

# WHAT'S GOD LIKE? GOD IS PERFECT



**Memory verse: Matthew 5:48 (ESV)**

*'Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.'*

**BIG QUESTION: WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANS TO BE PERFECT?**

## ISN'T HE PERFECT

When my son was born everybody came round to visit. My parents were around every day and my mother in law pretty much moved in with us. Everybody loves a newborn baby. They're tiny, cute and make loads of funny noises. Everybody gathered around and just stared at him, occasionally breaking eye contact to say something like 'isn't he perfect'. Yeah he is, well, he's beautiful and precious, but he wasn't exactly 'perfect' at three in the morning when he was screaming the house down because he was hungry. He's two now and he wasn't exactly perfect this morning, when he hit me on the head with his plastic sword. He may well look like a cherub right now, with curly blond hair, rosy cheeks and big eyes. But the truth is although he looks like an angel, he isn't one. He's a human being. He'll make mistakes, and he'll mess up. God is perfect, He doesn't make mistakes and He'll never mess up. He'll never have to apologise because He forgot to let the sun rise and He'll never lose control in His anger. He's perfect. That means He's excellent in every way and doesn't need anything to make Him any better because He's already perfect!

**PRIZES! SHHH!**

The memory verse this week is the last line from one of Jesus' sermons. The first child to tell Ben the name of that sermon will win a prize.

## INTERESTING FACT

Check out these clips, they show some perfect ping pong shots.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UeG1ftTmLAg>



It's been hard to think of an illustration for this week's devotional, because there's nothing I could think of that could even compare to how perfect God is. Even saying that He's excellent doesn't quite work because it means that He excels at something. But how can God excel if he's limitless and already perfect! And if He's so perfect, how are we suppose to be perfect?! (Argghh! I think my brains going to explode).

Jesus is telling us to pursue being perfect like God. Not in the way we look but in the way we act, in the way we treat or see others, in our moods. He even tells us to love our enemies! But the truth is that at times we will still make mistakes and we'll still mess up. John spoke about this once when he said 'I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ' (1 John 2:1, NLT).

## SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

- How can you be perfect in the way you act today?
- Is there a mistake you've made that you need to tell God about today?



## PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I can't get my head around how perfect you are. It amazes me. Help me today to be perfect as you are perfect. Amen.