

Religious Education Knowledge Organiser – Year 5



God

What does it mean if God is Holy and Loving?

Key Vocabulary

theist	Someone who believes in God and a religion.
atheist	Someone who does not believe in God.
agnostic	Someone who is undecided in their beliefs about God.
theology	Beliefs about God.
omnipotent	All-powerful.
omniscient	All-seeing.
eternal	Everlasting.
justice	Seeing that the right thing is done and people get what they deserve for the good and bad things they do.
holy	Pure and without any faults. Acceptable to God.
worship	Giving praise to God by pleasing him. Worship can include specific acts like prayers, singing and giving generously but also a lifestyle that pleases God.

Key Qs and Golden Nuggets

Why do Christians believe that God is both holy and loving?	Christians believe God is both holy and loving because they find evidence of God's character in how he behaves in the Bible and how he is described. Christians do not all agree about what God is like, but try to follow his path, as they see it in the Bible or through Church teaching.
What does it mean for Christians to describe God as being a shepherd?	Being a Shepherd in Bible times meant caring for the sheep above everything else. A shepherd would have to fight off wolves and would risk his life to keep the sheep safe. Christians believe Jesus gave his life on the cross because of his love for his people who follow him – just like a shepherd for his sheep.
How do churches and cathedrals show how holy God is?	Christians believe that God is holy and awe-inspiring. Over centuries, Christians have created incredible people to try to portray the amazing glory of God.
Why do Christians write and sing worship songs?	The Psalms were songs written mostly by David to worship God. For Christians, singing is a way of expressing their love for and gratitude to God. These songs express how a Christian feels about how holy and loving God is and gives them opportunity to praise God.
How does believing in a God who is loving and holy make a difference to the world?	Believing in a God who is just and holy might cause people to behave better out of fear of consequences. Believing in a God who is loving and forgiving might cause people to behave better because they know they are cared for and that someone wants the best for them. Christians believe getting to know God is like getting to know a person rather than learning information.

Big Story of the Bible

Creation	God creates a perfect world where he is in a perfect relationship with humanity.
The Fall	Adam and Eve don't follow God's rules and they spoil their friendship with God. This story is also found in Genesis.
Patriarchs	Several men in one family line lead God's people. The family end up in Egypt and become slaves to the Egyptians.
Exodus	Moses becomes the leader of God's people and helps them escape from slavery in Egypt.
Conquest	God's people conquer the Promised Land called Israel and have a home and nation of their own. The people are called 'Israelites' or sometimes 'Jews'.
Judges	God appoints judges to lead His people.
Kings and Prophets	God's people aren't happy with having Judges and ask for a King like the other countries. God lets them have a king. God wants to fix his friendship with humans so he asks prophets to tell the people the right thing to do. People continue to disobey. The Israelites go through phases of good and bad leadership from their Kings. The Kingdom of Israel is then conquered by different empires.
Silence	Prophets foretell of a coming king who will rescue the Israelites from being under the rule of other kingdoms. There is a period where nothing new is heard from God and the people wait for hundreds of years for this coming Messiah who will come to save them.
Incarnation	God's people still aren't doing the right thing so God comes as Jesus to make it better for them. God the Son is incarnated and lives on Earth as a human! Some people believe that Jesus is the Messiah they have been waiting for to rescue them. Many of the people don't understand that Jesus was going to be 'King of their hearts' rather than a military ruler and King of a country. They are angry when Jesus doesn't make plans to overthrow the Romans who are currently ruling them.
Salvation	Jesus dies on the cross as a punishment for everything his people do wrong. His people can be friends with God again now that Jesus has brought them 'Salvation'.
Kingdom of God	Jesus' friends and followers tell the world about the Good News of Jesus. Jesus goes to heaven but sends the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts and guide them.
New creation	Christians believe that Jesus will come again and bring a new heaven and earth where everything will be perfect again. This is in the book of Revelation.

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What does Psalm 103 tell us about who God is?

O my soul, bless GOD.
From head to toe, I'll bless his holy name! ← God is Holy
O my soul, bless GOD,
don't forget a single blessing!

He forgives your sins — every one. ← God is forgiving
He heals your diseases — every one. ← God is a healer
He redeems you from hell — saves your life. ← God is a saviour
He crowns you with love and mercy — a paradise crown.
He wraps you in goodness — beauty eternal. ← God is generous
He renews your youth — you're always young in his presence.

GOD makes everything come out right; ← God is good
he puts victims back on their feet. ← God cares for the vulnerable
He showed Moses how he went about his work,
opened up his plans to all Israel. ← God isn't angered easily
GOD is sheer mercy and grace; ← God is rich in love
not easily angered, he's rich in love. ← God doesn't bully or pick on
He doesn't endlessly nag and scold, ← God is forgiving
nor hold grudges forever.
He doesn't treat us as our sins deserve,
nor pay us back in full for our wrongs.

As high as heaven is over the earth,
so strong is his love to those who fear him. ← God is loving
And as far as sunrise is from sunset,
he has separated us from our sins. ← God is like a parent
As parents feel for their children,
GOD feels for those who fear him. ← God is all-knowing
He knows us inside and out,
keeps in mind that we're made of mud.

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What does 1 John 4 v 7-12 tell us about who God is?

God Is Love

My beloved friends, let us continue to love each other since love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and experiences a relationship with God. The person who refuses to love doesn't know the first thing about God, because God is love—so you can't know him if you don't love. This is how God showed his love for us: God sent his only Son into the world so we might live through him. This is the kind of love we are talking about—not that we once upon a time loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they've done to our relationship with God.

My dear, dear friends, if God loved us like this, we certainly ought to love each other. No one has seen God, ever. But if we love one another, God dwells deeply within us, and his love becomes complete in us—perfect love!

God is the source of love
God is love
God acts on his love for people
God is generous
God makes sacrifices

NEW TESTAMENT