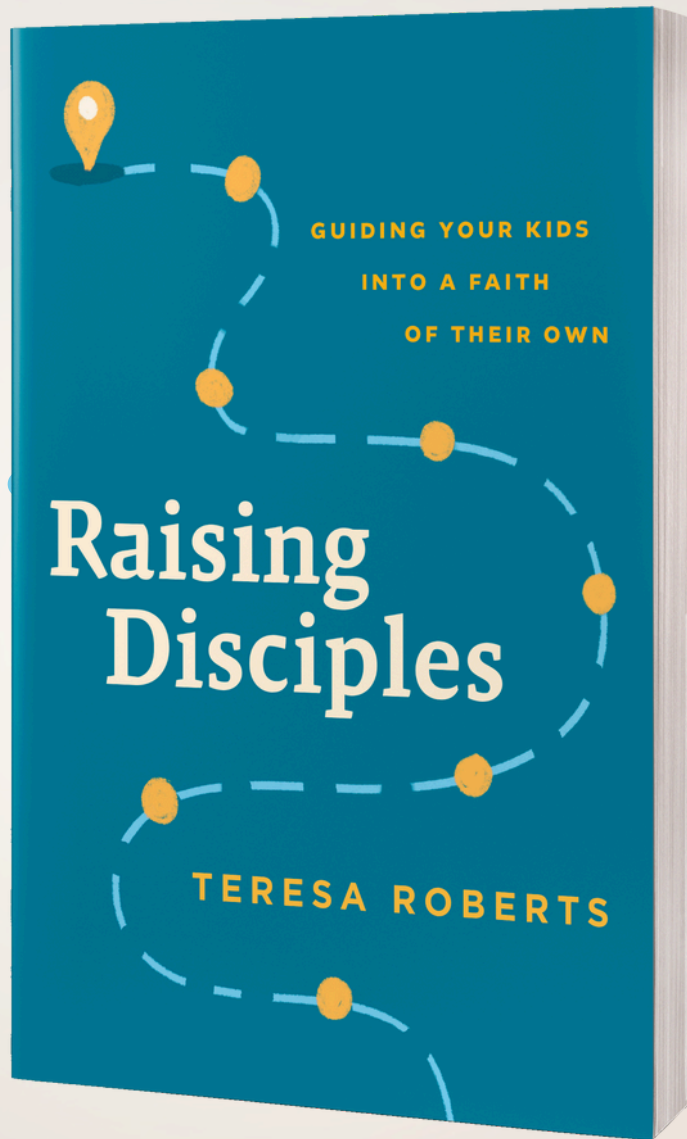


# Teaching Kids the Characteristics of God

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## Are You a Parent or Children's Ministry Leader ... or Both?

*Raising Disciples: Guiding Your Kids into a Faith of Their Own* introduces a seven-stage discipleship pathway starting from infancy through adolescence. Along this journey, you can help children develop a foundational vocabulary of faith by teaching them about the characteristics of God from a young age.

As children learn everyday words, their understanding of terms about God, scripture, and their faith can grow alongside their overall vocabulary. This gradual development supports their increasing knowledge of God each year.

Many words related to God are abstract concepts, so a child's vocabulary of faith become more robust when they encounter these concepts in action through Bible stories or connect them to relevant Bible verses.

For more faith vocabulary words and Bible stories to guide your children along their discipleship journey, refer to *Raising Disciples: Guiding Your Kids into a Faith of Their Own*.

May God give you wisdom as you raise disciples!

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**A Note from  
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**0-3  
Years**  
(Infants &  
Toddlers)

## God is LOVE

God cares for you, me, and everyone.



### **Bible Story**

The little children and Jesus (Mark 10:13-16)

### **Bible Verse**

“God loved the world.” (John 3:16a, simplified)

**3-4  
Years**

## God is GREAT

God is bigger and better than anyone or anything else.



### **Bible Story**

Jesus calms the storm (Mark 8:35-41)

### **Bible Verse**

“The LORD is great. He is really worthy of praise.” (Psalm 48:1a)

## God is POWERFUL

God is strong. God is in control of everything. God can do great things.



### **Bible Story**

God created everything in seven days (Genesis 1)

### **Bible Verse**

“God is the most powerful Lord of all.” (1 Timothy 6:15)

**5-6  
Years**

## God is GOOD

God is always loving, caring, right, and fair.



### **Bible Story**

God saves Noah and his family (Genesis 6-8)

### **Bible Verse**

“The LORD is God. He has been good to us.” (Psalm 118:27)

## God is KIND

God is loving and helpful to everyone



### **Bible Story**

Jesus heals the blind man (Luke 18:35-42)

### **Bible Verse**

“LORD, you are a God who is tender and kind.” (Psalm 86:15a)

## God is MIGHTY

God is great. God is stronger than anyone or anything. God can do all things.



### **Bible Story**

God parts the Red Sea to save Moses and the Israelites (Exodus 14)

### **Bible Verse**

“The LORD your God is...mighty and wonderful.”  
(Deut 10:17, abridged)

## God is the ONE AND ONLY GOD

God is the only true God. There is no other god. God alone is the Lord over everything that exists.



### **Bible Story**

God shows He is the only God through the 10 plagues in Egypt (Exodus 7-13)

### **Bible Verse**

“The LORD is the one and only God. (Deuteronomy 6:4b)

**7-8  
Years**

## God is ALL-POWERFUL

God has complete and unlimited power. God is almighty and over all things!



### **Bible Story**

God saves Daniel in the den of lions and King Darius honors God (Daniel 6)

### **Bible Verse**

“Great and powerful God, your name is the LORD Who Rules Over All.” (Jeremiah 32:18)

## God is COMPASSIONATE

God is concerned about our needs and wants to help those who are in pain.



### **Bible Story**

Jesus raises the widow’s son from the dead (Luke 7:11-16)

### **Bible Verse**

“The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.” (Psalm 103:8)

## God is FAITHFUL

God is firm in keeping His promises. God is trustworthy and does not change.



### **Bible Story**

God fulfills his promise to Abraham and Sarah through the birth of Isaac (Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-7)

### **Bible Verse**

“The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.” (Psalm 145:13b)

**7-8  
Years**

## God is GLORIOUS

God is magnificent and deserves all praise, honor, and worship.

### **Bible Story**

Jesus appears to the disciples after his resurrection and then ascends into heaven (Luke 24:36-53, Acts 1:1-11)



### **Bible Verse**

“Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.” (Psalm 111:3)

## God is PERFECT

God is entirely without flaws. God does no wrong.

### **Bible Story**

God’s creation was perfect before sin entered the world (Genesis 1-2)



### **Bible Verse**

“He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.” (Deuteronomy 32:4)

**9-10  
Years**

## God is ALL-KNOWING

God knows everything in the past, in the present, and in the future.



### **Bible Story**

Jesus predicts Peter's denial; Peter denies Jesus and is restored (John 13, 18, 21)

### **Bible Verse**

"Great is our Lord. His power is mighty. There is no limit to his understanding." (Psalm 147:5)

## God is EVERLASTING

God has no beginning and no end. God has always been and lasts forever.



### **Bible Story**

John's vision of a new heaven and earth (John 21)

### **Bible Verse**

"The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom." Isaiah 40:28b

## God is HOLY

God is perfect in knowledge and understanding. God knows what is best in every situation.



### **Bible Story**

Isaiah's vision of the LORD and his call to go (Isaiah 6:1-8)

### **Bible Verse**

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." (Isaiah 6:3)

**9-10  
Years**

## God is MERCIFUL

God is kind, forgiving, and patient even when we do not deserve His love and care.



### **Bible Story**

Parable of the Lost Sons/Prodigals (Luke 15: 11-32)

### **Bible Verse**

“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” (Luke 6:36)

## God is RIGHTEOUS

God always does what is fair, good, and perfect. God's actions can be trusted to be right and true.



### **Bible Story**

God's kingdom and righteousness in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6:25-7:12)

### **Bible Verse**

“Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:33)

## God is UNCHANGING

God always does what he says he will do. God is faithful, true, and firm.



### **Bible Story**

Adam and Eve's sin, punishment, and promise in the garden (Gen 3)

### **Bible Verse**

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8)



**11-12  
Years**

## God is ALL-PRESENT

God is everywhere, in all places, all of the time. There is no place where God's presence does not exist. God is not limited by time or space for God created all things that exist.



### **Bible Story**

The Story of Jonah who tries to flee from the Lord (Jonah 1-2)

### **Bible Verse**

"Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go 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." (Psalm 139:7-9)

## God is ETERNAL

God has always existed and will always exist. God always was, always is, and always will be. God continues without interruption.



### **Bible Story**

The Rich Man and the Kingdom of God (Matthew 19:16-30)

### **Bible Verse**

"For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse." (Romans 1:20)

## God is GRACIOUS

God, because of His love and kindness, does not punish us according to our sins. God gives us what we have not earned and do not deserve. God forgives us and gives us freedom from sin.



### **Bible Story**

The thief on the cross (Luke 23: 32-43)

### **Bible Verse**

"The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love." (Psalm 145:8)

# 11-12 Years

## God is INFINITE

God is without limits. God is endless. God is immeasurable. God does not depend on anything or anyone. God's power, God's presence, and God's knowledge are unlimited.

### Bible Story

The Lord's response to Job. (Job 38-41)



### Bible Verse

“And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. 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, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

(Ephesians 3:17b-21)

## God is JUDGE

God has all the power to decide what is right and what is wrong. God is always fair, righteous, and truthful. God corrects us because of his love for us and wants what is best for us.



### Bible Story

The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus  
(Luke 16:19-31)

### Bible Verse

“Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.” (Psalm 96:13)

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Years**

## God is JUST

God is always correct and fair. God is right, consistent, and perfect in everything He does.



### **Bible Story**

God holds Cain accountable for his actions (Genesis 4:1-16)

### **Bible Verse**

“When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.  
(1 Peter 2:23-24)

## God is OUR SHEPHERD

God loves, knows, and cares deeply for his people. God protects and guides His people to the point of laying down His life.



### **Bible Story**

God leads the people of Israel from Egypt, through the wilderness, to Mt. Sinai (Exodus 13-18)

### **Bible Verse**

“The Lord is my shepherd. I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake” (Psalm 23: 1-3)

**11-12  
Years**

## God is TRIUNE/TRINITY

God is one being in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. The three persons are not separate from each other or different parts of God, but one God.



### **Bible Story**

Baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3:13-17)

### **Bible Verse**

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20)

## God is WISE

God is perfect in knowledge and understanding. God knows what is best in every situation.



### **Bible Story**

God gives Solomon wisdom to administer justice  
(1 Kings 3)

### **Bible Verse**

“For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth comes knowledge and understanding.”  
(Proverbs 2:6)