

EXPLORERS

BOOK 1



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Get ready to go on an exciting ADVENTURE!

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Section 1

What is **GOD** like? (*With Teacher Helps*)

Dear Friend,

Have you ever wondered what God is like? God is so great and so wonderful that we can never know all about Him. But God has given us a wonderful book that tells us about Himself.



What book is this? It is the Bible, God's Word. The Bible tells us that God created all things. God made the sun and the moon. He made the millions of stars that twinkle at night in the sky above us. God made the earth. God made the birds, the fish, and the animals. Then God made the first man and woman.

In the next two sections we will learn about what God is like. God is not like any other being in the universe. In this Section we will look at five "**attributes**" of God. An attribute is any way God has at all revealed Himself to us in His Word. God's attributes cannot be counted and never change.

What is God like?

Treasure 1

God ^{is a} Personal Being

There is only one God—the true and living God. He said, “I am the Lord, and there is no other; There is no God besides Me...” (Isaiah 45:5).

Some people think that there are many gods. But in the Bible, God tells us there is only one true and living God. He says, “I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me.”

God is not a “force.” God is a personal God who knows and loves every one of us.

God is pleased when we want to know Him. **Above all, God wants us to love Him with all our heart.**

God shows us in many ways that He is a personal God. He speaks to us in the Bible. He listens to us when we pray. He wants us to love Him. He tells us in His Word that there is no god besides Him. He is the one true and living God.

Write down one way that God demonstrates that He is a personal, living Being. **(Any of the answers below are correct.)**

(p. 5)

He loves me. He wants me to love Him. He

is pleased if we know Him. He listens to me.

Pray!

He speaks to me in the Bible.

Thank God that He is a personal Being and that He loves you and wants you to know Him better.



Tell your leader what great truth you learned about God. Is there any other being like Him?



(Memorize and recite this verse to your leader.)

“I am the LORD, and there is no other; there is no God besides Me...” (Isaiah 45:5)

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Treasure 2

God is Spirit

Although God is a personal Being, He does not have a body like we have. **God is Spirit. We cannot see that which is spirit.** When God made you, He gave you a body. He also gave you a spirit. Your spirit lives in your body. Other people can see your body, but they cannot see your spirit.

God is all Spirit. That is why we cannot see Him. God tells us not to make any images to represent Him. **God tells us not to worship any image. The Bible says, "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:24).**

Though we cannot see Him, God is the one true and living God. He wants us to know Him. When we know God, we will love Him. And when we love Him, we will want to obey Him.

Did You Know?

We cannot see God, but He always sees us. The Bible says He knows us better than we know ourselves.



What is the truth about why we cannot see God? Explain it to your leader.

Answer the following questions.

1. How many TRUE and LIVING Gods are there? Only one. (p. 5)
2. Above all, what does God want us to do? Love Him, with all our hearts. (p. 5)
3. How should we worship God above all? In spirit and in truth. (p. 6)



(Memorize and recite this verse to your leader.)

"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

(John 4:24)

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What is God like?

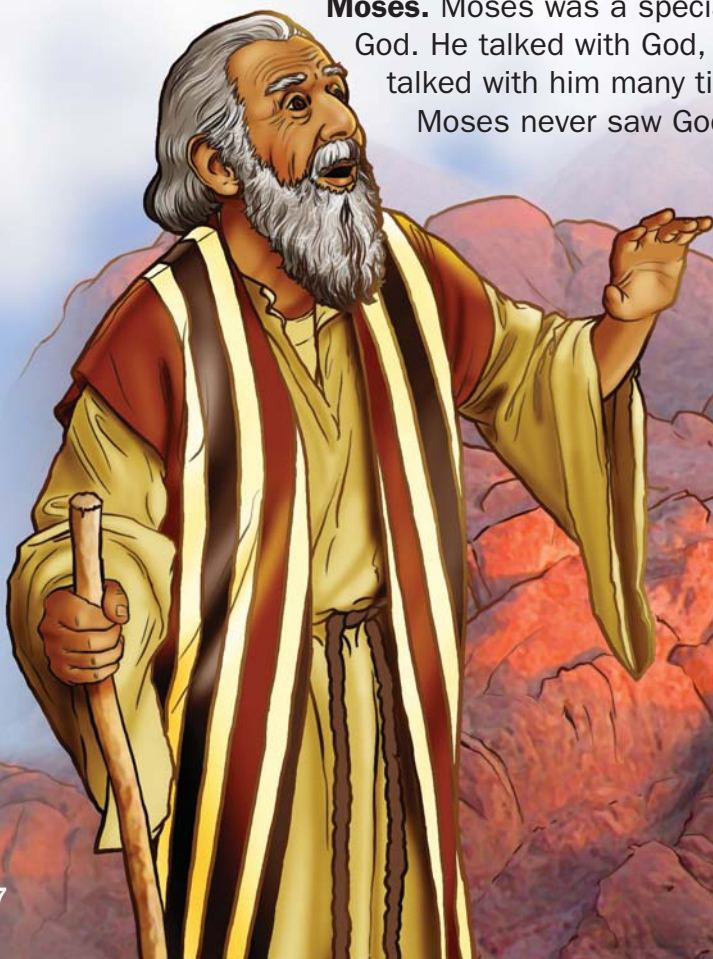
Treasure 3

God ^{is} Glorious

God's glory is so bright that we cannot look at Him. We cannot look at the sun very long when it is shining brightly. It hurts our eyes. If we were to look at it very long, we would lose our sight.

God's glory is much brighter than the sun. This is why we cannot look at Him. God said, "...No man shall see Me, and live" (Exodus 33:20).

The Bible tells us about a man named Moses. Moses was a special friend of God. He talked with God, and God talked with him many times. But Moses never saw God.



What is God like?

One day Moses asked a special favor of God. He said, "Please, show me Your glory" (Exodus 33:18).

God said to Moses, "You cannot see My face because no man can see Me and live. But I will hide you in the rocks, and then I will pass by you."

Moses went up on the mountain alone. God hid him between the rocks. Then God caused His glory to pass by Moses. Moses did not see God, but he saw a little bit of God's glory, and it made his face shine brightly.

When Moses came down from the mountain, his face was so bright that the people were afraid of him. It is no wonder that Moses

and the people said, "Who is like You, O Lord...glorious in holiness..." (Exodus 15:11).

Hey Explorer!

What are three attributes of God's that you have learned so far? Remember an attribute is any way that God has at all revealed Himself to us in His Word.

God is a Personal Being. (p. 5)

God is Spirit. (p. 6)

God is glorious. (p. 7)



What happened in the story when Moses saw a glimpse of God's glory? Tell your leader in your own words.

Answer the following questions.

1. According to the Bible, can we see God? NO. (p. 6, 7)
2. What special favor did Moses ask of God? To see God's glory. (p. 8)
3. Why were the people afraid of Moses after he saw God? Because Moses' face was glowing very brightly. (p. 8)



(Memorize and recite this verse to your leader.)

"Who is like You, O LORD, among the [false] gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?" (Exodus 15:11)

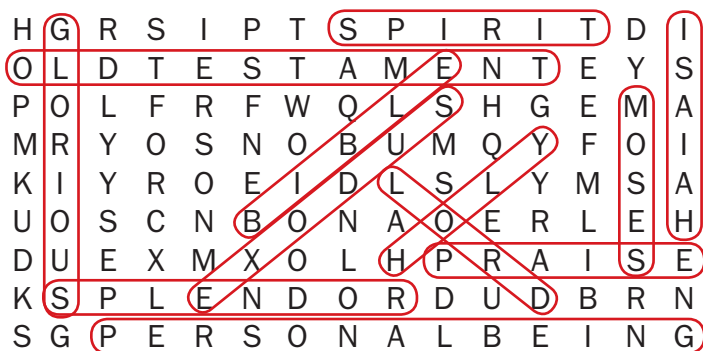
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(Date)

Treasure Hunt

Complete the Treasure Hunt by circling the hidden words listed below.
Words may be spelled down, across or diagonally.



Words to find:

~~Glorious~~

~~Personal Being~~

~~Spirit~~

~~Praise~~

~~Moses~~

~~Lord~~

~~Bible~~

~~Splendor~~

~~Holy~~

~~Isaiah~~

~~Old Testament~~

~~Exodus~~



What is God like?

1. What is God like? (Choose "a" or "b")

b

- a. God is a "force" for good in the universe.
- b. God is a personal God who knows and loves us.

(p. 5)

2. We cannot see God because (Choose "a" or "b")

a

- a. God is Spirit, and we cannot see that which is spirit.
- b. God is so far away that we cannot see Him.

3. God can see us no matter where we go or what we do.

(True or False) True (p. 6)

4. Moses hid in the rocks and saw all of God's glory. (True or False)

False (p. 8)

5. How much of God's glory did Moses see? Moses saw only a little bit. (p. 8)



(Recite the verses below
to your leader) Also see pg. 22 & 23

Isaiah 45:5 "I am...

John 4:24 "God is...

Exodus 15:11 "Who is...

Think about it...

God is personal and He wants to have a close relationship with you. Write down how you can have a relationship with Him and share it with your leader. **(Any of the answers below are correct.)**

I can talk to Him through prayer. I can read

my Bible and learn more about Him. I can go to

church and learn about Him. I can sing to Him.

(p. 5)

Treasure Hunt Solved: _____

(Leader's signature)

(Date)

What is God like?

Treasure 4

God is Holy

This means that God is pure and perfect and without any sin at all. In the Bible, darkness sometimes stands for sin. The Bible says of God, "God is light and in Him is no darkness [no sin] at all" (1 John 1:5).

God is all light and glory.

God is pure. God never sins. God always does what is good and right. Nothing sinful can ever come into God's presence. The Bible says, "For the Lord our God is holy" (Psalm 99:9).

God once spoke in a vision to a prophet named Isaiah. A vision is like a dream. Isaiah saw a vision of God on His throne. Around His throne were many angels, praising God and saying, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" (Isaiah 6:3).

When Isaiah saw this vision of God, he was afraid. The vision showed him that he was a sinner and that God is holy.



Hey Explorer!

What did Isaiah see and why was he afraid?

Isaiah saw a vision of God on His throne surrounded by angels. Isaiah was afraid because he saw how sinful he was compared to God's holiness. (p. 11)



What does it mean that God is holy? Explain to your leader what holiness is.

What is God like?

Think about it...

What does it mean to “fear God”? Write your thoughts down and share them with your leader. **(Any of the answers below are correct.)**

It means to respect God as the supreme authority. It means that we have a reverence and awe of the authority and holiness of God. The fear of the Lord should cause us to obey Him.*

*(This answer is not found directly in the lesson. This question gives you the opportunity to explain the phrase “the fear of the Lord”.)

Did You Know?

Isaiah was a great prophet who wrote about Jesus’ death on the cross nearly 700 years before it happened!



Answer the following questions.

1. What prophet did God speak to in a vision? Isaiah. (p. 11)
2. What is a vision like? A dream. (p. 11)



(Memorize and recite this verse to your leader.)

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!”

(Isaiah 6:3)

Treasure 4 Found: _____

(Leader's signature)

(Date)

Treasure 5

God is Love

This means that God loves us and wants only what is best for us.

How do we know that God loves us? We know two ways:

- **God said so.** In His Word God says, "...I have loved you with an everlasting love..." (Jeremiah 31:3).
- **God gave His Son** to take the punishment for our sins.

God showed His great love for us by giving His Son, the Lord Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins—the bad things we have said and done. The Bible says, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

You may be thinking, "Does God know about all the bad things I have said and done?" Yes, God knows all about them, but He still loves you with all His heart. He loves you every minute of your life.

The Lord Jesus died for MY sins. He died for YOUR sins. But He did not stay dead. He rose from the grave on the third day. He is our living Savior! God wants you to believe on Him as the One who died for your sins and rose again to be your Savior.

Do you know what God wants you to do most of all?
He wants you to love Him with all your heart!

It pleases God when you choose to love Him with all your heart. King David was a great man of God in the Bible. He chose to love God. He said, "I will love You, O Lord" (Psalm 18:1). This pleased God, and it will please God very much if you choose to love Him as King David did.

Did You Know?

God loved you before you were even born! The Bible says that before He created the world He knew you and loved you! (Read Psalm 139:13-16)

What is God like?



“HOW CAN I BECOME A CHILD OF GOD?”

- A** – Admit that you are a sinner.
- B** – Believe on Jesus as the One who died for your sins.
- C** – Come to the Lord Jesus and take Him as YOUR Savior.

“Lord Jesus, I am truly sorry for my sins. I believe that You are the Son of God and that You died for my sins. Right now I take You as my Savior as best I know how.”

Pray!

“Dear God, I am so glad that You want me to love You. I do want to love You with all my heart. Thank You for loving me so much that You sent Your Son, the Lord Jesus, to die on the cross for my sins.”

Answer the following questions.

1. Name one of the ways that God shows His love to us? By giving us Jesus! (p. 13)
2. Does God know all the bad things you and I have done? Yes. (p. 13)



Can you explain how to become a child of God?



(Memorize and recite this verse to your leader.)

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)

Treasure 5 Found: _____
(Leader's signature) (Date)

Treasure Hunt

Use the secret code below to solve the Treasure Hunt puzzle.

A ○ D ● E ⊖ G ⊖ H ⊕ I ⊘ L ⊘
O ⊗ R ⊖ T ⊖ U ⊖ V ⊖ W ⊖ Y ●

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What is God like?

1. When the Bible says that God is holy, it means that (Choose “a” or “b”)

b
(p. 13)

- a. God is very good.
- b. God is pure and perfect and without any sin at all.

2. I know that God loves me because (Choose “a” or “b”)

(p. 13)
a

- a. He gave His Son to die for my sins.
- b. I feel like He does.

3. What does God want me to do most of all? (Choose “a” or “b”)

(p. 13)
a

- a. God wants me to love Him with all my heart.
- b. God wants me to do a lot of good things for Him.

4. Isaiah had a vision and saw the Lord. (True or False)

True (p. 11)



Isaiah 6:3 “Holy...

Romans 5:8 “But God...

BONUS VERSES:

1 John 1:5 “God is...

Psalms 99:9 “Exalt the...

Jeremiah 31:3 “The Lord...

Think about it...

What is one new thing you learned about God? Write it down and share it with your leader.

(Use this as an opportunity to make sure the child has been absorbing the material.)

Treasure Hunt Solved: _____
(Leader's signature) (Date)



Spotlight on your pastor: Take some time to learn more about your pastor. Try to find some time to talk with him and learn more about him, and ask him why he became a pastor.

1. What is the name of your Pastor? _____

2. How did he come to know Jesus as his Savior? _____

3. Why did Pastor _____ (Write your Pastor's name here) become a Pastor? _____

Seek & Find Completed: _____ (Leader's signature) _____ (Date)



Read the following story to complete the “Adventure Time!” section.

The Life of David Livingstone

(1813-1873)

Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.”

Matthew 16:24

In 1840, an adventurous young missionary accepted the challenge to serve the Lord in a place where no missionary had ever been. In the early 1800’s, the great continent of Africa loomed like a great and almost impassable jungle, full of dark hidden secrets and unbelievable dangers. But one man, chosen of God and greatly used by God, changed the history of that entire continent.

David Livingstone left home in Scotland to become a doctor, explorer and discoverer, with a strong desire to heal and to spread the Gospel. He endured hostile tribes, deadly fevers, dangerous animals, and even the slave traders who hated him so much they wanted him dead because of his work among the people. He felt led of God to use medicine along with exploring as a means of spreading the gospel of Christ.

David was born in 1813 to poor Christian parents in Blantyre, Scotland. His father was a traveling salesman, while his mother raised the family. At the age of ten, David began working in a cotton mill to help his family.

David was raised in a very devout church-going family. As a teenager, his heart was moved to trust Christ as Lord and Savior.



Afterwards, he felt the Lord calling him into full-time missionary service as a doctor. Consecrating himself fully to the work, he longed to tell others about Jesus.

David studied medicine and theology at Anderson College in Glasgow, Scotland. He graduated in 1840. But before graduating, he applied to the local missionary board, was accepted and ordained.

Meanwhile, David met and was profoundly influenced by Robert Moffat, a veteran missionary to Africa, who was giving talks on missions to inspire young people to join him.

Moffat told David inspiring and thrilling stories about the evangelistic opportunities awaiting anyone willing to be a missionary in Africa. Moffat excited David's imagination even further when he gave this observation: He had "sometimes seen, in the morning sun, the smoke of a thousand villages, where no missionary had ever been." This idea captured David's heart. He was sent to South Africa as a medical missionary.

Outside of the African people, no one had ever seen most of the continent of Africa. Most Africans had never even seen a white man. But David changed that. Everywhere David went he preached the Good News and treated the sick. He gained a reputation among the people. He shared and demonstrated God's love, as no one else had done for them. And they loved him for it.

(to be continued in the next ADVENTURE TIME section on page 90.)

I have read the Adventure Time Story: _____
(Explorer's signature)

(Date)

Project Time!

1. Pray for your Pastor: *Write your initials in the squares each week you pray for him.*

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Week 1

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Week 2

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Week 3

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Week 4

2. Support your local church: *Write your initials in the squares each week you give.*

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Week 2

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Week 3

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Week 4

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3. Write a letter to your Pastor. *Sign below once you have sent the letter.*

(Explorer's signature)

(Date)

Project:

To complete this project you need to attend four church services.

1st Sunday: _____ (Date)

(Explorer's Signature)

2nd Sunday: _____ (Date)

(Explorer's Signature)

3rd Sunday: _____ (Date)

(Explorer's Signature)

4th Sunday: _____ (Date)

(Explorer's Signature)

Project Completed: _____
(Leader's signature) (Date)



Hey Parent!

We are so glad that your child is discovering new things about God. We hope you will continue to encourage your child to complete this book.

Please review Section 1: "What is God Like?" and make sure your child understands all of the attributes of God that we have discussed so far. Give your child a chance to explain each characteristic in their own words.

Once you have reviewed this section with your child, please sign on the line below.

Parent's review:

(Parent's signature)

(Date)

Section 1 Completed:

(Leader's signature)

(Date)



Scripture Time!

Scripture Reading: Use the schedule below to read the Bible on your own.

Week 1:

Day 1: John 1:1-14

Day 2: John 1:15-34

Day 3: John 1:35-51

Day 4: John 2:1-12

Day 5: John 2:13-25

Day 6: John 3:1-21

Day 7: John 3:22-36

(Schedule is continued on the next page.)

Scripture Memory Verses: Cut out each verse along the dashed lines. Now you can carry your memory verses wherever you go.

Isaiah 45:5

John 4:24

Exodus 15:11

Isaiah 6:3

Romans 5:8

Bonus Verse:
1 John 1:5

Bonus Verse:
Psalm 99:9

Bonus Verse:
Jeremiah 31:3

Use the schedule below to read the Bible on your own.

Week 2:

- Day 1:** John 4:1-38
- Day 2:** John 4:39-54
- Day 3:** John 5:1-24
- Day 4:** John 5:25-47
- Day 5:** John 6:1-14
- Day 6:** John 6:15-40
- Day 7:** John 6:41-71

Week 3:

- Day 1:** John 7:1-36
- Day 2:** John 7:37-53
- Day 3:** John 8:1-11

- Day 4:** John 8:12-30
- Day 5:** John 8:31-59
- Day 6:** John 9:1-17
- Day 7:** John 9:18-41

Week 4:

- Day 1:** John 10:1-21
- Day 2:** John 10:22-42
- Day 3:** John 11:1-16
- Day 4:** John 11:17-44
- Day 5:** John 11:45-57
- Day 6:** John 12:1-22
- Day 7:** John 12:23-50

“God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

“I am the LORD, and there is no other; there is no God besides Me.”

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!”

“Who is like You, O LORD, among the [false] gods? Who is like You, Glorious in holiness, Fearful in praises, doing wonders?”

“God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.”

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

“The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love...”

“Exalt the LORD our God, And worship at His holy hill; For the LORD our God is holy.”