

I Want to Know You...The Attributes of God #19--God is Jealous

**Note to teachers: Before you teach, know the difference between jealousy and envy.*

HOOK: Boys and girls, do you remember when we talked about two very different meanings for the word “holy”? We said there is “holey”--like a sock full of holes and there is the holiness of God which means He is perfect and pure. Well, today we’re going to learn another word that has two different sides to it. The word is “jealous” and that’s our Attribute of God today. There is a human kind of jealousy and a God form of jealousy.

BOOK: We may feel jealous if we think someone is “stealing” our friend from us or that our brother or sister gets more attention from our parents than we do, for example. When we are jealous we often feel like we want to get even with the person who is taking something from us! This kind of jealousy is wrong. It’s sin. But God’s jealousy is not sinful because God never sins! He is jealous when we give our love and devotion to something or someone else instead of giving it to Him most of all. The Bible tells us: **“Do not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.” Exodus 34:14** We belong to our Holy God so we shouldn’t live as if anything is more important than He is. He is faithful to us and wants us to be faithful to Him.

LOOK: It might seem strange to call God jealous, but what it means is that He loves us with a perfect love and wants us to only worship Him. Afterall, He is the only one true God! All other “gods” lead us to danger and despair. Some people make a god out of money--it’s all they want or think about. Or, they worship a famous person. Others make an idol out of sports. They spend much more time and energy following their favorite team than they do following the Lord. God wants to have first place in our life. He deserves that.

TOOK: Let’s put our thinking caps on for a minute and come up with some things that can become more important in our lives than God. I mentioned some things like money and celebrities. Can you think of anything else that we may worship or think of as more important than God? (***Give the kids a couple minutes to share.***) Let’s pray and ask God to help us be faithful to Him above all else.

Prayer: “Heavenly Father, thank You for Your jealous and holy love. Help us to be faithful to You, making and keeping You number one in our lives. Amen.”

Bible Verse: **“Do not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.” Exodus 34:14**

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learned

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memory
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parent/child
activity

Share with your child a simple, age-appropriate example of when you felt jealous and how you could have handled things better. Ask her to tell you when she has felt jealous. Remind your child from today's lesson that God's jealousy is holy, but ours is not. We belong to the Lord so we shouldn't live as if anything is more important than Him. He is faithful to us and wants us to be faithful to Him.



daily prayer

“Heavenly Father, thank You for Your jealous and holy love. Help us to be faithful to You, making and keeping You number one in our lives. Amen.”

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