# **ATTRIBUTES OF GOD**

# **LESSON 1: GOD IS HOLY** ☆

Lessons in this series: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Overview

This Sunday school lesson will identify God as being perfect and holy as well as explain to children that God's holiness provided Jesus as a sacrifice for our sins.

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# **TOPICS**

Holiness, Knowing God, Love, Mercy, Sin

## **AS KIDS ARRIVE (10 MINUTES)**

Ask the children to sit on the floor in front of you. Read Leviticus 20:8 and explain to the children that this Bible verse talks about obeying God because He is perfect and does nothing wrong. Next, sing the first verse of the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" and repeat the verse at least two more times while encouraging the children to sing along.

## **WORSHIP TIME (5 MINUTES)**

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## **BIBLE VERSE (12 MINUTES)**

# "He is the Rock, his ways are perfect, and all his ways are just." Deuteronomy 32:4a NIV

This verse will remind children that God is perfect and holy and they can trust in His care.

# **BIBLE STORY (15 MINUTES)**

Gather the children around you in preparation for story time. If possible, use a Children's Bible so it will be easier for the kids to understand.

#### Introduction:

Moses was a mighty leader of God's people. He helped them escape from slavery in Egypt and led them to a very special place God had prepared for them to live. However, Moses was very old and God told him that his helper, Joshua, would be the new leader in the new land. Moses then spoke the words to a song in front of Joshua and encouraged all the people to keep obeying God.

Read Deuteronomy 32:3-4 (God is worthy of praise because He is holy.)

# **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. These verses tell us that God is perfect. What is another word for perfect? (Holy.)
- 2. What are some ways we can praise God for His holiness? (Through prayer, singing, learning about Him, etc.)
- 3. Why aren't we holy, or perfect, like God? (Because we disobey.)

Read Romans 6:22-23 (God sent Jesus to pay the price for our sin.)

# **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. What is the punishment for sin? (Death.)
- 2. How did God, in His holiness, set us free from sin? (By sending Jesus to die for us so we may have eternal life.)

# Conclusion

God is Holy because He is perfect and does nothing wrong. Because of His holiness He provided a way for us to have a relationship with Him and go to Heaven when we die. When we ask God to forgive our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, then we become God's children.

# **FUN TIME (15 MINUTES)**

God is Holy (Craft) Click here

# **ALTERNATE FUN TIME (10 MINUTES)**

Paying For Sin (Activity) Click here

# PRAYER/SNACK (10 MINUTES)

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Start by praying to God and thanking Him for His holiness. Thank Him for sending Jesus to pay for our sins. Then serve the children pretzel sticks and small cups of water. Ask the children to try forming crosses with their pretzels as a reminder that Jesus paid for our sins by dying on the cross.

# **CLOSING ACTIVITY (5-10 MINUTES)**

As children wait for their parents to arrive, talk about the perfection and holy nature of Heaven because of God's presence. Tell them about God's throne, the angels that serve and worship Him, and the beautiful sights such as brilliant lights and rainbows. Remind the children that they will go to Heaven when they die if they trust in Jesus as their Savior.

# **NEXT WEEK**

Come back next week to learn more about God.

# **SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON TAKE HOME PAGE**

Give one copy to each child at the end of the class to take home [PDF]. Click here

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# **GOD IS HOLY** ☆

# A free Bible craft to remind children that God is holy.

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# **TOPICS:**

Holiness, Knowing God

## **MATERIALS:**

Colored construction paper 3-4 Glue sticks, marker
Pre-drawn Shapes <u>Click here</u> (crosses, hearts, music notes, praying hands, Bibles, etc)
Glitter glue (for the "Increased-difficulty" option)



# **DURATION:**

Approximately 15 minutes

#### PREPARATION:

Print and cutout the shapes. Write, "God is Holy" at the top of each piece of paper with a marker. Disperse the pre-drawn shapes and glue sticks along the table(s) so the children can choose which shapes to use.

## WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Before starting the craft explain what each of the shapes represent. Allow each child to pick their desired color of construction paper. Then ask them to pick shapes that remind them of God's holiness, or perfection, and glue them to their paper (assist younger children with glue application). As they work, tell the children that because God is holy He requires a payment for sin. Jesus died to pay for our sins so we can know God and go to Heaven. Also, encourage the children to praise God for His holiness through prayer, singing, reading the Bible, and telling others about Him.

Time-Saving Option: Cut bigger and fewer shapes so the children will not have as many items to glue.

Increased-Difficulty Option: Let the children pick the shape they feel most represents God's holiness and decorate it with glitter glue.

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# **PAYING FOR SIN** ☆

The children will participate in an activity to teach them that only Jesus can pay for sin.

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# **TOPICS:**

Holiness, Knowing God, Sin

# **MATERIALS:**

Play money <u>Click here</u>
Various recycled food boxes and containers (such as cereal, pasta, milk, etc)
Marker, sticker price tags
Medium card stock, scissors



## **DURATION:**

Approximately 10 minutes

## **PREPARATION:**

Print the play money on medium card stock and cut out the coins. Write a small dollar amount on each price tag and place a tag on each recycled food container. Set up the containers on a side table or on the floor.

#### WHAT YOU WILL SAY:

Give each child the same amount of play money and tell all of them that they are going to pretend they are at a grocery store. They will pick one or two items and pay for them with their money. Help the children decide which items to "purchase" depending on how much money they have. Then they will "pay" for their items by giving you the correct amount of money. After all the children have paid for their items, tell them the items are like sin, or the bad things we do. Because only God is perfect and holy, we have no way to pay for them! Help the children understand that the play money is like Jesus paying for our sin by dying on the cross. Without money, there is no way to pay for our sins. When we trust in Jesus as our Savior, He pays for our sins through His perfect sacrifice.

Time-Saving Option: Make all the food boxes/containers the same price to avoid confusion, especially among younger children.

Increased-Difficulty-Option: Mark different prices on the food boxes/containers so children may practice adding money.

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