in charge of. Any time we face a problem or something that is hard, we can pray and ask for God's help because He is all-powerful. He is the only one who can help us with anything at any time.

Prayer: *God, help us to understand how powerful You are and trust You to help when we are in a situation we can't fix. Amen.*



GOD IS *All-Knowing*

Question: What is one thing you could learn about and never get bored? Why is that thing so interesting to you?

Transition: Today's verse shows us that God is all-knowing. What do you think it means that God is all-knowing? (There is absolutely nothing that God doesn't understand or know about. You might have also heard that God is "omniscient." That means all-knowing.)

Passage: Psalm 147:5 (NIV)

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.

Questions for Preschoolers:

- Have you ever felt sad or scared or like you didn't know what to do? What was that like?
- What can you do to get God's help when you feel sad or scared? (Pray)

Questions for Elementary Aged Kids:

- Do you think adults know everything?
- Does God ever make a bad decision?
- What are some of the decisions you have to make each day that you need God to help you make?

Questions for Middle and High Schoolers:

- God understands everything. How should that change the frequency and ways we pray?
- How does it make you feel to know that God knows everything? Why?

Wrap Up: As humans, we can learn about many different things and increase our knowledge, but we will never reach God's level of what He knows! God has perfect knowledge of everything—including past, present, and future events. He also knows everything about us—what we're thinking, what we do, what we believe, what makes us who we are, and all the mistakes we make. And He still loves us!

Prayer: *God, we are glad that we can trust You to always know the answer to every problem we face. Please help us remember that You know everything. Amen.*



GOD IS Present Everywhere

Question: What is the most fun place to go, and what's fun about it?

Transition: Today we are going to read a few verses that will show us that God is present everywhere. What do you think that means? (One of God's powers is that He is able to be in more than one place at a time. In fact, God is able to be everywhere at all times. You might have also heard that God is "omnipresent." That means present everywhere.)

Passage: Psalm 139:7-10 (NLT)

7 I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence! 8 If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there. 9 If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, 10 even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me.

Questions for Preschoolers:

- How can God be everywhere? (God is all-powerful.)
- Does it make you feel good that God can be with you and other people at the same time? Why or why not?

Questions for Elementary Aged Kids:

- What situations have you been in that you've been glad to know God was with you?
- How does knowing that God can be everywhere help us understand His power?

Questions for Middle and High Schoolers:

- How can the knowledge that God is always with us give us comfort and assurance in different situations and challenges we face in life?
- Are there times that you wish God wasn't able to be everywhere at once? Why do you think that might be?

Wrap Up: God being everywhere is really cool. He is just as present and active in the lives of Christians where we live as He is in the lives of Christians on the other side of the world, and that's amazing. He isn't limited to being in one location the way we are. So no matter where you are or where you go, God is not only aware that's where you are, He is there too.

Prayer: *God, it's so cool that You can be everywhere at the same time. Please help us understand how amazing You are and how unlimited Your power is. Amen.*



GOD IS *In Charge*

Question: If you were boss for a day, what changes would you make at school?

Transition: Today's passage will show us that God is in charge. What do you think it means that God is in charge? (God is in charge of the whole world, and nothing happens without His permission. You might have also heard that God is "sovereign." That means in charge.)

Passage: Isaiah 46:9-10 (NLT)

9 Remember the things I have done in the past. For I alone am God! I am God, and there is none like me. 10 Only I can tell you the future before it even happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish.

Questions for Preschoolers:

- If you make something all by yourself, are you the boss of that thing? Why or why not?
- What is something amazing that God has made?

Questions for Elementary Aged Kids:

- What are some things that help you know God is in charge and in control of everything around us?
- Can you think of a Bible story that shows God is in charge and nothing is too difficult for Him?

Questions for Middle and High Schoolers:

- Can you think of a time when something happened that you didn't expect, but later realized it was part of God's plan? How did it make you feel knowing that God was in control?
- What are some ways we can remind ourselves that God is sovereign and trust in His plan, especially when we face challenges or uncertainties?

Wrap Up: God is in control of everything and has a plan for His creation, including us. When God makes a plan, it happens. That's because He is completely in charge, and He's able to make the right decisions about anything and everything. Even when we make mistakes and seem to be messing up His plans, He makes a way for His plans to come true.

Prayer: *God, we know You are in charge. Please help us go to You first and follow along with Your plans instead of making our own plans and going our own ways. Amen.*



GOD IS Holy

Question: What are good qualities in a best friend?

Transition: Today's verse will show us that God is holy. What do you think it means that God is holy? (God is perfect. He never sins. He has no flaws. He never messes up.)

Passage: 1 Samuel 2:2 (NIV)

There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.

Questions for Preschoolers:

- Do you think you could go an entire day without messing up even once? Why or why not?
- Does God ever make mistakes? How do you know?

Questions for Elementary Aged Kids:

- Have you ever wondered why God let something happen? What was it?
- Do you think God ever makes mistakes? Why or why not?

Questions for Middle and High Schoolers:

- Is it important for us as Christians to also try to be holy? Why or why not?
- How can we pursue holiness in our culture, one that often promotes beliefs, behaviors, and values that are contrary to God's definition of holiness?

Wrap Up: There is nothing else in the universe that is perfect and holy like God is. Nothing He ever does or says is wrong, so we can trust that He knows what He is doing. And when He tells us what to do, it's a good idea because God doesn't have any bad ideas! He's holy!

Prayer: *God, please help us understand how perfect You are. Please help us see the good in Your instructions and in Your ways. Amen.*



GOD IS *Loving*

Question: What's the nicest thing that's happened to you this week?

Transition: Today's passage talks about how God is loving. What do you think it means that God is loving? (God cares about us, protects us, and does what is best for us.)

Passage: 1 John 4:9-11 (NIV)

9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Questions for Preschoolers:

- What are some of the ways your family members show you that they love you?
- What are some ways that you show your family that you love them?
- How can you show God that you love Him?

Questions for Elementary Aged Kids:

- How does God sending Jesus to die for us show us that God loves us?
- What are things Christians can do to show God they love Him too?

Questions for Middle and High Schoolers:

- Is it hard or easy for you to remember that God loves you? Why or why not?
- What circumstances do you find yourself in that you need to remind yourself that God loves everyone? What would remembering that change for those circumstances?

Wrap Up: The cool thing about God's love for us is that it isn't dependent on whether we love Him back or what we do. God loves us before we are ever able to love Him back, and He proved that by sending Jesus to die for our sins.

Prayer: *God, thank You for loving us so much. Please help us be loving to others in the same way that You are loving to us. Amen.*





GOD IS *Gracious*

Question: When is the most proud you've ever been of yourself? Why were you so proud?

Transition: Today's passage talks about God's grace. What do you think the word "grace" means in the Bible? (Grace is something we are given by God that we do not deserve and did not earn. Salvation is the biggest example of God's grace in the Bible. Because God gives us grace, He is gracious.)

Passage: Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)

8 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

Questions for Preschoolers:

- What is something a person can earn if they work for it?
- When you receive a gift, do you feel really thankful for the person who gave it to you? Why do you think that is?

Questions for Elementary Aged Kids:

- What's something that you would be willing to do extra chores to earn the money to buy?
- How would you feel if you just received that item without having to earn the money for it yourself?

Questions for Middle and High Schoolers:

- Do you think people try to earn their way to heaven? Why might they think that's something they need to do?
- What do you think is the difference between someone who does good deeds for the right reasons and someone who is doing them for the wrong reasons?

Wrap Up: Sometimes people like to point to the good things they do as the reason they are saved. But no one can earn their way to being saved. No matter how many good things we do, we can't erase any of the mess-ups, so we are never going to truly deserve being saved. But God is gracious, and He offers to save us anyway, even though we don't actually deserve it and definitely didn't earn it!

Prayer: *God, thank You for giving us the thing we don't deserve, which is a friendship with You. Thank You for saving us and forgiving us. Please help us brag about You instead of being proud of all our good deeds. Amen.*



GOD IS *Merciful*

Question: What's the weirdest thing you've seen someone do in public?

Transition: Today's verse is going to talk about God being merciful. What do you think the word "mercy" means? (Mercy is when God doesn't give us the punishment we deserve. Because God gives us mercy, He is merciful.)

Passage: Titus 3:5 (NLT)

He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.

Questions for Preschoolers:

- When you mess up, do you tell your parents right away? Why or why not?
- Do you ever tell God when you mess up? Why or why not?

Questions for Elementary Aged Kids:

- Do kids tend to tell on themselves when they mess up or hide their mistakes? Why?
- When someone hurts your feelings, is it easy or difficult for you to forgive them?

Questions for Middle and High Schoolers:

- Are you the type of person who finds it easy to forgive others who hurt you? Why do you think that is?
- If you were God and knew everything that people thought and did, do you think you could show mercy the way God does? Why or why not?

Wrap Up: God didn't save us because of anything that we did or anything we will do in the future. God saved us because of His merciful nature. Instead of focusing on all the ways we mess up, God made a way for us to be saved. That's something to praise God for! If we ask God to forgive us, He does.

Prayer: *God, thank You for showing mercy to us when we mess up. You are perfect and good and kind. Please help us to be more and more thankful for Your mercy. Amen.*



GOD IS *Faithful*

Question: If you could only wear clothes of one color, what color would you choose? Why?

Transition: Today's verse talks about how God is faithful. What do you think it means that God is faithful? (God is trustworthy. He is unchanging and never breaks a promise.)

Passage: Deuteronomy 7:9 (NLT)

Understand, therefore, that the Lord your God is indeed God. He is the faithful God who keeps his covenant for a thousand generations and lavishes his unfailing love on those who love him and obey his commands.

Questions for Preschoolers:

- Have you ever made a promise to someone? What was it?
- How would you feel if someone told you they would do something for you and then weren't able to?

Questions for Elementary Aged Kids:

- Have you ever broken a promise to someone? What was it? How did you feel about it?
- How does knowing God always keeps His promises make you feel about Him? Why does it make you feel that way?

Questions for Middle and High Schoolers:

- Do you know any promises of God? (If yes, talk about them. If not, talk about how to go about learning what God's promises are.)
- Do you find it easy to be faithful in the same ways God is faithful? Why or why not?

Wrap Up: When God makes a promise or says He will do something, we can trust that what He said is true. That's different than when we are talking to our friends and even sometimes our family. Things happen, and sometimes people just can't do what they say they will do, even if they want to keep their promises! But God is different. He can always be trusted. He never fails to keep His promises.

Prayer: *God, thank You for being trustworthy and for showing us in the Bible how You make promises and then keep them, every single time. Please help us be trustworthy like You are. Amen.*



GOD IS *Just*

Question: If you were in charge of your family for one day, what would you make everyone do?

Transition: Today's verse talks about how God is just. What do you think it means that God is just? (Being "just" means that God is fair. He doesn't play favorites, which means that He treats everyone the same. He also knows what is right and wrong in any situation.)

Passage: Psalm 9:8 (NLT)

He will judge the world with justice and rule the nations with fairness.

Questions for Preschoolers:

- What would be an example of something that is unfair? Why do you think that is unfair?
- Do you speak up when you see a situation that isn't fair? Why or why not?

Questions for Elementary Aged Kids:

- Who are the adults in your life that tell you what to do? Are those adults always fair? Why or why not?
- Why do you think it's important for the adults who are in charge of you to be fair?

Questions for Middle and High Schoolers:

- Why do you think sometimes people say God is not fair?
- How would you explain God's fairness to someone who said God is unfair or unjust?
- Is it good or bad that God is a judge? Why?

Wrap Up: God always does what is right and fair. Because He created the world, He's the boss of it. And a good boss is someone who is fair and treats the people he's in charge of with fairness. That's what God is like. If someone does something good, God is happy about it. If someone does something wrong, God doesn't just ignore it. Instead, He shows love and mercy by helping them learn from it.

Prayer: *God, thank You for being fair in everything You do and not playing favorites. We know You can be trusted to always do the right thing. Please help us choose to do the right things the way You teach us to. Amen.*



GOD IS *Unchanging*

Question: If you could only celebrate one holiday all year long, what would you choose and why?

Transition: Today's verse talks about how God is unchanging. What do you think it means that God is unchanging? (God stays the same no matter what. We can always expect Him to be the same as He has always been.)

Passage: Hebrews 13:8 (NLT)

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Questions for Preschoolers:

- What are some things in nature that change?
- What are some things about people that change?

Questions for Elementary Aged Kids:

- Have you ever felt happy one minute and then mad the next? What happened to make your mood change so quickly?
- If you had a friend whose personality changed all the time, how do you think that would affect your friendship?

Questions for Middle and High Schoolers:

- Is it possible for a person to be unchanging in their character? Explain your answer.
- Do you think consistency is an important quality of God? Why or why not?

Wrap Up: One big difference between God and people is that while people may change their minds about things or act one way today and a different way tomorrow, God always stays the same. What we learn about God in the Bible was true about Him in the past, it's true about Him now, and it will continue to be true about Him forever. When we feel like everything is changing around us, we can know that God doesn't change.

Prayer: *God, we are so glad that You don't change. Thank You for always being good and holy and loving. Please help us be more consistent in our character traits the way You are. Amen.*





GOD IS Wise

Question: What do you think is the smartest animal? Why do you think that?

Transition: Today's verse shows us that God is wise. What do you think it means that God is wise? (God always knows what to do.)

Passage: Romans 11:33 (NLT)

Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways!

Questions for Preschoolers:

- What is a rule you have at home, school, or church that you think is silly? What makes that rule silly?
- How can we know that God is smart?

Questions for Elementary Aged Kids:

- Do you think parents usually make better decisions than their kids? Why might that be?
- Do you think it's possible for God to make a bad decision or a wrong choice? Why or why not?

Questions for Middle and High Schoolers:

- Are there any instructions that God gives that you don't understand the reasoning for? What are they?
- What can a Christian do when they don't understand or like a command God gives?

Wrap Up: Humans don't always know what to do, and humans are not able to always make the right decisions in every situation. But God isn't limited the way we are. He always knows what to do, and He always makes the right decisions.

Prayer: *God, we are so glad that we can rely on You to always know what to do. Thank You for giving us the Bible and Your Holy Spirit so we can make better, more wise choices in our lives. Amen.*





GOD IS *Good*

Question: If you were in a talent show, what would you do as your talent?

Transition: Today's verse talks about how God is good. What do you think it means that God is good? (God cares for everyone, loves everyone, and is kind to everyone.)

Passage: Psalm 145:9 (ESV)

The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Questions for Preschoolers:

- What kind things do you do for your friends and family members?
- What is one way you can make someone feel loved by you this week?

Questions for Elementary Aged Kids:

- What are the things in your life that you consider to be good? What makes those things good to you?
- Is God still good if He doesn't give us exactly what we pray for? Why or why not?

Questions for Middle and High Schoolers:

- What are some of the ways you've seen God provide for you, your friends, or your family?
- What is something that you prayed for that God didn't give you? Were you able to view God as good at the time? What about now?

Wrap Up: Most of us care about our family and friends, and most of us are kind to our friends and family. But it is harder for us to care about and be kind to people we don't know or people who are mean to us. But God is different. He loves and cares for everyone ... even people who don't love Him back! God is good to everyone, because He made everyone and loves everyone.

Prayer: *God, thank You for being so good to us. Please help us recognize the many ways You provide for us. Amen.*



GOD IS Patient

Question: If our family was a sports team, what would our mascot be and why?

Transition: Today's verse will show us that God is patient. What do you think it means that God is patient? (Instead of being impatient and giving up on us the first time we sin, God waits for us to turn to Him. He gives a lot of time and many opportunities for us to repent of our sins and turn to Him for forgiveness.)

Passage: 2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

Questions for Preschoolers:

- Do you ever feel like not waiting for something you want? What's an example of a time when that happened?
- Why do you think it's hard for us to be patient but easy for God to be patient?

Questions for Elementary Aged Kids:

- What's the hardest thing you've had to be patient and wait for?
- Do you think God ever gets frustrated waiting for us to start following Him? Why or why not?

Questions for Middle and High Schoolers:

- When was a time you felt impatient with how quickly God answered a prayer? What was the situation?
- What is a time when you know God had every right to feel impatient with you? How does it feel to know that God is patient instead of impatient?

Wrap Up: Instead of being constantly disappointed with us for sinning or giving up on us entirely, God is willing to forgive us every time we ask for forgiveness. He waits while we learn and grow. We get second, third, and fourth chances ... and even more beyond that. His patience comes from His desire that ALL people repent of their sins and ask for His forgiveness.

Prayer: *God, thank You for being so patient with us. It takes us a lot of time to learn all the lessons You want to teach us, and you are always patient as we learn. Please help us to be patient with others the way You are patient with us. Amen.*



GOD IS *Bigger and Better*

Question: If you could design your own amusement park, what rides and attractions would you include?

Transition: Today's passage talks about how God is big. What do you think I mean by that? (God exists beyond what we can see and understand. It would be impossible for anyone to fully understand God or fully explain God. He's just too big!)

Passage: Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT)

8 "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. 9 For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts."

Questions for Preschoolers:

- What is the best superpower someone could have?
- Do superheroes have any limitations?

Questions for Elementary Aged Kids:

- What are some ways that God is similar to us?
- What are some ways that God is different from us?

Questions for Middle and High Schoolers:

- When was the last time you were really amazed by something God did? Describe the situation.
- Do you think you could do a better job of noticing God's awesomeness? If yes, how can you do that?

Wrap Up: God is so much bigger and better than anyone can really understand or explain. He created everything. He has always existed. He has all the power in the entire universe. We could never run out of ways to describe God, because there are so many different aspects of His personality and so many different ways He is awesome. That's something to give Him praise for!

Prayer: *God, You are really awesome ... more awesome than anything else in the entire universe. Please help us get to know You more. Please help us always be amazed by how great You are. Amen.*



GOD IS *Near*

Question: If you could switch places with a character from a book, TV show, or movie, who would you switch with and why?

Transition: Today's verse will show us that God is near. What do you think it means that God is near? (God isn't far away from people. He is involved with people. He answers our prayers, He guides us, and He takes action to make things happen here on earth.)

Passage: Psalm 145:18 (NIV)

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Questions for Preschoolers:

- Who is your best friend? Why do you like them so much?
- How does talking to your friends help you have a better friendship with each of them?

Questions for Elementary Aged Kids:

- Have you ever felt lonely? Tell what happened.
- How does it make you feel to know that God wants to have a friendship with you?

Questions for Middle and High Schoolers:

- What does it mean to call on the Lord, the way the verse we read says?
- How often do you pray, and what do you usually pray about?

Wrap Up: God wants to have a friendship with each of us, and we can always talk to Him. We won't ever be alone or without help, because God hears our prayers and talks to us through the Bible, through the Holy Spirit, through prayer, and even through other people.

Prayer: *God, thank You for being close to us like a friend. Please help us recognize when You are telling us something, and help us talk to You more. Amen.*



GOD IS *Righteous*

Question: If you could invent a new holiday, what would it be? What would you be celebrating, and how would you celebrate?

Transition: Today's verse will show us that God is righteous. What do you think it means that God is righteous? (God is always right. He never does anything that is wrong. He acts in a way that is right, good, and fair. He treats everyone with kindness and fairness.)

Passage: Psalm 145:17 (ESV)

The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

Questions for Preschoolers:

- Can you name something that is right and something that is wrong?
- How does God help us know the difference between right and wrong?
- What are some ways we can show kindness and goodness to our friends like God always does?

Questions for Elementary Aged Kids:

- Can you think of a time when you saw someone being good and fair like God is? Tell us about it.
- How can you be more like God in the way you treat other people?

Questions for Middle and High Schoolers:

- How does God always being right make you feel?
- Are there instructions God gives or beliefs God wants you to follow that you question? What can a Christian do when they find themselves wanting to question God?

Wrap Up: There is nothing that God will ever do that isn't right. This means that sometimes God will do something that we don't understand, and we have to accept that God was right in doing that thing. It means that God might do something we think is wrong, and it's us that need to change our mind, not God! God is always right, and He never does anything wrong.

Prayer: *God, thank You for showing us that You can be trusted to guide us because You are righteous. We know You are completely good and always right. Amen.*



GOD IS Truthful

Question: What is your favorite family tradition and why?

Transition: Today's verse will show us that God is truthful. What do you think it means that God is truthful? (God never tells lies. We can trust that if He says something, it's true.)

Passage: Numbers 23:19 (ESV)

God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

Questions for Preschoolers:

- Why is it important to tell the truth like God does?
- How would you feel if someone made a promise to you and then didn't keep that promise?

Questions for Elementary Aged Kids:

- How does knowing God doesn't lie help you trust God more?
- Do you think God can keep His promises to us even if we do things that seem to mess up the plan? Why or why not?

Questions for Middle and High Schoolers:

- Why is it important that God's Word, the Bible, can be trusted as true?
- Can you think of a time when you struggled to believe something, but knowing that God is truthful helped you trust in Him?

Wrap Up: It is not in the character of God to tell lies. He just doesn't do it. We can trust that anything God says is true. If He says something will happen, it will. If He makes a promise, He's going to follow through on it. If He says something is right or something is wrong, then that's true.

Prayer: *God, thank You for being so truthful. You don't hide the truth from people. Instead, You make sure we know the truth. We can trust what You say. Amen.*



GOD IS Compassionate

Question: If you could invent a new flavor of ice cream, what would it be called and what ingredients would it have?

Transition: Today's verse will show us that God is compassionate. What do you think it means that God is compassionate? (God being compassionate means that He cares about us and wants to help us when we are struggling with something.)

Passage: Psalm 145:8 (NLT)

The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

Questions for Preschoolers:

- Has there ever been a time when you got really mad really fast? Tell us about it.
- What do you think is better, being kind to others or getting mad at them all the time? Why do you think the way you picked is better?

Questions for Elementary Aged Kids:

- What are some of the ways you know God cares about you?
- Think of a time when a friend made a wrong choice. Did you understand why they made that wrong choice? How does understanding help us be more kind to our friends when they make bad choices?

Questions for Middle and High Schoolers:

- When you do something wrong, do you hope your friends and family will show understanding and kindness toward you? Why or why not?
- How does it make you feel to know that God cares about you and wants to help you when you are struggling? Why do you think you feel that way about it?

Wrap Up: God isn't sitting up in heaven thinking about how bad we are all the time. He understands that we have a sin nature, and He knows that sin traps us. He cares about us so much that He wants to help us overcome sin and live a life that is pleasing to Him and filled with feelings of freedom and joy.

Prayer: *God, thank You for caring about us so much. Thank You for being loving and making a way for us to not be trapped in sin anymore. Please help us to care about others the way You care about us. Amen.*



GOD IS Eternal

Question: If you could have a robot helper, what tasks would you ask it to do for you?

Transition: Today's verse will show us that God is eternal. What do you think it means that God is eternal? (God has no beginning or end. He has no start and finish. He doesn't have a birthday, and there won't be a day when He stops being God.)

Passage: Psalm 90:2 (ESV)

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Questions for Preschoolers:

- What's the biggest number you can think of? (God is older than that!)
- Who would you be more likely to listen to—someone your age or someone older? Why?

Questions for Elementary Aged Kids:

- Do you think God can handle any problem you face? Why or why not?
- Is there anything else in the universe that will last forever the way God will? What can that teach us about God?

Questions for Middle and High Schoolers:

- Why do you think it's important that God is always there and never ends?
- Do you think it's wise or foolish to dismiss God's decisions and God's instructions? Why?

Wrap Up: God has always existed, and He will always exist. We all have a starting point that marks when our lives began, our birthday. But God doesn't. He has just always been around! He won't grow old or get sick.

Prayer: *God, we are glad that You aren't limited by age the way we are. You have seen everything that's ever happened in history, and You know the answers to any problem we have. Please help us go to You first when we have a question or a problem. Amen.*



GOD IS *Majestic*

Question: If you could have a conversation with an animal, which animal would you choose and what would you ask it?

Transition: Today's verse will show us that God is majestic. What do you think it means that God is majestic? (There is nothing as great or powerful as Him, even the most beautiful and wonderful things we can think of.)

Passage: Psalm 113:4-5 (NLT)

4 For the Lord is high above the nations; his glory is higher than the heavens. 5 Who can be compared with the Lord our God, who is enthroned on high?

Questions for Preschoolers:

- What are some big and beautiful things in nature that show us how big God is?
- Do you think it was easy or difficult for God to create everything that He created on earth? Why?

Questions for Elementary Aged Kids:

- What are some of the things God has made that show how great and powerful He is?
- Do you think there is anything on earth that is as good as God Himself? Why or why not?

Questions for Middle and High Schoolers:

- How do you think God's greatness and power are different than our greatness and power?
- Can you think of a time when you felt small compared to something amazing? How did that make you feel?

Wrap Up: God is incredibly big and powerful, and He's also amazing and wonderful. God made everything that we see. Think of every beautiful sunset, every huge mountain, every tiny bug ... God made everything and is more powerful and wonderful than anything He has made. When we think about all that God has done and made, it reminds us how special He is.

Prayer: *God, You are really awesome and majestic, and we get so much joy from all that You have created. Please help us understand how special You are. Amen.*



GOD IS *Near*

Question: What is the silliest joke you know?

Transition: Today's verse will show us that God is near. What do you think it means that God is near? (God isn't far away from people. He is involved with people. He answers our prayers, He guides us, and He takes action to make things happen here on earth.)

Passage: Matthew 28:20b (NLT)

And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

Questions for Preschoolers:

- When can we talk to God?
- How do we talk to God?

Questions for Elementary Aged Kids:

- How does it make you feel to know that God is with you when you're playing, learning, and sleeping? Why do you think you feel that way about it?
- How does God being near help us when we are scared or lonely?

Questions for Middle and High Schoolers:

- Can you think of a time when you felt God's presence near you? How did it make you feel?
- Is there anything you can do to help yourself recognize more often that God is near?

Wrap Up: The verse we read is Jesus telling the disciples that He would be with them even after He went back to heaven, helping them do what He commanded them to do, which is tell others about Him and help them become followers of God. God is still with Christians today! He isn't far away or avoiding us. Instead, He is our friend, He listens to our prayers, and He is involved in our lives.

Prayer: *God, thank You for being with us when we are happy, sad, and every feeling in between. You are the best friend we could have. Amen.*



GOD IS Wise

Question: What kind of treasure would you want to find in a treasure box?

Transition: Today's verse shows us that God is wise. What do you think it means that God is wise? (God always knows what to do.)

Passage: Colossians 2:3 (NLT)

In [Jesus] lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Questions for Preschoolers:

- Do you think God is smart? Why or why not?
- Has there ever been a time when you didn't know what to do? Tell us about it.

Questions for Elementary Aged Kids:

- What is the advantage to being wise and knowing the right things to do?
- Have you ever experienced a situation where you didn't know what to do? How do you think it would have helped to be like God and always know what to do?

Questions for Middle and High Schoolers:

- How is always knowing what to do valuable the way treasure would be valuable?
- What do you think would be different about your life and the lives of your friends if you all had more wisdom?

Wrap Up: If we were able to somehow always know what to do, that would be a really amazing experience! Always knowing what to do would be really valuable and helpful to us every single day. The Bible teaches that the closer we are to Jesus, the more wisdom and knowledge we will have. We won't ever be as wise or smart as God, but our best chance of knowing what to do is to follow God and learn from Him.

Prayer: *God, thank You for all that You teach us. We know that You understand everything, know everything, and always make the right decisions. Please teach us to be more like You. Amen.*





GOD IS *Holy*

Question: What would the perfect day for you be like?

Transition: Today's verse will show us that God is holy. What do you think it means that God is holy? (God is perfect. He never sins. He has no flaws. He never messes up.)

Passage: Deuteronomy 32:4 (NLT)

He is the Rock; his deeds are perfect. Everything he does is just and fair. He is a faithful God who does no wrong; how just and upright he is!

Questions for Preschoolers:

- When you do something good, how do you like to be rewarded?
- How can we show God that we love Him?

Questions for Elementary Aged Kids:

- What are some differences between us and God?
- If you could pick your own teacher in school or your leader at church, what kind of qualities would you want them to have?

Questions for Middle and High Schoolers:

- What are some of the reasons people have for not following God? Do you think those reasons are good? Why or why not?
- How can teenagers give God honor and praise?

Wrap Up: We often say that no one is perfect, and it's true. No human is perfect. But there is Someone who is perfect, and that's God. He always makes the right decisions and acts in the right ways. As Christians, we give Him praise and honor because of how holy He is.

Prayer: *God, we are thankful for Your holiness. You never make mistakes, and we can trust You fully. Please help us give You praise and honor. Amen.*





GOD IS *Faithful*

Question: If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be and why?

Transition: Today's verse talks about how God is faithful. What do you think it means that God is faithful? (God is trustworthy. He is unchanging and never breaks a promise.)

Passage: 2 Timothy 2:13 (NLT)

If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is.

Questions for Preschoolers:

- What are some things that change in nature? (Leaves, weather, etc.)
- Have you ever changed your mind about something? (Could be a favorite color, etc.)

Questions for Elementary Aged Kids:

- Have you ever broken a promise or had someone break a promise to you? How did that make you feel?
- Why is it important that we know God is able to be trusted and that He won't change His mind?

Questions for Middle and High Schoolers:

- What are some examples of people being unfaithful to God?
- How does it make you feel to know that even when we are unfaithful to God, He is still faithful to us?

Wrap Up: We aren't always trustworthy. Sometimes we lie, whether that's on purpose or by accident! Sometimes we break promises. As we grow up and learn new information, we change our minds about things. That's part of growing up. But God isn't that way. He is always trustworthy. He never lies or has to change His mind. We can always trust Him to be right and good and to keep His promises.

Prayer: *God, thank You for being so faithful and for never changing. We know You are perfect. Please help us trust You more as we grow up. Amen.*





GOD IS *Loving*

Question: If you could have a magical pet, what kind of pet would it be and what special powers would it have?

Transition: Today's verse talks about how God is loving. What do you think it means that God is loving? (God cares about us, protects us, and does what is best for us.)

Passage: Psalm 103:8 (NLT)

The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

Questions for Preschoolers:

- Who are your favorite people? Why are they your favorite?
- Do you sometimes get mad at your favorite people or feel frustrated with them? Why?

Questions for Elementary Aged Kids:

- If someone is slow to get angry, what does that mean?
- Do you think God has the right to be angry with us sometimes? Why or why not?

Questions for Middle and High Schoolers:

- What does it mean to have unfailing love? Do you always have that kind of love for others?
- What might be different in your interactions with others if you did have unfailing love the way God does?

Wrap Up: God is characterized by being unconditionally loving toward people. He created all of us and wants to have a friendship with each of us. This Bible verse teaches us that God isn't like us—where we are quick to get angry or frustrated, God isn't. Where we mess up in showing others love, He doesn't. Understanding how big and deep and wide God's love is for us and for all people gives us the power to love the way God loves!

Prayer: *God, please help us be more loving. We know that You are perfectly able to love, and we want to be better at showing love to others the way you show love to us and all people. Amen.*



GOD IS *In Charge*

Question: If you were totally in charge of all the family rules, what would you change?

Transition: Today's verse will show us that God is in charge. What do you think it means that God is in charge? (God is in charge of the whole world, and nothing happens without His permission. You might have also heard that God is "sovereign." That means in charge.)

Passage: Romans 8:28 (NIV)

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Questions for Preschoolers:

- What things does God do that are nice and kind?
- What things can you name that God is in charge of?

Questions for Elementary Aged Kids:

- Do you think it's easy to trust God? Why or why not?
- What does it mean to follow God like He is the boss of your life?

Questions for Middle and High Schoolers:

- In what areas of life do students your age find it's hardest to trust God? Why do you think that is?
- What's a way you could increase your trust in God? (Pray, read the Bible, remind yourself of past times God has come through for you, etc.)

Wrap Up: Usually when someone is in charge, it's because they are able to make the best decisions about whatever they are in charge of! They won't always get it totally right, but they try! God is totally in charge of everything—from the earth to the people on the earth all the way out to the ends of the universe. And He is working for the good of those who love Him.

Prayer: *God, thank You for being the kind of leader we can trust to be in charge of us. We know Your rules are always good for us. Amen.*



GOD IS *Gracious*

Question: If you could have any reward for a job well done, what would it be?

Transition: Today's passage talks about God's grace. What do you think the word "grace" means in the Bible? (Grace is something we are given by God that we do not deserve and did not earn. Salvation is the biggest example of God's grace in the Bible. Because God gives us grace, He is gracious.)

Passage: Romans 3:23-24 (NLT)

23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. 24 Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.

Questions for Preschoolers:

- When you do something wrong, do you deserve a consequence? Why or why not?
- How would you feel if you did something wrong, but instead of getting punished, your parents forgave you instead?

Questions for Elementary Aged Kids:

- Why do you think God chooses to give us grace and forgive us for sinning even when we don't deserve it?
- What should a person do when they realize they have sinned and need God's forgiveness?

Questions for Middle and High Schoolers:

- When we receive God's forgiveness and are saved, does that mean we never sin again?
- Is it possible to take advantage of God's grace in a bad way? What might that look like? (Praying for forgiveness while not really committing to following God, expecting forgiveness but still embracing sin, etc.)

Wrap Up: Sin is anything we do that goes against God's instructions. And sin causes a big problem—it separates us from God. The verses we read show us that everyone has sinned, so everyone is separated from God. We need God to forgive us. And because God is gracious, He chooses to forgive us when we mess up even though we don't deserve it and didn't earn it.

Prayer: *God, You didn't have to make a way for sins to be forgiven, but You did anyway. Thank You for giving us grace when we don't deserve it. Please help us give the same forgiveness to others that You have given to us. Amen.*



GOD IS *Our Savior*

Question: What superpower would you most like to have if you could only choose one?

Transition: Today's verses will show us that God is our savior. What do you think it means that God is our savior? (Sin creates the need for us to be rescued, and we can't rescue ourselves from sin. God is the only one who can rescue us from sin, so He is who saves us.)

Passage: Psalm 118:14 (NIV) + Psalm 111:9 (NIV)

Psalm 118:14 - The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.

Psalm 111:9 - He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name.

Questions for Preschoolers:

- What is sin?
- Why is sin a problem?
- What did God do to save the day and rescue us from sin?

Questions for Elementary Aged Kids:

- Is it possible for a person to not sin?
- How can someone your age turn from their sin and be rescued by God?

Questions for Middle and High Schoolers:

- Why is it necessary for God to step in and rescue us from sin?
- How would you explain the need for salvation to someone your age?
- What is something positive you've experienced because God has saved you?

Wrap Up: In books and movies, we see heroes step in and save the day ... and we love when that happens! God has a lot of amazing qualities, but one of His coolest attributes is that He has stepped in and saved the day for us. All of us need God in order to be saved from the consequences of sin, and God has made a way for us to be saved.

Prayer: *God, thank You so much for saving us from sin. We know we need You to fix the problem of sin for us, and we are really glad that You made a way for our sins to be forgiven! Amen.*



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