

GOD AS A FATHER

What kind of a Father is God

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.” 1 John 3:1 (NIV)

1. God is a caring Father

“As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who honor Him...” Psalm 103:13 (NIV)

“Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you!” 1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)

“So don’t worry saying, ‘What shall we eat? ... or what shall we wear?’ ... Your heavenly Father knows you need these things.” Matthew 6:31-32 (NIV)

2. God is a consistent Father

“Every good and perfect gift... is from the Father ... who does not change like shifting shadows.” James 1:17 (NIV)

“Even if we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot disown Himself.” 2 Timothy 2:13 (NIV)

“God will never go back on His promises.” Romans 11:29 (LB)

“My God is changeless in His love for me.” Psalm 59:10 (LB)

3. God is a Father who is close

“God did this so people would ... reach out for Him and find Him, since He is not far from each of us.” Acts 17:27 (NIV)

- **He is never too busy for me**

“The Lord is near to all who call on Him.” Psalm 145:18 (NIV)

- **He loves to meet my needs**

“If you ... know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him!” Matt. 7:11 (NIV)

- **He is sympathetic to my hurts**

“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” Psalm 34:18 (NIV)

4. God is a competent Father

“For nothing is impossible with God.” Luke 1:37 (NIV)

“(God) is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask to even dream of – infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes!” Ephesians 3:20 (LB)