

WHAT'S GOD LIKE? GOD IS TRUTHFUL

**Memory verse: Proverbs 30:5 (NLT)**

'Every word of God proves true.

He is a shield to all who come to him for protection.'

Key verse: Numbers 23:19 (NLT)

'God is not a man, so he does not lie.

He is not human, so he does not change his mind.

Has he ever spoken and failed to act?

Has he ever promised and not carried it through?'

BIG QUESTION: HAVE YOU EVER TOLD A LIE?**PINOCHIO**

Pinochio, is a Disney film about a wooden puppet who wants to become a real boy. One night as Gepetto (Pinochio's creator) is going to sleep he wishes that Pinochio would become a real boy. A fairy appears and gives Pinochio life, but he's not a real boy yet, if he wants to become a real boy he's going to have to prove himself to be brave, truthful and unselfish. Pinochio' not going to be able to fake it because whenever he lies his nose grows (that's a bit of a give away).

God never lies, He always tells the truth. He'd never tell you a half-truth or try and talk His way out of a problem and He'd never break a promise. He's completely truthful and his knowledge is limitless. He's quite literally a know it all. In fact as God knows everything limitlessly if we think about anything

in the universe the way God does, then we're thinking truthfully about it. It's like looking through God's eyes and seeing the world or other people the way he does. God's nature is truth, that's what He's like and that's what he wants us to be like too.

SOMETHING TO DO

Why don't you watch this scene from Shrek together? It shows pinochio trying to get out of a situation without lying.

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As Children of God we now have the nature of our creator. But when we lie it's like putting on our old nature. Paul spoke about this when he said 'Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him' (Collosians 3:9-10, NLT). When we choose to tell the truth we're choosing our heavenly fathers nature. Pinochio chose the nature of his creator and as children of God we can choose the nature of our creator too.

God's nature is truth and as we learn to become more like Him, seeing the world and others the way that He does we will transform broken hearts and a broken world.

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

- Is there someone in your life that you need to see through God's eyes?
- Do you tell lies? Maybe today is the day to stop.

**PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, help me to see the world and other people truthfully, the way you do. Help me to show them the love that you have for them. Amen.