

What Does God Look Like?

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"Mommy, what does God look like?" asked my little five-year-old.

"Well, God is a Spirit and we can't see Him in the same way that we see people," I began, not knowing quite where I'd go from there.

"But if we can't see Him, how do we know what He's like?" he persisted.

I took a swallow milk -- purely a delaying action -- while I waited for the right answer to come to me, a believing mommy in need.

"Well, suppose you were blind," I suggested to my son. He listened with marked interest.

"Would you be able to see Daddy for instance?" He shook his head.

"But would you know what Daddy is like?" He thought for a moment, then he vigorously nodded.

"You'd know what Daddy is like by the things he says, wouldn't you?" He nodded again.

"And we know what God is like, too, by the things He says in His Word. And you'd know Daddy loves you, because he would tell you so and do everything he could for you. That's how we know God loves us. He tells us so. Besides, He does everything possible for us. Most of all, He gave us Jesus to pay for our sins. And even though you couldn't see Daddy -- if you were blind -- you could hear his voice and feel when he is near. And, in the same way, we can hear God's voice and feel Him near, too. That's why, even though we can't see God, we can be very certain what He is like."

My son picked up his sandwich. *"I know,"* he exclaimed. *"We don't see God outside. We see Him inside."*

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