

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

PSALM 90:2; JEREMIAH 32:17; 1 SAMUEL 2:2;
ROMANS 5:8; PSALM 36:5, 115:3, 96:13, 86:5

LEARN THE WORD

Psalm 119:89-90

Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

- There are many attributes to describe God. Some are eternal, holy, love, faithful, sovereign, just, and merciful.
- It is important to know who God is according to the Bible so we don't make up false gods in our own minds.

WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

OUTWORD FOR FAMILY DISCUSSION

What if your friend says, "How do you know what God is like?"

What could you say?

The only place you can go is to the Bible. It tells so much about God and helps us understand what He is like. No matter where you read in the Bible, you can learn something more about God because the Bible is God's Word. But the truth is, the more I learn about God, the more I realize that I don't really know very much. I mean, He is SO big! And He's perfect in everything He does. We cannot imagine what He is really like. And that is good! We can just keep on learning and keep on thinking about who He is and what He has done for us. That will help us to love and worship Him more.

Activity: Circle the words that describe God—His attributes. Cross out words that do not describe God.



Answers: Eternal, Holy, Faithful, Just, Merciful, Love, Sovereign, Omnipotent

HOMESWORD FOR PARENTS

One attribute of God is all-loving (1 John 4:7-21). But this attribute has been misunderstood by many Christians and non-Christians. The tendency of many is to make God a type of butler—one who waits at our beck and call and exists to answer our demands for blessing and comfort. We seldom witness the awe and wonder His very name deserves in our world today.

But God's holiness demands that He despise each and every sin committed. Knowing His frightful hatred for sin should bring us to a reverent fear of the One who is a consuming fire (Hebrews 12:28-29). Only true fear of the Lord will bring knowledge (Proverbs 1:7).

It is not until we fear God for who He is that we will begin to understand the depths of His love. Because of the depth of His love, He was willing to offer the life of Jesus, who committed no sin yet was made sin for us, so that we could be made the righteousness of God (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21).

God is love, yes. But His definition of love goes way beyond the scope of ours. His love is demonstrated in the Gospel—that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, He was buried, and He rose again the third day (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). God's forgiveness and mercy extend to those who believe the Gospel and repent of their sin.