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Is God real?

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. (Romans 1:20)

How do you know God is real? Try thinking of a turkey sandwich to answer this question. (Just hang in there, you'll understand in a moment.) Imagine your mom packs you a turkey sandwich for lunch. You open your lunch bag, see the plastic baggie with the sandwich inside, pull it out, remove the bread from the wrapper and take a bite.

Is that sandwich real?

Of course it is.

How do you know?

Well, you can use your five senses to prove it, right? You can see the sandwich, touch it, smell it, and taste it. You can even hear the lettuce crunch when you chew.

God is not like a turkey sandwich, however. We can't touch Him, smell Him, or taste Him.

But we can hear Him. And we can see Him.

We "hear" God, not through an audible voice, but by reading His Word, the Bible. And we can "see" Him in the things He created—mountains, clouds, rivers, raindrops, squirrels, ladybugs; from the biggest to the smallest landform and creature, all of nature screams, "God created me!"

That's how we can know for sure that God is real—simply by experiencing creation, which we *can* see, touch, smell, and taste. Creation is proof that God exists. The evidence is all around us!

Therefore, the Bible says anybody who sees what God has made but still doesn't believe that God exists is simply choosing not to. What choice will you make?

THINK ABOUT THIS!

- If God didn't create mountains, sky, animals, and trees, then who did? Do you know anyone who is strong enough or smart enough to build a canyon or an ocean? No way! What does that tell us about God's role as Creator? It's pretty awesome and so is God, right?
- In Romans 1:20, the words "divine nature" refer to God's majesty and holiness. How does creation show us God's "divine nature"?

BIG IDEAS

Divine: of or from God; supernatural and holy

Does God have a beginning?

Before the mountains were born, before you gave birth to the earth and the world, from beginning to end, you are God. (Psalm 90:2 NLT)

What do you enjoy most about your birthday? Is it receiving gifts? Eating cake? Throwing a party?

Turning another year older is definitely a reason to celebrate, because God thought you up and He has a special plan for your life, and your birthday marks the day it all began!

But how does God celebrate His birthday? He probably doesn't, because He doesn't have a birthday.

God is infinite, which means He has no beginning and no end. You can't measure His lifespan in years because His lifespan exists outside the boundaries of time. Just thinking about that can blow your mind! Our God is so awesome.

We can't mark the day God started because God has always existed. And we'll never mark the day He ends because He never will. God will live forever and ever, and nothing can ever stop Him from existing because He is in charge of all things.

Your life span is teeny tiny compared to God's infinity. All your years on earth are just a speck on the timeline of God's life.

But here's the really cool part. When you believe in Jesus and surrender to Him as your Lord and Savior, you get to live forever, too!

Unlike God, you'll always have a starting point. Your birthday on earth will always be your birthday on earth. But you'll never have an end point if you believe in Jesus. When you die on earth, your soul will go on forever, living where God is.

That's called eternal life!

THINK ABOUT THIS!

- Is it hard to wrap your brain around the concept of infinity? What do you think you'll spend your time doing in heaven?
- How does God's infinite nature set Him apart from the rest of creation?

BIG IDEAS

Infinite: without beginning or end

Eternal: without end

How can God be everywhere at once?

“Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?” declares the LORD. “Do not I fill heaven and earth?” declares the LORD. ([Jeremiah 23:24](#))

Let’s do an experiment. Sit up, put your shoulders back, and take a deep breath. Then exhale.

Do you feel anything strange? Probably not. There’s nothing unusual about breathing, right? You do it about a kajillion times a day—draw in a bunch of air, then blow it back out again.

Except you can’t actually see that air, can you? Air is invisible. We can’t touch it, smell it, or taste it—yet we trust that it’s all around us, giving us oxygen so we can thrive.

God is kind of like that.

We can’t see Him, but He’s everywhere, all at once. That’s called *omnipresence*, and it’s one of the most mind-blowing characteristics of our amazing God.

There’s nowhere you can go where God can’t reach you. He’s in your house, your classroom, your church, your pastor’s house, your little brother’s karate dojo, your mom’s favorite grocery store, the skate park, the movie theater, the mall—basically EVERYWHERE you can imagine—all at the same time!

Crazy, right? God's omnipresence is a *great* thing. Because it means He sees you. He knows what you're going through. He knows your hurts, your happiness, your biggest dreams, and your smallest tears.

God knows when you need Him. And He'll always be right there with you, ready to bring you comfort.

No matter where you go.

THINK ABOUT THIS!

- What if you could be everywhere at the same time? How would you use that power to serve God?
- Jeremiah 23:24 says God fills heaven and earth. He is omnipresent, not just here in the world but also among the people and angels in heaven. Why is God's omnipresence such an important part of who God is and what He can do?

BIG IDEAS

Omnipresence: existing everywhere at the same time

Is God good?

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. (Psalm 100:5)

Do you like ketchup? Some kids think ketchup tastes good. Other kids don't.

What about pickles? Do you like those? If you think they're good, chances are one of your friends disagrees. Not everybody likes pickles.

Here's an easy one. Horseradish! Is horseradish good? No way! Except that, well, some people actually like it. Yuck.

Often we use the word "good" to describe a preference—whether or not we personally enjoy something. Preferences are subjective, meaning, there's no true right or wrong answer. What's good in your opinion might be disgusting to someone else, and that's okay. Ketchup won't be offended.

When we refer to God as good, though, that's a different story. God is not a flavor we choose to like or hate. He's a supreme being—the Maker of heaven and earth. Goodness is His character. It's who He is.

The Bible is filled with passages that declare God's goodness. In fact, He is the only truly good thing in the world; everything else is tainted with sin.

God has no ulterior motives and no poor intentions; everything He does is for good reason, and He makes sure all things work out for good, even when we don't understand how.

Ultimately, we see God's goodness displayed in Jesus. As sinners, we have no right to be anywhere near God. But He created a way for us to be reconciled to Him when we believe in His Son as our Savior.

That is GOOD news indeed!

THINK ABOUT THIS!

- Name three condiments—sauces you add to food for flavor, like ketchup, mustard, mayo—you think are good, and three you think are bad. How are our tastes and preferences different from the definition of “good” that we apply to God?
- How is Jesus a sign of God's goodness?

Is God in control of everything?

Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. (1 Chronicles 29:11-12)

Every airplane is fitted with a set of controls—buttons and knobs and such—which the pilot uses to fly the plane. Pilots must learn the function of each control, and how to operate it. From takeoff to touchdown, pilots are responsible for managing multiple controls all at once, in order to keep the plane on course and to prevent it from crashing.

God is kind of like a pilot. Only He doesn't fly an airplane; He controls the universe. That's called being "sovereign."

God sees every person, place, and creature, from the tallest man to the tiniest ant. He knows each person intimately, as well as how they fit together in His perfect plan. God is also aware of every incident as it occurs every second of every day. He knows what each person will do, and how their decisions will affect other people, places, and things. He is able to manage every moving part, taking into account our individual choices, personalities, struggles, and sin.

Nobody is more powerful than God.

The thing that makes God truly amazing, though, is that He is a loving and compassionate “pilot.” Everything He does is good and just; therefore, we can trust Him to orchestrate every detail of our lives in a way that will turn out for the best. The Bible says God “works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will” (Ephesians 1:11), which is a fancy way of saying, “God’s got this!”

THINK ABOUT THIS!

- If you controlled the world, what is the first thing you would change?
- Only our amazing God is capable of managing all things at once. Why can you trust God to control the world far better than you ever could?

BIG IDEAS

Sovereign: supreme authority over everything

Just: to say that God is “just” means that He always does what is right in every situation

Does God know what I'm thinking?

Before a word is on my tongue YOU, LORD,
know it completely. (Psalm 139:4)

Professor X, founder of the X-Men, is one of Marvel Comics' most famous superheroes. He was born with an extraordinary brain that allows him to read people's minds and even control their thoughts. This mutant power helps Professor X defend the world from evil enemies—even though his physical body is confined to a wheelchair.

Pretty cool, right?

Most of us think of mind-reading as science fiction, the stuff of comic books and blockbuster movies. It's fun to imagine what it might be like to know other people's thoughts, without having to ask them what they're thinking.

But with God, mind-reading is not just fiction. God has always possessed the power to read minds. It's part of His character trait called *omniscience*, the ability to know everything.

The Bible says God knows your thoughts before you speak them. He understands your emotions, your fears, your worries, and your temptations. Unlike Professor X, though, God doesn't try to control your mind. He gives you the freedom to think and act as you choose. That's called *free will*, and it's one of the ways He shows His love.

Sometimes it can be hard to find the words to pray. But thankfully God “hears” you anyway. You don’t need to be afraid to talk to Him about what’s happening in your mind and heart, even if it’s sinful, because God already knows. He wants to help you—and love you—through it all.

THINK ABOUT THIS!

- If you could have superhuman powers, would you want the ability to read minds? Why or why not?
- God knows you better than you know yourself. Does that truth bring you comfort? Or does it make you feel uncomfortable, nervous, guilty, or afraid? Talk to God about this—and know that God’s omniscience does not change His love for you.

BIG IDEAS

Omniscience: the ability to know everything

Free will: freedom to make your own choices

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You have big questions about God. How can you find the right answers?

Moments with God for Kids doesn't ignore the tough topics that you're curious about—topics like *Did God create hell?* This book uses the truth of Scripture to point you toward the right answers, and it gets you to think deeper about what's important in life. You'll also learn the meanings of *omnipresence*, *canon*, *repentance*, and other big ideas you may have heard in church.

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