

Parenting with PURPOSE



Unit 1.6: God is... Review

God is our Creator, who is holy and just. He created us for a relationship with Him, but our sin keeps us from that relationship. Because God is loving and eternal, He made a way to save us from our punishment and give us life forever with Him.

Memory Verse: Revelation 4:11, Revelation 4:8b, Deuteronomy 32:4, Ephesians 2:4-5, Psalm 90:2

Lesson Objectives:

- Remember the five character traits of God studied in the “God is...” unit.
- Recognize how they personally relate to each of God’s character traits.
- Understand the truth of the gospel clearly.
- Make a response to the lesson truths as the Holy Spirit leads them.

Talk about it:

- God created us to have a relationship with Him. How do we grow in our relationship with Him?
- We can’t be holy just like God, but we can be holy. How can we be holy?
- God is just. What’s the bad news about that and what’s the good news?
- Whom do you love? A parent or sibling? A friend or grandparent? Think of one person you love very, very much. Now consider having to sacrifice that person so that others can live. How much would that hurt? That’s the kind of love God has for us and the kind of hurt He went through when Jesus died on the cross.
- God is eternal, which means He always existed and always will exist. Why could remembering this help you?



Encouragement for you:

As we learn more about who God is by studying His characteristics, we are able to grow in our trust, obedience and love for Him. Read over the list of God’s attributes listed in the Lesson Summary section this week and be encouraged by all that He is and what that means for you!

T&T Announcements

Family Activity: God's A-MAZE-ING Character

What You'll Need:
Ball of yarn or string

STEP 1: Have kids sit in a circle. Review the five aspects of God's character studied in Unit 1 (Creator, holy, just, love, eternal) by asking children to name each of the five aspects.

- **GOD IS CREATOR.** God made the whole world and everything in it from nothing in just SIX days!
- **GOD IS HOLY.** God is perfect, without sin, and always right. He has never done anything wrong and He CANNOT do anything wrong.
- **GOD IS JUST.** He is always fair. Because God is always fair, He must always give us exactly what we deserve.
- **The punishment for breaking God's law (sinning) is death.** If we break just one little command or rule from God's law, we are as guilty as if we had broken all of His commands. God must always punish sin and the punishment for sin is death.
- **GOD IS LOVE.** God loves us and wants the very best for us. He made a way for Jesus Christ to take the punishment for sin.
- **GOD IS ETERNAL.** We cannot find where this circle began or where it ended. God had no beginning and He has no end. He has always been alive in the past and He will always be alive in the future.

STEP 2: After the first person names an aspect of God's character, gently toss the ball of yarn or string to them. Ask them to recall something they remember about God from that lesson. Allow others to chime in too. Take time to correct any misunderstandings they have had about what they've learned about God's character. Then have that person hold onto a section of the yarn or string and then toss it back to you.

STEP 3: Continue in this pattern for several minutes, letting additional people name character aspects, share what they remember about God from that lesson, hold onto a section of the yarn or string and then toss it back to you.

STEP 4: At the end of the activity, observe together the pattern they created with the yarn. Point out that each length of yarn represents something they know about God's character. Point out that each of God's many character traits is unique and special and yet God is ALL parts of His character, ALL the time. For example, He isn't love one day and holy the next. He is all parts of His character at the same time. Also point out that when we know who God is, it helps us know more about who we are and in today's lesson we will remember who God is and who we are!