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# God Is ... Review



## Introduction Activity (5 Minutes)

### Option 1: Self-Portraits

**What You'll Need:** Blank paper, pens, pencils, markers, or colored pencils

**PREP:** Nothing

**STEP 1:** Give each kid a blank sheet of paper. Place pens, pencils, markers, or colored pencils nearby. Give kids three minutes to create a self-portrait. Encourage them to include characteristics that are unique to them (e.g., hairstyle, eye color, facial features, glasses.)

**STEP 2:** After three minutes, ask several volunteers to share their portraits.

Ask the following questions:

- What characteristics in this portrait are uniquely you?
- Why do our individual characteristics or personalities help others know us better?

**STEP 3:** Share these key concepts:

- Each of us have unique characteristics in our looks and personalities that set us apart from other people.
- These characteristics can help others identify you as "you." And as they get to know you better, they will appreciate these characteristics more.
- Over the past five sections you have learned five characteristics of God, helping you identify who He is and giving you an opportunity to know Him more.

**STEP 4:** Transition into the main lesson by opening in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help you and your kids understand these important truths they have learned about God.

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### Option 2: Personality Profiles

**What You'll Need:** Blank paper, pens or pencils

**PREP:** Nothing

**STEP 1:** Give each kid a blank sheet of paper and a pen or pencil. Encourage them to ask the person sitting to their left, "What are four things you know about me?" (Remind all kids to offer kind words of encouragement.) After one minute, have the kids switch roles.

**STEP 2:** Ask several volunteers to share their personality profiles.

Ask the following questions:

- How well did your friend identify your personality when they answered this questions? (Allow for responses.)
- What challenges did each of you face in knowing what each other are REALLY like?
- Why do our individual characteristics or personalities help others know us better?

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## Main Lesson Activity (10 Minutes)

### Option 1: God Is . . . Panel Praises

**What You'll Need:** Panel Praises handout, computer, printer, chairs

**PREP:** Ask five adults from your church or club to be on a panel. Assign each of the panel members one of the following topics: God is trustworthy, loving, faithful, patient, or always at work. Give each one a copy of the Panel Praises handout. Encourage them to be ready to share with the kids a personal circumstance in which God worked in this area of their lives.

Set up five chairs in the front of the room.

**STEP 1:** Have the panel members sit in front of the class. Introduce each guest, and ask each one to share his or her personal circumstances.

**STEP 2:** After the panel members have presented their personal circumstances, share the following key concepts:

- God is trustworthy and faithful. God always keeps His promises, and we can trust that no matter what situations we may face, we can know that God will never forsake us. We can trust that because of His steadfast love, He will always be there for us when we need Him (Psalm 9:10, Deuteronomy 7:9).
- God loves everyone and demonstrated that love by sending Jesus to take the punishment for sin. When we trust Him as Savior, God promises that nothing will separate us from His everlasting love (Romans 8:38-39).
- God is patient. He does all things in His perfect time. He desires for everyone to repent, and He patiently waits for people to trust Jesus as Savior (2 Peter 3:9).
- God is always at work. We can be sure that whatever we go through, no matter how difficult, our God will always work everything out for our good (Romans 8:28).

**STEP 3:** Have kids divide into pairs or groups. Ask a guest to join each group. Encourage kids and guests to pray and praise God for His amazing work in their lives.

**Step 4:** Follow up with Lesson Application questions and Sum It Up statements from the Large Group Guide.

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### Option 2: God Is . . . in My Life

**What You'll Need:** Bibles, blank sheets of paper, T&T handbooks, pens or pencils (Optional: CD and CD player, smartphone, or tablet)

**PREP:** Optional: Choose several favorite worship songs to play during this activity

**STEP 1:** Remind kids that over the past five lessons they have learned characteristics of who God is. Have kids divide into groups of two or three, and give them two minutes to discuss their favorite thing they have learned about God throughout this unit.

**STEP 2:** Distribute blank sheets of paper and pens or pencils to each kid. Give kids four minutes to review their handbooks and reflect on ways that God is trustworthy, loving, faithful, patient, and always at work in their lives. Encourage them to write or draw their reflections.

**STEP 3:** After kids have finished, briefly highlight the following key concepts from this unit:

- God is trustworthy and faithful. God always keeps His promises, and we can trust that no matter what situations we may face, we can know that God will never forsake us. We can trust that because of His steadfast love, He will always be there for us when we need Him (Psalm 9:10, Deuteronomy 7:9).
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**STEP 4:** Encourage kids to pray quietly, thanking God for who He is in each of our lives.

**STEP 5:** Follow up with Lesson Application questions and Sum It Up statements from the Large Group Guide.

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# Panel Praises

Use the following highlights from the T&T sections to help you prepare a testimony of praise for your assigned topic.

## **GOD IS TRUSTWORTHY.**

God loves us so much that He made a way for us to have a right relationship with Him. When we trust in Him as Savior, He promises to always be with us. We can trust God's promises that He will never leave us and that He is our shield and our refuge. When we trust in God and His word, we are safe and we will have peace, no matter what struggles we may face.

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## **GOD IS LOVING.**

God loves everyone, but sin broke man's relationship with God (Romans 5:12). God's greatest demonstration of love was sending Jesus to die on the cross to take the punishment for sin and fix our relationship with God (Romans 5:8). When we trust Jesus as Savior, nothing can ever separate us from God's great, amazing love (Romans 8:38-39).

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## **GOD IS FAITHFUL.**

He keeps His promises and continues to love us, no matter what (Romans 8:38-39). He will always do what He says He will do (Deuteronomy 7:9). God has a plan for each person who trusts Jesus as Savior (Jeremiah 29:11). God will be faithful when we are tempted (1 Corinthians 10:13). He will continue to forgive us and help us in troubled times (1 John 1:9). He will complete the work that He has begun in our lives (Philippians 1:6).

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## **GOD IS PATIENT.**

He desires that all people should repent from sin and follow Him (2 Peter 3:9). God has a plan for each person who has trusted Jesus as Savior. He is patiently working out the details of that plan, and we can trust God's perfect timing in our lives (Jeremiah 29:11, 2 Peter 3:8).

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## **GOD IS ALWAYS AT WORK.**

God desires for all people to be saved (2 Peter 3:9). When we accept Jesus as Savior, our relationship with God is fixed (Romans 5:1). God has a good plan for each of us to make us more like His Son, Jesus (Jeremiah 29:11). God loves us, and we can trust His plan for us. No matter what we go through, good and bad, God will use it to help us be more like Jesus. God is always at work for our good (Romans 8:28).