

FATHER

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Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.

John 14:9 NIV

*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. **John 14:16-17 NIV***

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 14:27 NIV

God _____ in _____

*Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground." So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. **Genesis 1:26-27 CEV***

Trust in the Father helps set our

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. **Proverbs 3:5-6 CEV***

*And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. **Hebrews 11:6 NIV***

We worship a _____ God

A Father who longs to see us _____

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:14-19 NIV

Father love expresses itself in

When the Lord punishes you, don't make light of it, and when he corrects you, don't be discouraged. Our human fathers correct us for a short time, and they do it as they think best. But God corrects us for our own good, because he wants us to be holy, as he is. It is never fun to be corrected. In fact, at the time it is always painful.

Hebrews 12:5,10-11 CEV

QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS //

- *Is the concept of the "Trinity" new or familiar to you?*
- *Why is it important that God himself exists in community?*
- *What words come to mind when you hear the word "father"?*
- *Recall a time in life when God was like Waldo, either easy or hard to find?*
- *If you're a parent, what's the hardest part of parenting for you?*
- *Do difficult seasons of life tend to draw you closer to God or push you away? Why?*
- *Read Proverbs 3:5-6. What's something you need to trust the Father with right now in life?*