

TITLE: GOD THE FATHER

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Existence: God Exists

Romans 1:18-20

Use this as an opportunity to talk to your child about evidence that God exists. You may want to focus on how he changes lives.

Billy Graham gives the example of the wind, this is also found in John 3:8. We cannot see the wind but we know it is real because we have seen its effects. So ask your child if they can see the wind and how they know it is real.

Attributes: The fundamental characteristics of God(Special things only God can do)

Divine Attributes:

Omnipotence: God is all-powerful

Job 42:2

Ask, "What is something you think is powerful?"

For younger children it may be fun to point out that God is more powerful than a herd of elephants.

Older children especially teens need to know God is more powerful than peer-pressure and temptation. Note that it often times takes more strength to go through a trial than it does to avoid it altogether.

Omnipresence: God is present everywhere simultaneously

Psalms 139:8

For younger children communicate that God is able to be with a distant relative and with them at the same time.

For the older children think of the World Wide Web. The internet allows us to be connected with many different people around the world at the same time. 100 years ago this would have been impossible and a crazy idea.

The amazing thing is that God is actually able to be in all the world at the same time. If that sounds impossible or crazy, remember the internet.

Omniscience: God knows all things

Psalms 139:4

According to Matthew 10:30 God knows even the number of hairs on our head.

Ask kids if they can count them? There are actually between 100,000 and 200,000 on most full heads of hair.

The fact that God knows is one thing. But more important to point out is that he cares so much about us and knows things about us we don't know.

Personal Attributes:

Holiness: God is without evil and is only good

Isaiah 5:16

Here is an idea to help illustrate. You will need three pieces of paper, 2 white and 1 black. Explain the white paper is like God. No marks of darkness just pure white. The black is like sin all dark, nothing white on it. Take the third sheet of paper(white) is us. Take a crayon and put marks on the paper. The marks show our sin. We all sin, some marks may seem bigger or darker but they all show our sinfulness. Then point out again that God has not sin, he is holy.

Love: God seeks the best for others

Isaiah 5:16

Justice: God applies righteous consequences equally to everyone

1 John 4:8

Two things to talk about here

1. All sin is bad and has consequences
2. Mercy, forgiveness and grace are given to all who confess and repent(turn to God)

Sovereignty: God can do whatever he wills

Psalm 135:5, 6

This is a tough one, stick with the scripture.

Trinity: God is three persons, yet one

Deut. 6:4 & 2 Corinthians 13:14

Some ideas to help illustrate

1. An Egg – shell, yoke and white
2. People – Father, Son & Man - Mother, Daughter & Woman
3. St. Patrick used the three leaf clover to evangelize Ireland. One leaf three separate parts.