



The
HOLINESS
of God

SESSION 4



Plan on spending 10 minutes without your kids to familiarize yourself with this session.

Begin with prayer, asking God for His wisdom and guidance. Read through the session to:

- Be sure to understand the Big Idea and the Key Verse
- Preview the video
- Select the best questions in the **TALK** section and activities in the **DO** section for your family

Understanding the Sovereignty of God

Background information from the Bible about God's character.

1. God's holiness makes Him utterly incomparable to anything we know or experience. Our minds are too limited to understand our unlimited God.

Who among the gods is like you, LORD? Who is like you—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders? (Exodus 15:11 NIV)

2. The holiness of God is powerful and shocking. His absolute purity reveals our impurity. In Isaiah 6, the prophet has a vision of God sitting on His throne. The angels were singing:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined!" (Isaiah 6:3-5 NIV)

3. Without holiness, no one can see God. He is perfect and our imperfection cannot exist in His presence. We are made holy and perfect by faith in the sacrifice of Jesus. Our response to the free gift of salvation is to pursue a life of holiness. God is calling His children to be holy like He is holy. This means living according to God's standard, not our own or the standards of the world.

Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. (Hebrews 12:14 NIV)

For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. (Hebrews 10:14 NIV)

As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." (1 Peter 1:14-16 NIV)



Big Idea:

GOD IS SET APART FROM HIS CREATION, PERFECT AND INDEPENDENT.

The holiness of God separates Him from everyone and everything in His creation. He is perfect and independent in every way. God's holiness is total freedom from all evil. Literally, there is nothing like God. He is the ultimate.



Key Verse:

1 KINGS 8:23 (NIV)

LORD, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below.

Watch

Set up the video for your family:

"We're going to watch a video that tells a story to teach us something about God. Let's pay attention and see if we can discover what the story says about God."



THE ARROW



Choose a few questions to best help your family talk about the video.

- What did you like most about the video?
- What was the point of the story? What did it teach about God and His Son, Jesus?
- Ask your kids to explain the symbolism of the story. If needed, use the following prompts:
 - How does the story describe the High King?
 - What was the High King's requirement?
 - How did the people respond to the High King's requirement?
 - Why didn't the last archer take the shot?
 - Why did the last archer get to see the King?
- EXPLAIN
 1. Only God is perfect (holy). Imperfect (sinful) people can't have a relationship with a perfect God. In the video, no one could live in the presence of the King unless they passed the test.
 2. People have no way to become perfect on our own. In the video, no one could hit the target because it was an impossible shot.
 3. Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and defeated death through the resurrection. In the video, this is shown by the Son hitting the target, perfectly in the middle.
 4. Our response is to accept the free gift of salvation by believing in Jesus. By faith, we can take credit for His perfection. In the video, this is shown by the fourth archer refusing to take the shot and asking the Son for mercy.
- Read the Big Idea and Key Verse.
- What does it mean to be a Christian?
- What does it mean to have faith in Jesus?
- How does a person enter God's family and gain eternal life?



Ideas to help your family understand God's character for the rest of the week.

Print the **"TAKEAWAY"** sheet (included in this guide) and put up a few around your house (refrigerator, bathroom mirror, etc.). Encourage your kids to read the verse every morning and every night. One option is to memorize the verse as a family.

Morning Questions (at breakfast or on the ride to school)
(pick one for each morning):

- If someone asked you what holiness meant, what would you say?
- Through Jesus, God is working to make us holy like He is holy. What could that look like for you today? What is one way you can be different for God today?

Questions for the evening in the car on the way home from school or dinner time
(pick one for each evening):

- God is holy and perfect, but the world isn't. What are some negative things you see happen at school—actions that hurt others?
- God is holy, and through Jesus, He is working to make us more holy. What could it look like for you to stand apart from behavior that dishonors God?

Stories are powerful! Think through a few stories of God's holiness and grace in your life and share a couple this week. Be vulnerable, as this will encourage your kids. Here are a few prompts to get you thinking: What is your testimony? When did you first come to faith in Jesus? Describe a time when you were overcome with awe at the holiness of God. When was a time when you really needed God's grace?



If your kids have a mobile phone, text them a few times this week. Here are a few suggestions:

- God is holy, which means He is different and unique from His creation in ways we cannot fully understand.
- Don't forget this week's verse: "LORD, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below." (1 Kings 8:23 NIV)
- God loves you and is working to make you more like Him. I know it can be difficult to do good things when everyone else isn't. I love you and am praying for you!
- But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8 NIV)
- Take a moment and pray: "God you have my permission to do whatever You need to make me holy."



Takeaway

Print this out, put it in a place where your family can read it once or twice a day.



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