

God is a Wonderful Father

About this lesson:

Welcome to this first lesson in *BibleKeys*. Today you will learn basic Bible truths about God. All the answers to the questions are in the Bible – the Word of God that tells you all the truth you need.

Today's questions are:

- Who is God?
- What is God like?
- How can I know God?

Do as follows:

- ✓ Read the text and underline important passages.
- ✓ Find the Scripture verses in your Bible.
- ✓ Mark them.

The more you study, the more you will understand.

God bless you!



1 Who is God?

God is the Creator

Gen 1:1

The Bible says: **“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”**

There was a time when neither the world nor the heavens existed. There was no day or night, and there were no living creatures. The only living being was God himself.

But God wanted to create men and women and a beautiful world for them to live in. From nothing, he created everything. He just said: “Let there be light,” and light was created. When he had created the world, the time had come to create Adam and Eve, the first people.

Gen 1:3
(Read all of
Genesis
chapter 1!)



Who is God? (continued)

God is the only God

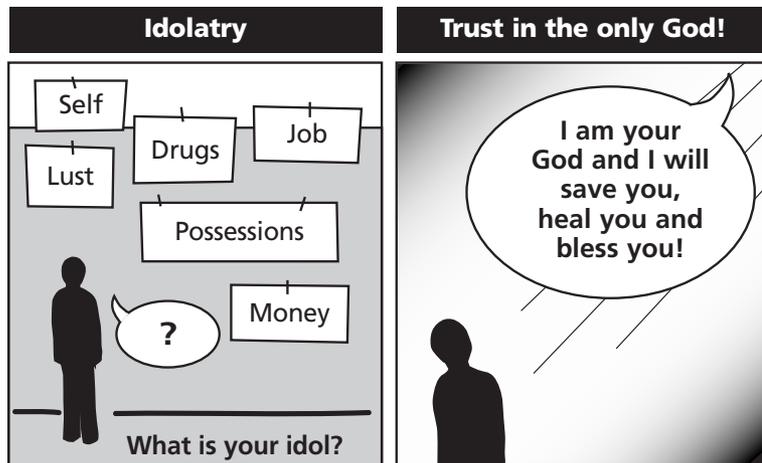
Deut 6:4

There is just one God, the God of the Bible. **“The Lord our God, the Lord is one.”** However, people have always created their own gods and idols, although these are not like God. He can speak; they are mute. He can see; they are blind. He helps you; they do not.

Ps 115:2-8

1 Cor 12:2

Maybe you do not trust in idols of wood, clay, or metal. But what is a god? It is *whatever* you put your trust in: your money, your social position, your traditions, your self. All of these are gods which we ourselves create. But God is *not* created by people, as idols are, or our other “gods”. He created everything and he is our Creator and the only God.



An idol never gives you anything. But God loves you and gives you his best!

God is a Father

Luke 3:38

God is a wonderful loving father. The Bible says that Adam was “the son of God”. So God’s relationship to us, descendants of Adam, is that of a father.

He does what a father does:

- He is your origin – even if not physically – and he planned that you should be born as you and not as someone else.
- He cares for you; he wants you to have food and clothes and to be secure.

Ps 139:13-16

Matt 6:25-33

Matt 6:26

Ps 8:3-8

- You are important to him! He considers you are worth more than other living things, and has given you dignity and the authority to rule over his creation.
- He loves you and is happy when you are happy.
- He longs to have fellowship with you every day.



2 What is God like?

The Bible says many things about God. The best way to find out more about him is to keep reading the Bible. Today you will learn a few important things about him.

God is good

1 John 4:8

God is good. He loves everyone. The Bible tells us that he *is* love! He knew about you, he loved you and had plans for you even before you were born. Therefore you can trust him. Before you think about something, he knows what you will think. The Bible is full of people who thank God for his goodness:

Ps 136:1

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures for ever.” The book of Psalms is packed with such wonderful praise songs!

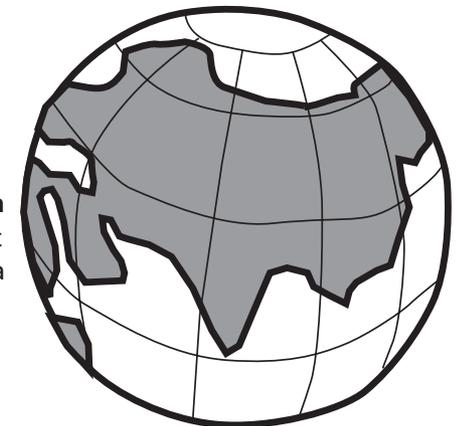
God is great

Isa 40:10-15

God is greater than we can imagine. Listen to the prophet Isaiah: **“Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, or with the breadth of his hand marked off the heavens? Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket.”** This means that if you are a friend of God, a child of God, you have a very powerful father and friend. He is your refuge and strength, and he is always ready to help you.

Ps 46:1

Luke 10:19



Bible Quest (continued)

Exercise 3: Read the very important story about the creation in Genesis 1–2.

Write your own summary here:



Exercise 4: God the Father cares for you. Below are Scriptures about personal needs and problems.

Highlight (or underline) these passages in your Bible and write them down.

Peace:	John 14:27
Healing:	Ex 15:26, Matt 8:17, 1 Pet 2:24
Food and shelter:	Matt 6:25-33
Forgiveness:	1 John 1:9
Fear:	Isa 41:10
Joy:	Isa 61:3
Loneliness:	Matt 28:20
Strength:	Rom 8:11

Good!

Now it is time to take what we have learnt and practise it in real life.

**Action Time****Faith expresses itself in Action (James 2:17)**

In each lesson we will do something practical, because if you just read, speak or think, and never act, your faith won't work.

• **Praise School**

To praise and thank God is very important.

Now, learn how to praise him:

- ✓ **Lay aside** your books and your work.
- ✓ If you can: **stand** on your feet **or kneel** in reverence before God.
- ✓ **Lift your hands**, close your eyes, and begin to say: "Thank you God for...", and thank him, in your own words, for everything wonderful he has done.
- ✓ If you want to, use the words of Psalm 63:

***O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you,
my body longs for you...***

(Find it in your Bible. Then you can use Ps 23, Ps 91, Ps 150, etc.)

Do this at least **once a day** – it is best to start the day praising God – for the rest of your life.

Set the alarm 15 minutes earlier tomorrow and spend that time praising the Lord! **He will not disappoint you.**

Praise Him together!

Try to join with other believers and start praising God together. Maybe you can do it regularly – it will change your life! (Acts 2:46,47)



Memo Time

Memorize and Speak God's Word

Each lesson concludes with Bible verses to memorize. Write them on a piece of paper, and read them many times each day – on the bus, during a break, or together with the family at a meal time.

**“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!
His love endures forever.” Ps 136:1**

**“This is love: not that we loved God,
but that he loved us and sent his Son as an
atoning sacrifice for our sins.” 1 John 4:10**



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3. You can be Filled with the Holy Spirit!
4. God's Word – Truth that will Set you Free!
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