

Year: 5  
 Term: Autumn 1  
 Topic: What does it mean if God is Holy and Loving?



- Christians read the Bible as telling a story of a relationship between God and humanity.
- Christians use the bible to help them understand what God is like.
- For Christians, God's holiness emphasises ideas of purity and justice.
- There are stories in the Bible that emphasise this relationship between people and God.

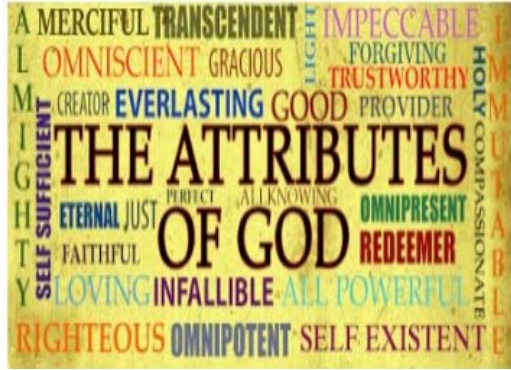


**John 4:7-13** (where one of the followers of Jesus writes a letter about what God is like) *"God is love. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his spirit."*

**Glossary**

believer	A person who believe and accepts the truth of something.
eternal	God created time and is not limited by it – God is outside time.
omnipresent	God is everywhere.
omniscient	God is all knowing.
omnipotent	God is all powerful.
Holy	Dedicated to God or a religious purpose. It is sacred.
Isaiah	An Old Testament prophet who speaks of the power and holiness of God.
John	A letter written a few years after the death of Jesus, which is believed to be by one of the disciples.
Testament	A statement of belief; one of the two sections of the Christian Bible.

- What we should know?**
- Christians believe God is omnipotent and eternal, and that means God is worth worshipping.
  - Christians believe God is both holy and loving, and Christians have to balance ideas of God being angered by sin and injustice but also loving, forgiving and full of grace.
  - Christians have different ideas about what God is like, but all try to follow his path, as they see it in the Bible or through Church teachings.
  - Christians believe getting to know God is like getting to know a real person rather than learning information.



**Isaiah 6:1-5** (where a prophet had a religious experience) described Lord as almighty, high, holy and glorious.

God is described in many ways, one being that God is a supreme being.

The Bible texts in Psalm 103 (in the prayer of David) describes God as righteous, gracious, compassionate, loving and forgiving.

Christian worship songs talk about God, they emphasise the idea of God's holiness and love.