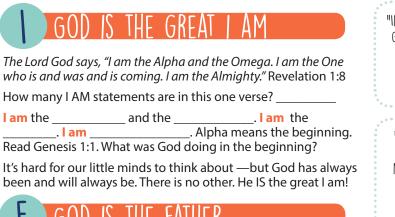
## .esson one: god

Have you ever had questions about God's goodness, Jesus, or your purpose on earth? Maybe you have wondered what Christianity is really all about? Welcome to The Perfect Present where you will be able to answer these questions about faith, discover your gifts, and develop a deeper understanding of Jesus. Using the acrostic G.I.F.T., each lesson will teach you more about God, You, Jesus, Sin, and the Holy Spirit. Today's present is God. You will discover that He is Good, the great I AM, the Father and the Truth. Let's get started!

"give thanks to	Open your B	ible and read Psalm 107:1 and Ps	alm 145:9.
the lord, for he	• What do these verses tell you about the character of God?		
is <mark>good</mark> ; his love	1. God is	2. God's love	
ENDURES FOREVER."	3. God is	to all and has	on all He
psalm 107:1	has made.		
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good? How long does God's love last, and who receives His goodness and compassion? According to Psalm 107:1, how should you respond to God's love? How can you "give thanks" for God's goodness when things are not "good" in your life?



Read Matthew 6:9-13. How is Jesus telling you to pray? Jesus is teaching you that while God is holy and majestic, He is also a loving and kind father.

List some ways the loving Father takes care of you in verses 11-13:

"IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH." GENESIS 1:1	
"I AM THE LORD. AND THERE IS NO OTHER. APART FROM ME THERE IS NO GOD." ISAIAH 45:5	

Because God is **good**, everything about Him is **true**. In fact, the Bible says that GOD cannot lie (Titus 1:2).

"AS FOR GOD. HIS WAY IS PERFECT: THE LORD'S WORD IS FLAWLESS." 2 SAMUEL 22:31

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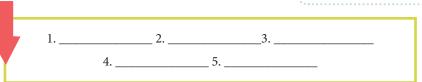
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What FIVE words describe God's character in 2 Samuel 22:31-34, John 17:17, and Hebrews 6:18?



Key: Perfect, Shield, Rock, Truth, Impossible for Him to lie.

What a lesson! You have learned that God is good, compassionate, and His love is never ending. He is the great I AM who was in the beginning and will always be. He is your good Father who provides for you, protects you, and forgives you. He ALWAYS tells the truth because it is impossible for Him to lie. Using the space below, read Psalm145:3, 8-10 and write a prayer of THANKSGIVING. List all the ways God is described and thank Him for His goodness. 

## "GREAT IS THE LORDI HE IS MOST WORTHY OF MEASURE HIS GREATNESS. THE LORD IS MERCIFUL AND COMPASSIONATE SLOW TO GET ANGRY AND UNFAILING LOVE THE LORD IS GOOD TO HF SHOWFRS COMPASSION ON ALL HIS ALL OF YOUR WORKS WILL THANK YOU, LORD. AND YOUR FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS WILL PRAISE YOU." "HE SHOWERS COMPASSION ON ALL HIS PSALM 145:38-10 (NLT) 5 CREATION." PSALM 145:9 (NLT)