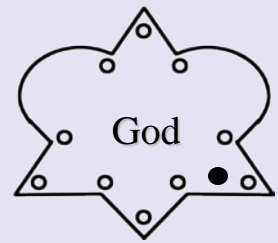


Truly Great To Know God

1.3 Loving Father God



Bible Verse: Psalm 3:11
 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
 so great is his love for those who fear him.

Proclaim: *Great is the Lord's love for those who fear Him.*

Truth: The Lord God is merciful and full of grace.
 With loving kindness, He made man so that we can be
 His own family, from hence to eternity.



Scripture Reference: Luke 15: 11-24

Lesson: (1) **Forever unchanging love** – The Bible states that: “ the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him..”

He loves us just as a father would love his children. (Psalm 107:1; 103:17)

(2) **Every man to his own way** – *Man is self-centered by nature. When we choose to walk according to our own ways, disregarding God's will and His ways, He is saddened. This is like the prodigal son who grieved the Father's heart.* (Isaiah 53:6)

(3) **Father God's great love** – *In the story of the prodigal son, the son committed great sin, but when he realized his wrongs, repented and turned back to his father, the father loved him still and completely accepted him to his side. The father's love had remained unchanged. He had been anxiously awaiting the son's return and thought continually of his well being, day and night.* (Luke 15:11-24)

(4) **Repentance and fear of God** – *The bible tells us that, regardless of what had happened, so long as we return to our heavenly father, He will forgive and accept us. As for man, God is looking for a heart that is willing to repent and which reveres Him. It is not the self-efforts of a person, such as the sacrificing of cows and of lambs. “A broken spirit and contrite heart, He will not despise.”* (Psalm 51:17; 33:18)

(5) **God's love for orphans** – *The Bible also tells us that it is God's will to be a Father to the fatherless. He earnestly hopes for those who do not have the love of father or mother to come and know His love.* (Psalm 68:5)

Conclusion: God has created man & woman so that they can belong to His family and have an intimate relationship with Him forever.

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| <u>You Will Need:</u> | A BIBLE; VISUAL AIDS- Lesson Title and Memory verse Money bag, new coat, etc. for the Drama |
| BIBLE STORY NARRATION | Luke 15:11-24 Story of the Prodigal son |
| DRAMA ACTING | Narrate the Bible story with Drama by some students. End the story in an opposite way from Luke 15:20 Explain the great & sacrificial love of Father God, who had waited continually & welcomed his repentant son home with total forgiveness and generous celebration |
| <u>PRAY</u> | Ask God to teach us how to love and trust Him (Other Prayers: _____) |