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*High and Holy*  
God's Attributes and Worth

For thus says the high and exalted One  
Who lives forever, whose name is Holy,  
"I dwell on a high and holy place."

– *Isaiah 57:15*

**D**ear children, there is no better place to begin than with the knowledge of God. We can know about God by studying His attributes. Do you know what an attribute is? An attribute tells us something about a person so we can know him or her. We might say Mary is loving and Elisabeth is sweet, or Sarah is fun and Anna is cute. Now you know something about my daughters. Can you think of some attributes that describe the people in your family?

Did you know that God has attributes too? The Bible tells us His attributes so we can know Him. The Bible says God is high and lifted up.<sup>1</sup> He is **exalted** over all creation because He is the Creator of all.<sup>2</sup> He is the sovereign Lord over everything!<sup>3</sup> There is no place in

heaven or on earth that can contain Him.<sup>4</sup> There is no part of creation that is not under His rule.<sup>5</sup> The kingdoms of this world are like a drop in a bucket compared to the power and scope of God's majesty and reign!<sup>6</sup>

Although we cannot see God, the prophet Isaiah gives us a glimpse of His glory. Isaiah reveals that God is the center of heaven, where He is seated on the throne, receiving worship from angels and **saints**. Shouts of joy mingle with peals of thunder and songs of praise. The seraphim continually cry, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts. The whole earth is full of His glory" (Isaiah 6:3). Even though the seraphim have never sinned, they cover their faces because they are not worthy to look upon Him. They desire to behold His beauty but dare not draw near.

Before God's throne are mysterious "living creatures."<sup>7</sup> They are strange-looking and put fear in our hearts. They cry out, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come" (Revelation 4:8). These creatures tell us that God is different from His creation. He does not compare with anything He has made.<sup>8</sup> There is no one like Him.<sup>9</sup>

While mysterious, high, and holy, God is good.<sup>10</sup> He is the fountain of all goodness. He is full of compassion and kindness. He cares for people by providing for their needs.<sup>11</sup> He blesses them with rain, sunshine, food, and gladness.<sup>12</sup> Every good gift comes from Him.<sup>13</sup>

God is powerful.<sup>14</sup> He has power to do all His holy will. His good plans always come about because He has all power to do them.<sup>15</sup> No one can ruin His plans. His

good purposes always prevail. All people receive whatever power they have from Him.

God is sovereign.<sup>16</sup> He rules over all. Not even a bird falls to the ground without His knowing.<sup>17</sup> He appoints worms.<sup>18</sup> He commands fish.<sup>19</sup> He rebukes winds.<sup>20</sup> People make their plans, but God directs their steps.<sup>21</sup> People roll the dice, but God determines the outcome.<sup>22</sup> God has appointed a time and a season for every single event that happens.<sup>23</sup>

God is **just**.<sup>24</sup> He deals with all people by the same standard—His law.<sup>25</sup> He **renders** just judgments.<sup>26</sup> He deals righteously with everyone because He is righteous.<sup>27</sup> He always does right.<sup>28</sup>

God is wise.<sup>29</sup> He knows the best thing to do all the time. He is never confused or unsure. He is never mistaken or deceived. He cannot be fooled or tricked. He always has the right answer for everything! He has perfect understanding of how all things work.<sup>30</sup> He knows how to take what people mean for evil and work it for good!<sup>31</sup> No problem is too difficult for Him. Even the most difficult question of all—how He can be just and **justify** sinners<sup>32</sup>—cannot stump Him. His wisdom makes people and angels speechless! They stand in awe of His ways.

Did you know there are some things God cannot do? God cannot sin because He is holy.<sup>33</sup> There is not an ounce of sin within Him. He never has a sinful thought or desire. He is perfectly pure.<sup>34</sup>

God cannot lie because He is truth.<sup>35</sup> There is no dishonesty with God.<sup>36</sup> He is not crafty or deceitful. He

does not pretend or trick people. He does not mistreat or wrong them. He relates to them in utmost faithfulness and truth.

God is faithful because He cannot deny Himself.<sup>37</sup> He always deals with people based on His Word. He never breaks His Word. He keeps all His good promises—not one of them will fail.<sup>38</sup> He is a covenant-keeping God.<sup>39</sup>

God cannot change.<sup>40</sup> He has always been and always will be the same.<sup>41</sup> He is infinite in all His attributes—this means that His holiness, goodness, love, mercy, power, wisdom, faithfulness, righteousness, and justice go on and on and on without measure, forever!<sup>42</sup> He will always be the same good, righteous, holy God!

God is beyond **comprehension**. People can only know what God chooses to reveal about Himself.<sup>43</sup> God has graciously chosen to reveal Himself through His Son.<sup>44</sup> We see His Son in the Scriptures. Even still, there is so much more to God than our limited minds can grasp. God's ways are beyond our ability to explain; they are higher than our ways because they are marvelous!<sup>45</sup> He is worthy of worship!

Do you know where God is? God is everywhere.<sup>46</sup> He is in heaven, receiving worship from angels and saints.<sup>47</sup> He is on earth, preserving and governing people's lives.<sup>48</sup> He is in hell, giving unrepentant sinners and disobedient angels just payment for their sins.<sup>49</sup> Nothing can be hidden from God.<sup>50</sup> He knows all things.<sup>51</sup> He knows the future because He planned it. He knows