

WEEK OF MAY 07, 2023



GOD *Alone*

PREPARE



BEFORE
YOU BEGIN



TALK TOGETHER

FAIRY TALES TRANSPORT US TO FAR AWAY PLACES. THEY OFTEN HAVE A SMART PRINCESS, BRAVE KNIGHT OR GOOD KING. CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT YOUR FAVORITE FAIRY TALE?

I can think of many fairy tales with strong, wise kings who do good things for their people. They try to lead their subjects well and protect them from danger. In the real world, most humans don't live in a kingdom, but we do live in countries that are led by people.

There are many differences between fairy-tale kings and real-life leaders, but you can be certain **none of them is perfect**. Even the ones we read about in fairy tales make bad choices and sin — just like the rest of us!

CONT.



TALK TOGETHER

Family conversations with God's Word.



MORE TO EXPLORE

Discover how this conversation fits into God's Big Story.



THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.



COLORING PAGE

Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.



Do you know Who the only One is in all of creation Who is perfect and true?

You're right. God alone is perfect in all of His ways. The Bible talks a lot about this and describes God as holy. **Holy** means pure, blameless and without sin. **The Psalmist calls God our King and praises Him for His holiness in Psalm 99:1-5. Can you read this passage with me?**

THE LORD REIGNS; LET THE PEOPLES TREMBLE! HE SITS ENTHRONED UPON THE CHERUBIM; LET THE EARTH quake! THE LORD IS GREAT IN ZION; HE IS EXALTED OVER ALL THE PEOPLES. LET THEM PRAISE YOUR GREAT AND AWESOME NAME! **HOLY IS HE! THE KING IN HIS MIGHT LOVES JUSTICE. YOU HAVE ESTABLISHED EQUITY; YOU HAVE EXECUTED JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS IN JACOB. EXALT THE LORD OUR GOD; WORSHIP AT HIS FOOTSTOOL! **HOLY IS HE!****

PSALM 99:1-5

Wow! The psalmist describes a leader Who is perfect, great and awesome! This leader takes care of His people and rules them fairly. This leader is holy. **This leader is God.**

On our own, we are the opposite of holy because sin stains us. But God, full of love for His people, sent Jesus to die on the cross for us. When Jesus rose from the grave, He defeated the power sin and death held over us. **We can be holy, blameless, pure and without sin in God's eyes because of Jesus!**

God is the only perfect leader and King, yesterday, today and forever. We don't deserve His love, and we certainly don't deserve Jesus' sacrifice, but He gives us both all the same. Our response to this kindness is worship. **We praise God because He is good, just, right and holy. We follow Him in obedience because He is our true King.**



GOD'S BIG STORY

CREATION



EVERYTHING
GOD CREATED
WAS GOOD.

FALL



ADAM & EVE SINNED,
AND SIN PASSED TO
ALL PEOPLE, EVEN
YOU AND ME.

REDEMPTION



THOUGH ALL OF
US ARE SINNERS,
CHRIST DIED
FOR US.

RESTORATION



JESUS WILL
COME AGAIN.

FIND IT IN THE BIBLE: PSALMS

This week's story comes from the book of Psalms. The book of Psalms is in the Old Testament and is a collection of songs, praises and poems speaking to or about God. The Psalms were written throughout the time period of the Old Testament, and many were written by King David.

When we don't have words to pray or praise, the Psalms are a great place to find ideas. We can "borrow" the words of the psalmist to connect to God through worship and prayer.

OT-NT CONNECTION

Names are an important part of who we are. There are many names for God in the Bible that tell us about Who God is. The most common are God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. **Read Revelation 1:4-8.** Write down five names used to describe God.

In Revelation 1:5, Jesus is defined as "the ruler of kings on earth." We sometimes call Jesus the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. In Revelation 4:8 and 15:4, God is called holy. **Why is it important that God is both holy and King?**

WHY DOESN'T THE PSALMIST COMPARE GOD TO A PRESIDENT?

Under normal circumstances, presidents are voted into office by their constituents (the people they will serve in office).

When the psalmist was writing, people were ruled by kings who inherited their thrones by birth (and sometimes took their kingdoms by force).

No earthly king can compare to our perfect, true King, but this idea helps us understand our relationship to God. We don't vote on His rule. He rules because He is God. We worship and obey because we are His people.

IS ANYONE BESIDES GOD PERFECT?

No! No one in heaven or on Earth is perfect except for God. There are some people who do really great things, but every person who has lived and will live has sinned. That's why we all need Jesus. **1 Samuel 2:2 states:** "There is none holy like the Lord." Because God is holy, He deserves all our praise.

JOURNAL

Consider how your relationship with the Lord compares to a king and his subject. Do you act like Jesus is your King? How can you faithfully serve Him? Write out your thoughts and share them with your family.

READ

God alone is holy; but because of Jesus' death on the cross, we are made holy in God's sight.

Read Hebrews 10. Compare the many sacrifices of the Old Testament to the final sacrifice of Jesus. What makes them different? Why is Jesus' sacrifice final?

★ THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

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♥ MEMORIZE

**LET THEM
PRAISE
YOUR GREAT
AND
AWESOME
NAME!
HOLY IS HE!**

(PSALM 99:3)

Q: WHO IS HOLY IN ALL HIS WAYS?

A: GOD!

SHARE

Talk about a time that God's holiness convicted you of sin in your life. How did you respond? What did you do? How was your relationship with the Lord (or others) made right again?

FIND

This week's verse comes from the Psalms. Look for it together in the book of Psalms. What book comes before it? What book comes after it?

WATCH



Watch this week's Memory Melody video with your kids to memorize this week's verse!

PRAY

GOD YOU ARE PERFECT. THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A LEADER OR KING LIKE YOU! I PRAISE YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE BLAMELESS, PURE AND HOLY. THANK YOU FOR SENDING JESUS TO SAVE ME FROM MY SIN SO I CAN BE HOLY IN YOUR SIGHT. I BLESS YOUR GREAT AND AWESOME NAME BECAUSE YOU ARE WORTHY! AMEN.

RESEARCH

Using a whiteboard, help your child write the words "my sin". Now, erase the words from the whiteboard as a reminder that God forgives our sins completely (Psalm 103:12). Pray with your child, and thank God that through Jesus we can be made holy in His sight.

DISAPPEAR

Show your child a glass filled with bleach. Explain to them that God is holy; He is unstained by sin. Next, hold up a glass of water and squeeze a few drops of food coloring into it. Remind your child that we are stained by sin. It is only because of Jesus that our sin can be forgiven. Pour some of the bleach into the glass of colored water and watch the "sin" disappear!

WORSHIP

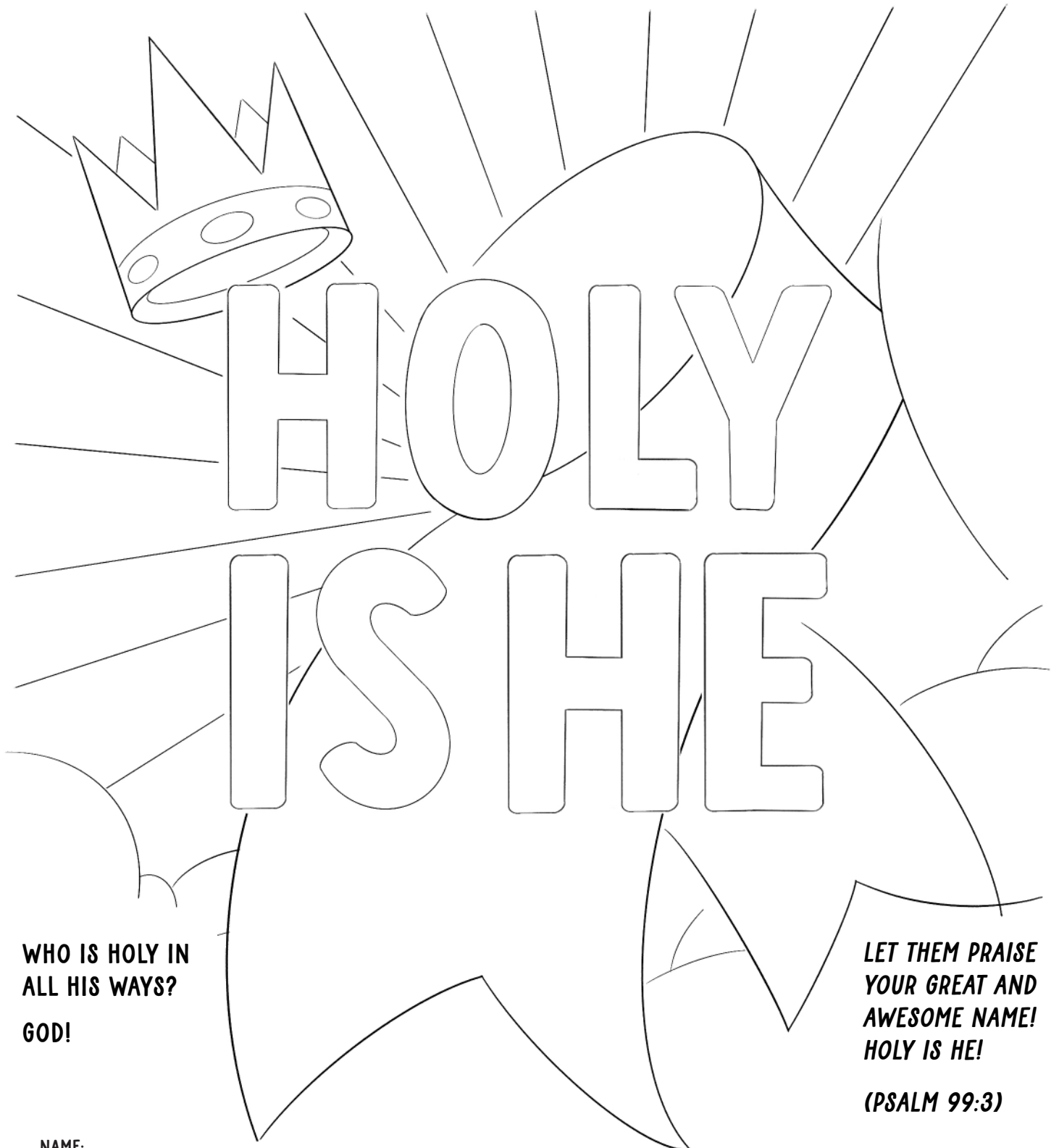
In this week's passage, the psalmist tells readers to worship at the Lord's footstool. Help your child look online to see what a footstool looks like. If you have a footstool in your house, show it to them. Next, ask your child to pick one of the songs from this week's song list to sing to God as an act of worship. Find a place to sit down together and worship God.

SING



Listen to this playlist throughout the series to praise God and God alone!

**SCAN HERE TO LISTEN
WHEREVER YOU ARE!**



**WHO IS HOLY IN
ALL HIS WAYS?
GOD!**

**LET THEM PRAISE
YOUR GREAT AND
AWESOME NAME!
HOLY IS HE!**

(PSALM 99:3)

NAME: _____