

# Lesson 5: God Is Our Heavenly Father

When a spiritual baby is born, he has new life. He knows how to breathe, how to eat, and how to have a family life. But now he needs to know who is in charge of the family: Our heavenly Father. Jesus taught his disciples to say, "Our Father who art in heaven." The heavenly Father loves, protects, provides for, and disciplines (trains) his children.

## I. The Heavenly Father's Love

*"The Lord appeared to them from afar saying, 'I have \_\_\_\_\_ you with an everlasting \_\_\_\_\_,' therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness." (Jeremiah three1:three)*

A. Why did God save you?

\_\_\_\_\_ because you are so bad? \_\_\_\_\_ because you first loved him?

\_\_\_\_\_ because you have bad luck? \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_

*"But because of his great \_\_\_\_\_ for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_—it is by \_\_\_\_\_ you have been saved." (Ephesians 2:4-5).*

B. How does God reveal his love to you? Please write an example below.

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(1 John 3:1)

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C. In Luke 15:11-24, Jesus talks about how a father loved a son. What are the similarities between this father and God our Father?

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## II. The Heavenly Father's Protection

*"But the Lord is faithful, and he will \_\_\_\_\_ you from the evil one." (2 Thessalonians 3:3).*

A. In Psalm 34:7, what does God promise?

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B. How did God protect Elijah (2 Kings 6:15-18)?

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C. How did God protect the three friends (Daniel three)?

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D. How does God protect you when you face temptation? (1 Corinthians 10:13)

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### III. The Heavenly Father's Provision

*"And my God will \_\_\_\_\_ all your \_\_\_\_\_ according to his glorious \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).*

A. Why are God's children not to worry? (Matthew 6:31-32)

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B. What gift has God given his children to demonstrate he is willing to meet our needs?

(Romans 8:32)

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### IV. God's Discipline

*"Because the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ those He loves, and He \_\_\_\_\_ everyone He accepts as a \_\_\_\_\_"*

(Hebrews 12:6).

A. What does God expect for his children? (Ephesians 4:13)

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B. How does God discipline his children?

1) Through friends (Proverbs 27:17)

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2) Through the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16)

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3) Through trials (James 1:2-4)

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**V. Which aspect of God is most meaningful to you?**

\_\_\_\_ his love and kindness      \_\_\_\_ his provision for your needs

\_\_\_\_ his discipline                      \_\_\_\_ his protection