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## **A NEW ADVENTURE**

### **Lesson 1**

**(Student Copy)**

#### **KNOWING GOD**

Welcome to #ANewAdventure! You would probably feel new to this whole thing called the “Christian faith.”

*The Christian faith is a **relationship**. Its message is that there is a God who loved us so much that he came and died for a world of lost sinners.*

**John Stott**

#### **Who is God?**

Is He a great, majestic God who is distant from us?

Is He a loving Father who is interested in our lives?

Both these words, ‘majestic’ and ‘loving’ may seem contradictory at first thought.

In this lesson, we will discover that God is great and majestic. He is everywhere, He knows everything, and He is all powerful. However, God is also a loving Father who values a personal relationship with us.

As we make sense of this and understand the attributes of God, it will help us know a little more about God and change the way we interact with God.

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Everything starts with God.

*The Lord has made everything for its purpose...*

**Proverbs 16:4 (ESV)**

*For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created through him and for him.*

**Colossians 1:16 (NIV)**

**YOU WERE MADE \_\_\_\_ GOD \_\_\_\_ GOD**

*For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.*

**Romans 11:36 (NIV)**

## Who is God?

In the beginning, God created the Universe...even before anything comes into existence.

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

**Genesis 1:1(NIV)**

1. God is \_\_\_\_\_.

*Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

**Psalms 90:2 (NIV)**

*For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight...*

**Ephesians 1:4 (NIV)**

2. God is \_\_\_\_\_.

The word 'majesty' comes from the Latin; it means \_\_\_\_\_.

*The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength; indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.*

**Psalms 93:1 (NIV)**

*They speak of the glorious splendour of your majesty - and I will meditate on your wonderful works.*

**Psalms 145:5 (NIV)**

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*When we say God is majestic, we are declaring the greatness of God and that He is worthy of our worship. The same applies when the Bible speaks of God as being 'on high' and 'in heaven'. It means He is far above us in greatness, and therefore is to be adored.*

**JI Packer**

- a. God is \_\_\_\_\_ (Omnipresent).

*"Am I only a God nearby, "declares the Lord, "and not a God far away? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?" declares the Lord "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" declares the Lord.*

**Jeremiah 23:23-24 (NIV)**

*Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.*

**Psalms 139:7-10 (NIV)**

- b. God knows \_\_\_\_\_ (Omniscient).

*... he knows everything.*

**1 John 3:20 (NIV)**

*Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.*

**Hebrews 4:13 (NLT)**

**God knows us as we really are,  
better indeed than we know ourselves.**

*How awesome our lives become when we realise that we spend every moment of our lives in the sight and company of an omniscient, omnipresent Creator!*

**JI Packer**

- c. God is all \_\_\_\_\_ (Omnipotent).

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us...*

**Ephesians 3:20 (NIV)**

*Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."*

**Matthew 19:26 (NIV)**

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### **DISCUSSION 1**

God is Majestic. How does this understanding affect the nature of your relationship with God?

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### READ: Genesis 1:3-25

If we read Genesis 1, we can see that all of creation come into existence at God's \_\_\_\_\_ words.

*Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being...*

**Genesis 2:7 (NIV)**

*Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.*

**Genesis 2:22 (NIV)**

But God created both man and woman by his own \_\_\_\_\_ and through the giving of his own \_\_\_\_\_.

## DISCUSSION 2

Very interestingly the Bible says that when God made mankind, He took careful attention in combining something from this physical world and something of himself. Think about this, how special does this act show us about the value of mankind from God's point of view?

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Not only was mankind created special, but God also made human beings “in his own image.”

*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*

**Genesis 1:27 (ESV)**

No other creature can reflect the attributes of God more fully than human beings!

3. God is our \_\_\_\_\_.

Probably the greatest truth in the universe: There is an almighty God who is a **loving Father** to us.

*For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.*

**Ephesians 3:14-15 (NIV)**

**A loving Father God is a \_\_\_\_\_ God.**

God as our Father is a relational God who values and treasures relationship. This truth about God is one of the greatest distinctive features of Christianity – that God is not just holy and majestic, but a loving, caring Father to all His children.

The understanding of God as our Father shapes and affects every part of our Christian life. The \_\_\_\_\_ revelation of God is the revelation of God as Father. This is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God which colours and shapes all the rest of His attributes.

Without the revelation and experience of God in our lives, our relationship with God will only be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

*I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.*

**John 17:26 (NIV)**

To know God as our Father is to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Father. Jesus wants us to experience the same love Father God has toward Him. That is really the highlight of the Christian experience.

*In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.*

**Ephesians 3:12 (NIV)**

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### Benefits of Experiencing God as our Father

a. \_\_\_\_\_.

At some point in our lives, all of us face an identity crisis. We question our purpose in life and we ask the question, "Who am I?"

The only way we will ever know who we are is by knowing who our \_\_\_\_\_ is.

b. \_\_\_\_\_.

*See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.*

**1 John 3:1 (NIV)**

*Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you.*

**Psalm 73:25 (NIV)**

When we have God as our loving Father, we need nothing else on earth. Even if God is all you have, He is truly more than enough!

c. \_\_\_\_\_.

With God as your father, you have absolute stability and security; God is entirely wise and good, and our position as God's child is permanently assured. As this truth that God is our loving Father becomes the basis of our life of faith, we learn to live a life of security – we are the children of God!

### DISCUSSION 3

"You are a child of God." What does this truth mean to you?

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### **CONCLUSION**

God is personal yet majestic.

The Bible presents to us God's greatness. He is God the Creator, bringing order out of chaos, calling life into being by His word. He is Lord of all that He has made. He is eternal, the beginning and the end.

At the same time, the Bible also brings home the fact that God is not impersonal and indifferent. Instead, God is a living Person, thinking, feeling, active, approving of good, disapproving of evil, and interested in His creatures all the time.

God is our loving Father, and we are His children. As we understand this, life starts to make sense and we start to discover the purpose for our lives.



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# What Have I Learned Today

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, occupying the lower two-thirds of the page. It is intended for students to write their reflections on what they have learned today.