

THE CHARACTER OF GOD (FOR CHILDREN)

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1. WHO IS GOD? GOD IS SOVEREIGN.

Sovereign (sov 'rin) means that God is the ruler of everything in the whole universe. His plans always happen. He always rules in a good way.

Job 42:2 I know that You can do all things; no plan of Yours can be thwarted.

Psalm 33:11 But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations.

2. WHO IS GOD? GOD IS HOLY.

Holy means that God is not like people. He is very different from the people and the things He has made.

Exodus 15:11 Who among the gods is like you, O LORD? Who is like You-majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?

Isaiah 6:3 And they [the angels] were calling to one another: "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory."

3. WHO IS GOD? GOD IS AWESOME.

Awesome means God is very great. He is so great that people can't fully understand Him.

Deuteronomy 3:24 "O Sovereign LORD, You have begun to show Your servant Your greatness and Your strong hand. For what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do the deeds and mighty works You do?"

Job 37:5 God's voice thunders in marvelous ways; He does great things beyond our understanding.

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4. WHO IS GOD? GOD IS RIGHTEOUS.

Righteous means that God always does good things. He always acts in the right way.

Psalm 33:4 For the word of the LORD is right and true; He is faithful in all He does.

Psalm 145:17 The LORD is righteous in all His ways and loving toward all He has made.

5. WHO IS GOD? GOD IS IMMUTABLE.

Immutable (i myoo'tə bəl) means that God never changes. He is always the same.

Malachi 3:6a I, the LORD, do not change.

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

6. WHO IS GOD? GOD IS OMNIPOTENT.

Omnipotent (om-nip'ə tənt) means that God is able to do all things. His power is greater than everything. "Omni" means "all" and "potent" means "able."

Joshua 4:24a He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful.

Jeremiah 32:17 Ah, Sovereign LORD, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for You.

7. WHO IS GOD? GOD IS OMNISCIENT.

Omniscient (om nish'ənt) means that God knows everything. There is nothing that can be kept secret from God. "Omni" means "all" and "scient" means "knowing."

Psalm 139:1-4 O LORD, You have searched me and You know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; You are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue, You know it completely, O LORD.

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8. WHO IS GOD? GOD IS OMNIPRESENT.

Omnipresent (om'nə prez'ənt) means that God is always there. He is everywhere at the same time. Omni means "all" and present means "there."

Psalm 139:7-10 Where can I go from Your spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? If I go up to the heavens, You are there; if I make my bed in the depths, You are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast.

10. WHO IS GOD? GOD IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE.

Incomprehensible (in'kom pri hen'sə bəl) means that people cannot understand all the ways of God.

Isaiah 55:8-9 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts."

9. WHO IS GOD? GOD IS ETERNAL.

Eternal means God has always been. There wasn't a time when He began to be God, and there will never be a time when He will stop being God. He will always be there.

Lamentations 5:19 You, O Lord, reign forever; Your throne endures from generation to generation.

I Timothy 1:17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

11. WHO IS GOD? GOD IS FAITHFUL.

Faithful means that God never breaks a promise. He never forgets to do something. He always does what He says He will do.

Isaiah 25:1 O LORD, You are my God; I will exalt You and praise Your name, for in perfect faithfulness You have done marvelous things, things planned long ago.

II Timothy 2:13 If we are faithless, He will remain faithful, for He cannot disown Himself.

12. WHO IS GOD? GOD IS LOVING.

Loving means that God cares for everyone in the world. He always shows love by what He says and what He does.

Jeremiah 31:3 The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with lovingkindness."

I John 3:1a How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

14. WHO IS GOD? GOD IS GRACIOUS.

Gracious means that God blesses us even though we do not deserve it. What we really deserve is punishment, but because Jesus died on the cross, we don't have to be punished.

Psalms 116:5 The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

Isaiah 30:18 Yet, the LORD longs to be gracious to you; He rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for Him!

13. WHO IS GOD? GOD IS MERCIFUL.

Merciful means that God does not punish us for our sins. Instead, Jesus was punished for everyone's sin when He died on the cross.

Ephesians 2:4-5 Because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-it is by grace you have been saved.

15. WHO IS GOD? GOD IS FORGIVING.

Forgiving means that God chooses not to hold our sins against us. Jesus' blood washes us clean.

Psalms 130:3-4 If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Ephesians 1:4 For [the Father] chose us in [Jesus Christ] before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight.

16. WHO IS GOD? GOD IS GOOD.

Good means that everything God does is right and kind. God cares for people.

Psalm 31:19 How great is Your goodness, which You have stored up for those who fear You, which You bestow in the sight of men on those who take refuge in You.

Nahum 1:7 The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him.

17. WHO IS GOD? GOD IS PATIENT.

Patient means that God doesn't get angry quickly. He waits for people to do the right thing.

Psalm 103:8 The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

II Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

18. WHO IS GOD? GOD IS WRATHFUL.

Wrathful means that God is angry at sin. Jesus experienced God's wrath when He was on the cross. God punished Him for everyone else's sin. Jesus didn't deserve this punishment; we did.

Romans 5:8-9 But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him!

19. WHO IS GOD? GOD IS JEALOUS.

Jealous means that God wants all our attention. We shouldn't love anyone or anything more than we love God.

Exodus 34:14 Do not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.

Deuteronomy 4:24 For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

20. WHO IS GOD? GOD IS JUST.

Just means that God is a judge. He punishes sin and blesses obedience.

Deuteronomy 32:4 He is the Rock, His works are perfect, and all His ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He.

Isaiah 30:18 Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; He rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for Him!

21. WHO IS GOD? GOD IS WISE.

Wise means that God never acts foolishly. He always knows the right thing to do. He never makes mistakes.

Daniel 2:20 [Daniel] said: “Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are His.”

Romans 16:27 To the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

22. WHO IS GOD? GOD IS TRUTHFUL.

Truthful means that God is a truth teller. We know what is really true when we know God because God is truth.

Numbers 23:19 God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should change His mind. Does He speak and then not act? Does He promise and not fulfill?

I John 5:20a We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know Him who is true.

23. WHO IS GOD? GOD IS OUR ADVOCATE.

Advocate means that we can talk to God. Jesus and the Holy Spirit talk to God for us, too!

Romans 8:26, 34b In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. (34b) Christ Jesus is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

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24. WHO IS GOD? GOD IS THE CREATOR.

Creator means that God made everything. He made the mountains, stars, the sky, the moon, animals, water, and people, too. He made everything!

Colossians 1:16 For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him.

25. WHO IS GOD? GOD IS YAHWEH.

Yahweh is the name for God. It is what He calls Himself. His name means, “I Am He Who Is and Will Be.” (Our Bibles usually show God’s name like this: LORD, with all capital letters.)

Amos 5:8 He who made the Pleiades and Orion, who turns blackness into dawn and darkens day into night, who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out over the face of the land—Yahweh is His name.

26. WHO IS GOD? GOD IS YAHWEH RAPHA.

Yahweh Rapha means that God heals. He heals hearts that are sick because of sin. He can heal our bodies, too.

Psalms 103:2-3 Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.

27. WHO IS GOD? GOD IS YAHWEH RAAH.

Yahweh Raah means that God is our shepherd. He takes care of us as a good shepherd cares for his sheep.

John 10:14-15 I am the good shepherd; I know My sheep and My sheep know Me-just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father-and I lay down My life for the sheep.

28. WHO IS GOD? GOD IS YAHWEH SHALOM.

Yahweh Shalom means God is our peace. Jesus died so God could have peace with His enemies. We can have God's peace in our hearts and don't have to be afraid of anything.

Isaiah 26:3 You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in You.

Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

30. WHO IS GOD? GOD IS ADONAI.

Adonai means that God is our Master. We belong to Him because He bought our lives with Jesus' blood.

I Corinthians 6:19-20 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

29. WHO IS GOD? GOD IS YAHWEH JIREH.

Yahweh Jireh means that God takes care of all our needs. He knows everything we need ahead of time, and He gives it to us at just the right time.

II Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Philippians 4:19 And my God shall meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

31. WHO IS GOD? GOD IS EL ELYON.

El Elyon means "The God Most High." God is ruler over the entire universe. His power and knowledge and holiness are greater than everything.

Psalms 7:17 I will give thanks to the LORD because of His righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.

Psalms 113:4-5 The LORD is exalted over all the nations, His glory above the heavens. Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high?