

## I Want to Know You...The Attributes of God #14--God is Wrath

**HOOK:** When I count to three I want all of you to show me your angry face. Ready? One, two, three! Yikes! Those are some scary angry faces! It may be hard to believe that God gets angry sometimes, but it's true. Yet God isn't like us--He doesn't lose His temper or become angry in a sinful way. God is perfect and even in His anger He is holy. Another word for God's anger is "wrath." That's our Attribute of God today: WRATH.

**BOOK:** Here's a Bible story that gives us an example of God's wrath: God performed miracles through Moses in order to save the Israelites from slavery and to show them that He was God and they were His people. Remember, He divided the Red Sea so the Israelites could travel safely across and escape Pharaoh and his army? Can you imagine how spectacular that must have been? God caused a great wind to blow and the sea parted, forming a wall of water to the right and to the left! The Israelites were saved! But guess what? It wasn't long before they forgot that God had rescued them. The Bible says: **"But they soon forgot what He had done and did not wait for His plan to unfold."** They forgot *and* they were impatient. But that's not all. They also traded God in for a golden cow statue and worshipped this worthless idol. Not only that, those Israelites didn't trust that God would keep His promises. They complained, disobeyed *and* did horrible acts. Ugh! Finally, God said "enough is enough!"

**LOOK:** Boys and girls, God is always good. He is without sin and He can't tolerate sin. He is also very patient so over and over again He rescued and blessed the Israelites, but they wouldn't change their ways. So, after a while God unleashed His wrath on them. In His wrath, He allowed a disease and plague to come upon them. He also allowed their enemies to overtake them and many died or were killed. Yikes!

**TOOK:** We don't like to hear stories about God's wrath, do we? We like to think of God as only kind, loving and never angry. Yet, WRATH is an attribute of God that we can't ignore because, just like the Israelites, we forget about God, too. But, because Jesus died on the cross for our sins, we can be saved from God's wrath that leads to death. When we accept Jesus into our life, God no longer holds our sin against us!

**Bible Verse:** "...Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath." 1 Thess. 1:10

**Prayer:** "Father God, we know You are perfect, even in Your wrath. Help us to remember all that You have done for us and to trust and obey You. Thank You for sending us Jesus, who rescues us from Your holy wrath. Amen."

## The Attributes of God: WISE



what we  
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God is WISE and we can be wise too! Jesus said, “Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds his house on solid rock.” Storms may come, but the house won’t collapse because it is built on solid ground. He then says, “Anyone who hears my teaching and doesn’t follow it is foolish, like a person who builds his house on the sand.” The house on the sand falls down because sand isn’t strong enough to hold it in place during a storm. For us this means that can know a lot about God, but if we don’t do what He says, we are foolish. We are wise, though, when we listen to God’s instructions and follow them.



memory  
verse

**“Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock.” Matthew 7:24**



parent/child  
activity

Proverbs is a book full of wisdom. Look at some verses in Proverbs that give instruction about the right way to live. Pick a favorite that your child can relate to, write it down on an index card and post it in your house. Talk with your child about God’s wisdom and the value of being wise and following God’s instructions.



daily prayer

**“Dear God, we praise You because You are so wise. Thank You for giving us wisdom, too. Help us to follow Your words like the wise man that built his house on a rock. Amen.”**

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