

Family Time



Big Idea: GOD IS SET APART FROM HIS CREATION, PERFECT AND INDEPENDENT.

The holiness of God separates Him from everyone and everything in His creation. He is perfect and independent in every way. God's holiness is total freedom from all evil. Literally, there is nothing like God. He is the ultimate.



Key Verse: 1 KINGS 8:34

... then hear in heaven and forgive the sin of your people Israel and bring them again to the land that you gave to their fathers.



Watch: "The Arrow"

(cbcbastrop.org/4G.html)

Set up the video for your family: *"We're going to watch a video that tells a story to teach us something about God. Let's pay attention and see if we can discover what the story says about God."*



Talk: What was the point of the story? What did it teach about God and His Son, Jesus?

EXPLAIN:

1. Only God is perfect (holy). Imperfect (sinful) people can't have a relationship with a perfect God. In the video, no one could live in the presence of the King unless they passed the test.
2. People have no way to become perfect on our own. In the video, no one could hit the target because it was an impossible shot.
3. Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and defeated death through the resurrection. In the video, this is shown by the son hitting the target, perfectly in the middle.
4. Our response is to accept the free gift of salvation by believing in Jesus. By faith, we can take credit for His perfection. In the video, this is shown by the fourth archer refusing to take the shot and asking the son for mercy.

Knowing this, what does it mean to be a Christian?



Do: Questions for the evening in the car on the way home from school or dinner time:

- God is holy and perfect, but the world isn't. What are some negative things you see happen at school — actions that hurt others?
- God is holy, and through Jesus, He is working to make us more holy. What could it look like for you to stand apart from behavior that dishonors God?

If your kids have a mobile phone, text them a few times this week or put a note in their lunch. Here are a few suggestions:

- Don't forget this week's verse: *"LORD, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below..."* (1 Kings 8:23 NIV)
- God loves you and is working to make you more like Him. I know it can be difficult to do good things when everyone else isn't. I love you and am praying for you!
- *"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* (Romans 5:8 NIV)