

GOD IS PERFECT AND SET APART

FOUNDATION: GOD IS HOLY - GOD GIVES THE LAW

BIG TRUTH: GOD IS PERFECT AND SET APART

Exodus 15:11; Leviticus 19:2; 2 Samuel 22:31; Psalm 18:30; Matthew 5:48

BIBLE VERSE: 1 SAMUEL 2:2

“There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.”

BIG IDEAS

- God is perfect and everything He does is right.
- God is the standard for all that is good.
- God is different than us; He is set apart.

BIBLE STORY: ISAIAH 6:1-6

God is holy and pure. His holiness is not a product of His nature; it is foundational to who He is. No one is holy like God. God is set apart from every other being because He is completely holy and does nothing that is unholy. Isaiah’s vision of God produces a reaction of worship and awe. This same reaction is had by all who are given a vision of God in His splendor and majesty throughout Scripture. Isaiah understands his own lack of holiness when he is faced with God’s. The only response to God’s holiness is worship and a crying out of “Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts!” God is holy and set apart from all others.

FOUNDATION: GOD IS HOLY - GOD GIVES THE LAW

God is holy. This means that He is separate from all of creation. There is nothing like Him in existence and nothing that can even be compared to Him. He is complete, perfect, and separate in every single way possible. God commands that His people are to “be holy just as He is holy.” In our own imperfection, there is no way we can be holy, but in God’s grace He gave His people the law. The law points us to who God is, our need for Him, and that our only hope to become holy like God is through the shedding of innocent blood on behalf of the guilty.

BIG AIMS



Every child should know:

- God is perfect and holy
- The Ten Commandments



Every child should:

- Define “good” by God’s standard



Every child should feel:

- Incapable of being holy on their own



Every child should want to:

- To be holy because God is holy

FAMILY DEVOTION: GOD SETS THE STANDARD FOR GOOD

God gives all things to His people, including ideas. Man’s standard for good is established by God. We should measure goodness by who God is and what He declares is good. Everything God does is good and this sets the standard for His people to do what is good.

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“There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.”

There is only one holy God.

- There is only one God and there is no other like Him.
- He alone is holy and true.
- Hannah’s prayer of thanksgiving to God reveals His holiness and what our response to Him should be.
- She prays, thanking the only holy God for His provision to her. She worships Him for His holiness and acknowledges Him as set apart from all others.
- David praises God as the unique holy God in 2 Samuel 7:22, revealing God’s complete holiness.

God is unique and the rock of our salvation.

- As God reveals Himself to His servants, they respond with praise to Him for His holiness.
- Hannah worships Him as her rock and the only holy God.
- David worships Him as the one true and holy God in his prayer of thanksgiving.
- Moses declares the oneness of God and His uniqueness in his song of praise.¹

God is the only absolutely holy being.

- There is no other being who compares to God.
- His servants have always declared His holiness.
- God reveals Himself in holiness and glory to His people and they respond in praise and worship.
- He interacts with His people in holiness.
- All who truly encounter Him are aware of His holiness and are brought to worship of the one true God

BIBLE STORY: ISAIAH 6:1-6*Isaiah's Vision of the Lord*

Supporting Scripture: Psalm 18:25-26; Mark 10:8; Exodus 15:11.

Teacher Introduction:

Isaiah's vision of God in all of His glory was overwhelming and awe-inspiring. Isaiah saw God on His throne clothed in His great majesty and his heart was overcome. God is holy and righteous. His glory outshines any other light and the only response to seeing His holiness and glory is to proclaim His greatness. Even the angelic beings surrounding God's throne could only proclaim His holiness. Their song of praise rang out for all to hear. Isaiah's response was an understanding of his own lack of holiness. When compared to the holiness of God, Isaiah understood that man is not holy. God is the only holy being and He is set apart from the rest of mankind and all the world. No one compares to God and His holiness. God's holiness fills all the earth and produces only praise from those who encounter Him.

Teaching Guide:

The guide below is provided to help you teach the narrative: *Isaiah's Vision of the Lord*. The three points are the Big Ideas that should guide your lesson as you share from Isaiah 6:1-6 and teach the narrative: *Isaiah's Vision of the Lord*. Footnotes are provided for further study of the text and God's interaction with His people. Throughout the lesson, questions are placed to help you guide the preschoolers to think about and process the narrative: *Isaiah's Vision of the Lord*.

Opening Illustration:

Help the children make a list on the board of "good" things and "bad" things. Give them some examples of "good" behaviors and "bad" behaviors and ask them to choose the ones that they think are good.

- How do we know when something is good? (It makes someone feel good or it's nice or it helps someone.)
- How do we know that helping someone, being nice to someone, or making someone feel good is a good thing? (Help them understand that God is the reason we know what is good.)
- God shows us what is good because He is good. We know what is good because God is good and everything He does is good and perfect.

BIG IDEA: GOD IS PERFECT AND EVERYTHING HE DOES IS RIGHT.²**God is the only truly holy being.**

- God's holiness means He has absolute moral purity.
- Absolute moral purity means that He always does what is right and good. He doesn't do wrong or things that aren't good.
- God has no presence of sin in Him. No idea to sin has ever or will ever enter Him.
- He is completely pure and noble. He always chooses to do what is right and good.
- Everything He thinks, feels, and does is holy.
- Isaiah saw God in His holiness and it was magnificent.



Sing "Holy, Holy, Holy" with the children. Talk with them about how even the angels sing "Holy, Holy, Holy" to God because He is holy and good.

Everything that God does is right. There is no wrong in Him.

- God's holiness means that all He does is perfect and good.
- His thoughts are right and good. He does not think bad things or desire to do bad things.
- Isaiah saw the perfection in God in his vision of God on His throne.
- God was lifted up on a throne, His presence filling every part of the temple.

God is perfect and good always.

- God is above all other beings.
- Even angelic seraphim cover themselves when faced with His holiness.
- God is holiness itself. He doesn't just do right and holy things; He is holiness.
- His holiness fills the whole earth.

What does "holy" mean? (It means to do what is right and good always, to have no wrong in you.)
Who is the only holy being? (God is the only holy being. There is no one else holy like God.)

2. Psalm 18:25-26: Everything that God does is right and perfect. He is blameless in all His ways and all that He chooses to do is perfect. He sets the standard for our own goodness.

BIG IDEA: GOD IS THE STANDARD FOR ALL THAT IS GOOD.**All things originate with God, including the idea of good.**

- God is good and right. He does all things right.
- All that He does is good. He never does anything that is not good.
- Isaiah saw the holiness of God and understood that all that God does is good.
- When people encounter God's works, they can only praise Him for His good deeds.
- Hannah could only praise God for His good deeds and His good and right provision for her.³

God determines what is good and we can look at His works to see examples of good things.

- Good originates with God.⁴
- He is wiser than all others and what He declares is good is good.
- All other good is measured by what God determines and what He does.

We know what is good because God is good and we interact with God.

- All that God does is good and used for His glory.
- We know what is good because God sets the standard. He shows us what is good by what He declares and what He does.
- He loves those who don't love Him, so we know to love our enemies is a good thing.
- He sacrifices for those He loves, so we know sacrificing for others is a good thing.

From whom do we learn what is good and what is not? (We learn from God who sets the standard for us.)



Bring in a white sheet or a couple pairs of costume wings that the children can take turns putting on and pretend to be seraphim. Lead the children in praising God for His holiness like the seraphim. Remind them that God is holy and good and even the angels sing praises to God for His holiness.

3. 1 Samuel 2:2: Hannah prayed for a child and the Lord answered her prayer. Her response to experiencing the work of the Lord was to proclaim His holiness and goodness.

4. Mark 10:8: No one is good except for God. It is only through knowing Jesus that man can do good things.

BIG IDEA: GOD IS DIFFERENT THAN US; HE IS SET APART.⁵**God's holiness sets Him apart from all others.**

- No one is like God, nor will they ever be.
- God is uniquely, completely holy.
- His holiness sets Him apart from all others.
- Even the seraphim could only declare His holiness; they could not be holy like Him.
- Isaiah immediately understood his own lack of holiness when he encountered God's holiness.

God is set apart from man.

- God's children can strive to be like God, but they are not the same as God.
- God's holiness lifts Him above all others.
- Isaiah saw Him lifted up on His throne above all others.
- God's holiness is His perfection.
- There is no other being with these characteristics.
- Even the seraphim, whose praise was pure, covered themselves in His presence.
- Man can only respond in praise to the one who is most holy above all others.



Make a list of the characteristics of God versus the characteristics of man on the board. Help the children list out the ways that God is different from man. Remind them that God is holy and set a part from man, but man needs God in order to be holy.

How is God different from man? (God is always holy and good. He is holiness. Man is not good and holy and needs God to be holy.)

5. Exodus 15:11: *There is none like God. None is holy like God or does good works like God. He is set apart from all others.*

HOOKS

**God Is Perfect and Right**

Bring in white fabric or cardstock and watercolor paint. Give each child a square of white cloth and a paintbrush and paint. Together name some of the things that we do that are not good and ask the children to make a mark on their cloth every time you name something that they have done. Some examples are “disobeying parents”, “being mean to siblings”, “not sharing”, etc. Hold up a white square of fabric and attach it to the board or wall if you can. Next, attach the children’s cloths that have watercolor marks on them next to the clean white one.



- This clean white cloth is what God is like compared to everyone else.
- He is holy and pure. All that He does is right and good.
- These marks on your cloth represent how we are not good and holy. We sin and do things that are not good.
- God is set apart from us. He is holy and right. We are not holy and right.

**God Is Our Standard For Good**

Bring in several different types of food. Bring in something that is sweet, salty, savory, and sour. Let the children take turns tasting each of the foods and saying if they are “good” or “bad”. They most likely will have different answers for the foods.

- Not everyone thinks the same foods are good, do they? (No, some people like sweet foods and some people don’t.)
- How do we know what is good if everyone has a different idea about what is good? (We only know what is good because God shows us what is good.)
- We know what actions and behaviors are good because God sets that standard for us. He tells us what is good and what is not good.
- Just like we determine what food we like based on our taste buds, we determine what is good in life---what actions are good, what thoughts are good by listening to God.

God Is Set Apart

Bring in a box of buttons or marbles. Remove all but one of the red marbles. In your entire box of buttons or marbles, there should only be one red one. Allow the children to look through the box of buttons or marbles. Ask them to describe the marbles or buttons to you.

- How many red buttons or marbles are there in our box? (There is only one.)
- There is only one red button or marble just like there is only one holy God. No one else is like God.
- God is different than us, just like the red marble or button is different from the others in the box. God is set apart.