



**Topic: What does it mean for Christians to believe God is loving and Holy?**

**Year: 5**

**Key Vocabulary**

<b>Omnipotent</b>	God is all-powerful
<b>Omniscient</b>	God knows all things.
<b>Eternal</b>	God created time and is not limited by it— God is outside of time: God does not get old like human beings.
<b>Holy</b>	God is awesome and amazing. God is morally pure and hates sin—God is separate from human beings who are sinful.
<b>Loving</b>	God wants the very best for human beings and does a lot to care for them
<b>Spirit</b>	God is not physical—God does not have a body.
<b>Narrative</b>	History and stories.
<b>Poetry/songs</b>	Emotional praises and cries to God.
<b>Wisdom</b>	How to live God’s way.
<b>Prophecy</b>	Prediction of future events
<b>Epistle = letters</b>	Pastoral letters written to explain the theological teaching for the church.
<b>Apocalyptic</b>	Describing or prophesying the end of the world, while giving hope to the Church.

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**Enquiry Questions**

- What might a divine being be like?
- What does the bible say about God?
- What types of text will you find in the Bible?
- What do cathedrals show about what Christians believe about God?
- How do Christian songs help Christians get to know God better?

**Key Information**

Christians read the Bible as telling a story of the relationship between God and humanity. Humans generally fail to maintain this relationship, so God is often calling people back into friendship and relation with himself.

Christians use the Bible to help them to understand what God is like. This unit is contrasting the awesome, terrifying aspect of God’s character — his holiness — and the intimate, personal aspect — God as loving. For Christians, God’s holiness emphasises ideas of purity and justice — God hates sin and is separate from it. On the other hand, God loves his creation, with a particular focus on drawing human beings into a loving relationship. This requires love, forgiveness and grace on God’s part.

David and Isaiah are key people in the ongoing story of this relationship. They remind worshippers of the forgiveness that is on offer from God, and they point forward to the New Testament. John points out that all people can come to God because Jesus has paid the penalty of sin (or being unclean) — Jesus’ holiness is transferred to people.

**Retrieval Quiz**

- 1) What does the Bible tell Christians?
- 2) What word describes the all knowing God?
- 3) How do Christians use the Bible?
- 4) What does Holy mean?
- 5) What are God’s creations?
- 6) What type of biblical text describes the way people should live?
- 7) Who are two key people from the Bible who help in understanding the relationship between God and people?
- 8) What is the biblical word for letters?
- 9) Who from the New testament wrote about Jesus’ holiness?
- 10) What does apocalyptic mean?

**Useful websites**

<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/wpsite/>