

## In the Beginning 16 – Activities

### LESSON ACTIVITIES

✓ **Activity:** Attributes of God

Instructions: Read through the list of God's attributes then insert the correct attribute in the blank space after Because God is ...

Attributes: compassionate, faithful, generous, good, holy, just, longsuffering, loving, merciful, protector, righteous, truthful

- Because God is \_\_\_\_\_ he cares about what we are going through.
- Because God is our \_\_\_\_\_ he watches over us.
- Because God is \_\_\_\_\_ he will always do what is best for us.
- Because God is \_\_\_\_\_ he will keep his promises.
- Because God is \_\_\_\_\_ he forgives our sins.
- Because God is \_\_\_\_\_ he sacrificed his Son for us.
- Because God is \_\_\_\_\_ he judges men fairly.
- Because God is \_\_\_\_\_ he doesn't punish us like we deserve.
- Because God is \_\_\_\_\_ he will lie or deceive us.
- Because God is \_\_\_\_\_ he grieves over our sin.
- Because God is \_\_\_\_\_ he provides for our needs.
- Because God is \_\_\_\_\_ he will never do anything wrong.

✓ **Further Understanding:** Investigation/Reasoning Skills

**Do I reflect God's image?**

1 John 4:16b says, *God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.* Love is the very essence of who God is. Since we were created in God's image we need to understand what love really is. Read through 1 Corinthians 13: 4-5 and underline the attributes of love listed in those verses. Then go over each attribute and think about what it means and how you should act.

**1 Corinthians 13:4-5**

*4Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.*

- Patient: *Puts up with pain, troubles or difficulties without complaint or ill temper over a long period of time. Takes all things in stride and carries on in the midst of difficulty.*
- Kind: *Goodness expressed in acts of friendship: sympathetic, helpful, thoughtful and gentle, in speech and actions. Considerate of the needs of others.*
- Content (Does not envy): *Expresses gratitude in all situations and doesn't desire what has been given to another. Satisfied with the provision and position God has given.*

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- Humble (Not proud or boastful): *Doesn't look down on others, sees self as is, a sinner in need of mercy. Doesn't compare strengths to the weaknesses of others.*
- Respectful (Not rude): *Is always polite and shows proper respect in thought, words, tones, and looks. Elevates others above self.*
- Self-sacrificing (Not self-seeking): *Puts needs of others before own. Does not focus on having own needs met. Seeks after God and trusts him to meet needs.*
- Peace-loving (Not easily angered): *Does not let what others do affect actions or emotions, self-controlled, turns away wrath with gentleness. Lives at peace with others. Does not easily take offense.*
- Forgiving (Keeps no record of wrongs): *Forgives when wronged and does not think about it or bring it up again. Does not harbor bitterness when wronged.*

Think About: According to 1 Corinthians 13 is love a feeling or an action? How do you know? When you substitute God for the word “love” in the verses are the verses true? If you substitute your name for “love” in the verses are the verses true? What is the difference between God’s love and our love? What would life be like if God didn’t demonstrate the attributes of love towards us? What would life be like if we truly demonstrated love towards others?

### ✓ **Craft:** In the Image of God Mirror

As a reminder that humans were created in the image of God and that you are to reflect God’s character, make a mirror.

Materials: cardstock paper, heavy duty aluminum foil or mirror craft paper, tape, scissors

Instructions:

1. Fold paper in half and draw a rectangle in the center of one half. Cut out the center of the rectangle to make a frame for the mirror.
2. Write Genesis 1:27 or the lesson poem on the back.
3. Tape a piece of heavy duty foil behind the hole to make the mirror. Glue the front and back together.

### ✓ **Lesson Poem** – Created in the Image of God

I have a mind so I can think and learn about what’s true.  
I have a heart and I can feel God’s goodness flowing through.  
I have a will to tell my hands what’s right for them to do.  
In loving Christ I use them all to reflect God back to you.

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✓ **Game:** Seeing Stars

As a reminder of the attributes of God, play a version of Hangman called “Seeing Stars.”

Instructions: On the board mark out the right number of lines to represent the letters in one of the attributes of God listed below. Divide the group into two teams. Each team takes a turn guessing a letter that is in the word. If they get the letter wrong they get a line of a five-pointed star. The first team to “see a star” is out and the other team gets to keep playing until it either gets to “see a star” or guess the word. A team may only guess the word on its turn after it has picked a letter. If a team guesses the word right, it gets a point. The team with the most points wins.

1. righteous (9)
2. truthful (8)
3. faithful (8)
4. good (4)
5. protector (9)
6. just (4)
7. longsuffering (13)
8. compassionate (13)
9. merciful (8)
10. generous (8)
11. holy (4)
12. loving (6)