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## WHAT IS GOOD LIKE? (PART 1)

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 Him.

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.

Why did God create us? We were created to love God and to be loved by Him. God knows and loves each one of us.

It pleases God very much when we want to know Him and love Him. Knowing and loving God is the best thing we can ever do. It will make us really happy.

In this lesson we will see what the Bible tells us about God. We will learn five important things about our wonderful God who loves us so much.

#### 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).

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.

#### 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 they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24).

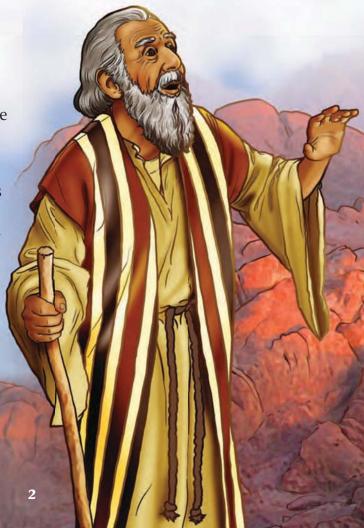
Though we cannot see Him, God is the one true and living God. He wants us to know Him. When we know God, we will love Him. And when we love Him, we will want to obey Him.

#### 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, "There shall no man 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.



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 unto You, O Lord...glorious in holiness...?" (Exodus 15:11).

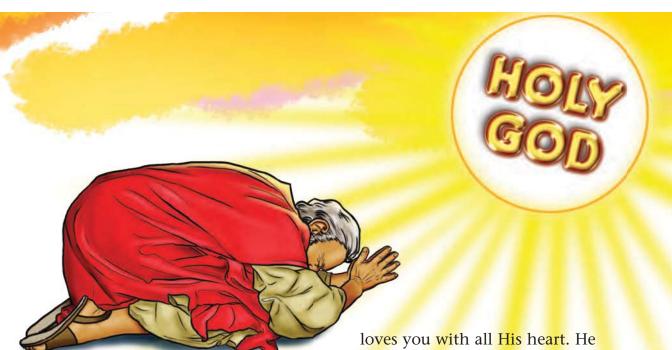
#### GOD IS HOLY

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, "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.



### 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, "God showed His love for us, in that while we were yet 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

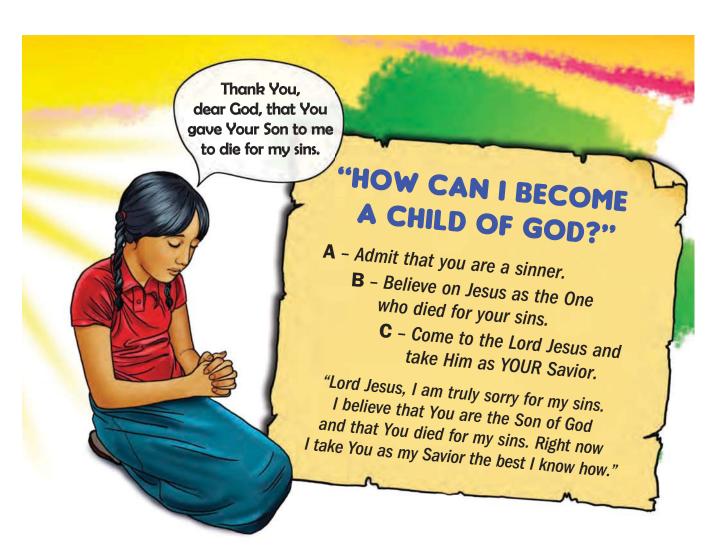
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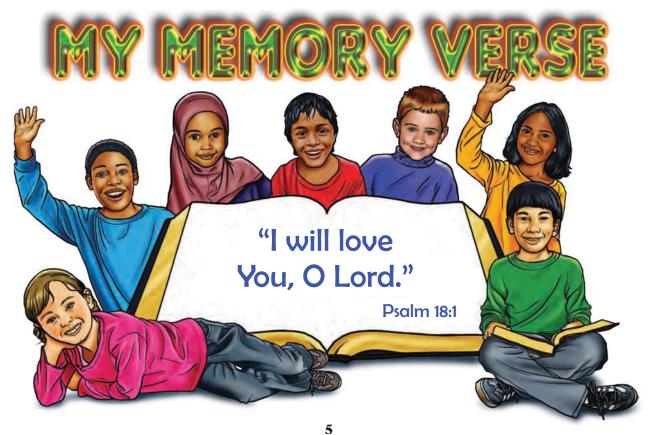
The Lord Jesus died for MY sins. He died for YOUR sins. But He did not stay dead. He rose from the grave on the third day. He is our living Savior! God wants you to believe on Him as the One who died for your sins and rose again to be your Savior.

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!" This pleased God, and it will please God very much if you choose to love Him as King David did. Here is a prayer to help you:

"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."





# TREASURE HUNT

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









#### **QUESTION PAGE**

#### **EXPLORERS 1 LESSON 1**

INSTRUCTIONS: Choose the better answer—a or b. Write it in the box provided.

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Exar	nple: Heaven is a place where there is  a. little sin.
	b. no sin.
1. Wha	at is God like?
	a. God is a "force" for good in the universe.
	b. God is a personal God who knows and loves us.
2. We	cannot see God because
	a. God is spirit and we cannot see that which is spirit.
	b. God is so far away that we cannot see Him.
3. Whe	en the Bible says that God is holy, it means that
	a. God is very good.
	b. God is pure and perfect and without any sin at all.
4. l kn	ow that God loves me because
	a. He gave His Son to die for my sins.
	b. I feel like He does.
5. Wha	at does God want me to do most of all?
	a. God wants me to love Him with all my heart.
	b. God wants me to do a lot of good things for Him.
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## MY JOURNEY WITH JESUS

What is the most important thing you learned from this lesson?

2 Is there anything you do not understand from this lesson?

3 Do you have any special needs or prayer requests?

We encourage you to begin a journal - to write out your prayers, praise, and thanksgiving to God!

