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- Yes, he is.
- God is EVERYWHERE all the time.
- He's not only everywhere, but he sees everything and everyone at the same time.
- And he not only sees everyone, but he knows what everyone is doing and even thinking every second of every day.
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- Well, while we're on earth, we can't see God the Father because he's invisible.
- He's a spirit. He doesn't have bones or skin, just like the Holy Spirit doesn't have bones or skin.
- We do know he lives in bright, bright light, because the Bible tells us that.
- But here's one big clue to what God is like. God the Father sent God the Son to earth. Jesus was God in the flesh and many people saw him! So, in one sense, people have seen God in the person of Jesus.
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- Do you remember what sin is?
- Did you know every person will keep sinning—lots, for the rest of their lives? We never quit sinning; that's why we need Jesus.
- But the good news is—God will keep forgiving! That is, if you truly are sorry and tell God that you're truly sorry, he will forgive you.
- He knows if you really want to live for him or not because he's God, after all. You can't fake it with him. He knows your heart.
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- I know I certainly love to laugh. Don't you?
- According to the Bible, God created us in his image. That doesn't mean our actual bodies look like God, but it does mean we are like God in some ways to a small degree.
- For instance, God is love, so when we love someone, that's reflecting God.
- Also, we know God has emotions. The Bible tells us God is sometimes sad, and he sometimes rejoices and is glad.
- So, since God has emotions and we do too, and because we are made in God's image, God's emotions are reflected in ours but he is without sin.
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- The answer? Because he wanted to! You are precious to him. You're part of his forever plan. He has a purpose for you!
- He wants you to bring him glory, which means making a big deal about him. Bring attention to him and talk about how wonderful he is while doing things that please him. That's how you bring God glory.
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- When God sees people acting wickedly in ways that will hurt others, righteous anger is his response.
- But even then, the Bible tells us he is slow to anger. He patiently and kindly warns people to do the right thing. He gives them time to change.
- For instance, he gave Pharaoh ten chances to let the Israelites go, spanning a year or so in time. But when Pharaoh continued to act with evil toward God's people, God finally showed his righteous anger.
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- Take kindness, for instance. God is kind to a perfect degree. We can't be perfectly kind, but we can show kindness to some degree, which is a reflection of God.
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- God can handle all your questions. He already knows what they are, because he knows everything about you. So when you come to him, be honest.
- God is God, so of course his ways are higher than our ways (Romans 11:33–34). You can't ever know everything there is to know about God, but he wants you to talk to him about it all.
- When you do talk to God, though, make sure you do it with a humble and respectful attitude, remembering God is a perfect Father whose ways are perfect.

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