



## Who is God?

Long, long ago -- nobody knows how long ago -- this world on which we live, this big ball that we call earth, was not here. The earth did not exist. There was nothing but emptiness, wide empty space. That was before the beginning of the first things, before the beginning of time.

Yet there was something in that long, long ago. God was there. When did God begin? And who made God? No one made God. And God did not begin. **God has always been.** Forever and ever and ever, God has lived. **God never had a beginning, and His life will never end.** You and I cannot understand God's life, which never began, and will never, never end.

**God is eternal.** Someday the sun and the moon and the stars and the earth on which we live will all grow old. But God will be the same as He was -- today, yesterday, long, long ago, and tomorrow. His life will go on and on forever.

**God is also very great.** He can do many things which men cannot do. You and I can be in only one place at a time. If we want to be in some other place, we have to go there. But God is in heaven, and at the same time **He is everywhere** upon earth.

**God also knows everything.** He sees us always and everywhere. He knows everything we do, hears every word we speak, and even knows the thoughts we have in our minds. We cannot hide from God. If we do wrong, God knows it, even if we have not told anyone. He knows, too, when we love Him, and trust Him, even if no one else knows.

God is even more wonderful. He knows everything that is going to happen in the world. We do not know what will happen tomorrow. But God knows. He knows what is going to happen tomorrow, and next week, and next year, and always, till the very end of the world. God also knows what will happen after the world has passed away. For everything that has ever happened and everything that will ever happen is part of God's great plan.

And **God is good.** He is perfectly good, so that **He cannot do anything wrong.** Everything that God does is right.

Most wonderful of all, **God is love.** He loves you more than anyone in the world loves you. He loves you more than even your father and your mother love you. It was God who gave you your father and mother to love you and take care of you. **God is always near you. He is always taking care of you.** God never sleeps. At night when you and your father and mother are asleep, God is watching over you and taking care of you. God takes care of you all day long too.

It is **God who made you.** He made you because He wanted to love you. God wants you to love Him too.

**God lives in heaven.** Heaven is more beautiful than any place you have ever seen. It is more beautiful than anything you can imagine. It is beautiful because God is there. There is no sickness nor sadness in heaven, but all is joy and happiness. There are no tears. There is no crying. There is no death. In heaven with God, are all the people who loved and trusted Him while they were on earth. And **there is a place there for us if we love God and if our sins are forgiven.**