

# SESSION 3 FAMILY GUIDE

## WHAT IS TRUE ABOUT GOD?

**The Bible tells us what is true about God's nature.**

There is no one like our God. He is the maker of heaven and earth. He declares the end from the beginning. He has been, is, and will always be. He is the living God and the only God worthy of worship. God reveals what He is like through His attributes. Only God knows everything, and only God knows all that is true.

**Key Verse:** *Psalm 18:30*

**Key Passage:** *Isaiah 46:3-13*

## STUDY

Who is God?

- There is one God, but God exists eternally as three distinct, yet equal persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God is an eternal being who is Spirit. (See John 4:24.) He is not limited to be in one place at one time (*omnipresence*). (See Ps. 139:7-10.) He is the living God and the only God worthy of worship. There is but one true God, and He has made Himself known to us!

What is God like?

- God has revealed what He is like through His attributes and the image of the invisible God, Jesus. His glory is displayed through His attributes such as His holiness, omniscience, omnipotence, goodness, and justice. By the truth of God's word and knowing Jesus, we grow in knowledge and love for God.

Does God really know everything?

- Only God knows everything, and only God knows all that is true. In Isaiah 46:10, we read of God's all-encompassing knowledge or what we refer to as "omniscience." God knows all things—past, present, future, what could be, etc. Therefore, we can trust Him without question. Add to this fact that God is truth, and we have every confidence to turn to Him for answers because we will always find what is true.

## DISCUSS

- How has God revealed Himself to us? (See Heb. 1:2-3 and 2 Tim. 3:16-17 for special revelation through His Word and Jesus; See Rom. 1:19-20 and Rom. 2:14-15 for general revelation through the creation.)
- Does God really know all truth? If so, how should the way you seek to know what is true change?
- Should growing in the truth about who God is affect our worship of Him? Why or why not?

## PRAY

Encourage your preteen to seek the truth about God through the daily devotionals provided in her Discipleship Guide. Pray that your preteen will grow in the knowledge of who God is and what He has done. Ask God to reveal Himself to her and make His presence known in her everyday life. Pray 3 John 1:4 over them: "I have no greater joy than this: to hear that my children are walking in truth."

## GOD'S ATTRIBUTES IN CREATION

Take a walk together through your neighborhood or a local park. Comment on all the beautiful things God has made. Discuss how what is created points to Him. We see His power in the warmth of the sun as it is upheld by His Word. We observe His creativity in the unusual bugs and creatures. We experience His goodness when we enjoy pleasant smells or pretty flowers. Ask questions to help your preteen think about all we can learn about God just from creation.