

A reflection on who God is . . .

Who is God? He is Knowable.

God, who created the universe in all of its magnitude and creative details, is not hidden. He is not distant or apart from us. Somewhere "out there." Instead, our heavenly Father invites us into a personal relationship, so that we can get to know him in an intimate way, as we might a close friend.

Who is God? He is Welcoming.

God welcomes us with wide open arms. He invites us to talk to him and bring to him our problems, our concerns. We don't have to get our act together first. Neither do we need to be polite, theologically correct or holy. It is his nature to be loving and accepting when we go to him.

What is God like? He is Creative.

Everything we make is put together with existing materials or built on previous thoughts. God has the capacity of speaking things into existence, not just galaxies and life forms, but solutions to today's problems. God is creative, and has created for us.

Who is God? He is Forgiving.

We sin. We make mistakes, we fall down, our sinfulness creates distance between us and God. We tend to do things our way instead of God's way. And God sees it and knows it. However, God is forgiving and will forgive us if we come to him with an open heart seeking forgiveness.

Who is God? He is Honest.

What he says, we can trust. What he promises, can be counted on. When God promises us forgiveness, eternal life, a relationship with himself...we can believe. God is telling the truth. Jesus emphasized this by the many times he said, "Truly, I say to you . . ."

Who is God? He is Reliable.

God's love for us does not waiver. He is not a fair weather friend who will abandon us when we need him the most. He understands our needs, burdens, challenges even before we ask for help. We just need to trust in him knowing that he will love, guide and support us as any loving parent.

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