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Topic: God is holy.



Read the Bible References:

The Bible references can be read by different children if possible. Or the teacher can read them.



Goal of Lesson:

- To explain to students that God is holy.



Lesson Takeaway:

God is pure and holy. He is the standard for what is holy, and sin cannot be a part of Him.



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Bible References:

1 Samuel 2:2; Isaiah 6:3;  
Leviticus 11:44; Revelation 4:8.



What does it mean to be holy?

To be holy means to be set apart, separate from others, pure, and perfect in character.

God is holy. Holiness defines who God is. God is completely free from any form of sin or impurity.

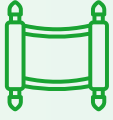
God is not like humans who commit sin. He is eternally pure and holy, and sin cannot be a part of Him.

God is different, unique, special and separate from His creation including human beings. He does not act or think like we do. His thoughts and ways are far above our own. We cannot even understand it fully.

The holiness of God can help us understand the justice of God.

Because God is perfect and holy, His actions, judgements and laws are right, just and perfect.





## How did God show His holiness in the Old Testament?

Let's see some examples of how God showed His holiness in the Old Testament.

### 1. The burning bush

Moses was taking care of animals in a wilderness, near Mountain Horeb, when he saw a bush that was on fire, but the bush did not burn up. He was surprised and went close to the burning bush. God called out to him, "Moses, Moses! Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground" (Exodus 3:4 – 5). When Moses heard His voice, he was afraid and hid his face.

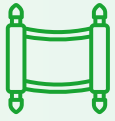
The presence of God on the Mountain of Horeb made the place a holy ground. God is supernatural, which means that He is beyond nature. Naturally, a bush will burn up when it is set on fire. The presence of God is beyond the laws of nature and that set him apart, such that Moses was able to notice the uniqueness. The presence of God is holy.

### 2. Isaiah's vision

Isaiah had a vision where he saw the Lord sitting on a throne. In the vision, he saw angels saying to one another, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" (Isaiah 6:3). Isaiah was in awe. When Isaiah looked at himself in the presence of God and His holiness, he saw his own sin and filthiness. When we are in the presence of God, we see our own sins, weaknesses and corruption. God is holy and without sin. Sin cannot be near God. Sin can never be a part of God.

Isaiah cried out: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts" (Isaiah 6:5). God made Isaiah clean (Isaiah 6:6 – 7).





## How did God show His holiness in the Old Testament? (contd.)

### 3. The laws

In the Old Testament, God gave His laws to the people of Israel (Leviticus 19:1 – 37). God’s laws for the people of Israel instruct them on how they should relate with God and how to relate with their neighbours.

The people of Israel were to live differently, to be separate from other nations. God was showing them how to be holy just like He is holy (Leviticus 19:2).



## How did God show His holiness in the New Testament?

God continued to show His holiness in the New Testament.

In Revelation 4:6 – 8, John had a vision of heaven. In the vision, he saw four living creatures that never stopped saying, “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!” (Revelation 4:8). God was showing John His holiness. God is different and unique from His creation.

Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, God is telling us that He wants us to be holy, just as He is holy. “But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy” (1 Peter 1:15 – 16). He wants us to be separate and different from the world. God wants us to run away from sin and anything that makes Him unhappy or displeased.

Of course, our holiness cannot be like that of God. But through the grace of God, we can be separate from sin and anything unclean. Hebrews 12:14 encourages us to “pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord”.

The grace of God enables us to live righteously and godly in this world (Titus 2:11,12).





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## How has God been showing His holiness today?

We are reminded of God's uniqueness, His holiness, when we see the beauty of nature and His wonderful creation. We are often in awe and admiration of the uniqueness and holiness of God.

When we read the bible, or listen to a pastor preaching about God, we are faced with the holiness of God. We see our own weaknesses and recognise that we need God. We call out to Him and He hears and helps us.

When we hear about the testimonies of God's wonderful and unique works and miracles in the lives of people, we cannot but say, "Only God can do this!" God is unique and holy. He is the only One that can do miracles.

Even though God is holy, He is so close to us and wants us to be near Him. He wants us to be in a loving, peaceful and holy relationship with Him. Because God is holy and different from man, He has compassion on us.

When we gather to worship God with other believers in a church or in our homes, we experience the holy presence of God.



## How should you respond to the holiness of God?

From the experiences of those who have faced the holiness of God, the first reaction is usually that of awe and wonder, and then like Peter, we might say, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" (Luke 5:8).

Yet, God is calling us to draw near to Him. "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded (James 4:8).



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## How should you respond to the holiness of God? (contd.)

Through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus, we are encouraged to come boldly to the throne of grace and mercy (Hebrews 4:16). God wants us to draw near to Him.

Rather than running away from His holiness, we are to be in awe, respect and honour His holiness. And then, through the blood of Jesus, we are to draw near to God.

Sin can never be a part of God's holiness. If we allow sin to be near us or if we practice sin, we can never be holy. Ask God to forgive you and cleanse you from every forms of sin and unrighteousness.



### Memorize:

Revelation 4:8b – “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!”



### Questions:

1. Mention three examples of how God showed His holiness in the bible
2. When you think about God's holiness, how can you respond to Him?



### Remember:

God is pure and holy. He is the standard for what is holy, and sin cannot be a part of Him.



### Let us pray:

Dear God, thank You because You are holy and pure. Help me to honour and respect Your holiness. I pray that You will continue to work in my heart, changing me so that I can be more like Jesus. I ask this in Jesus' name, amen.

