

# WHAT'S GOD LIKE?

# PEACE

**Memory verse: 2 Thessalonians 3:16 (NIV)**

*'may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.'*

**Key verse: 1 Corinthians 14:33 (NIV)**

*'For God is not a God of disorder but of peace'*

**BIG QUESTION: DO YOU EVER GET STRESSED?****NO TIME TO SAY "HELLO" "GOODBYE"**

Have you ever seen Alice in wonderland? There's a scene where she meets the white rabbit. He's so busy and late that he can't even stop to talk to her. He says, 'I'm late; I'm late for a very important date. No time to say "hello" "Goodbye", I'm late, I'm late, I'm late. No no no no no, I'm overdue; I'm really in a stew. No time to say "hello" "goodbye", I'm late, I'm late, I'm late.' Do you ever feel like that? I'm sure your parents do. In fact, I'm sure most family's feel like that every Sunday morning, just trying to get to church on time.

I like to be busy, but sometimes I get myself so busy that I become completely stressed out. I plan a lot in and I want to do it all really well, and on time. But when it doesn't go to plan I get stressed out. I feel like the white rabbit running around, with 'no time to say "hello" "goodbye"'.

God isn't like that and He doesn't want us to be like that either. It's important to work hard; you need a bit of stress just to get things done. But if you get too stressed then you burn out. God is very busy, He works hard, He's not up there lounging around on a cloud. I mean do you have the world in your hands? That must be tiring?! But, He's not stressed. He's not frantically running around with 'no time to say "hello" "goodbye"'. No, He's in complete peace.

**SOMETHING TO DO**

Why don't you watch Alice in Wonderland together.



As part of God's family He has work for us to do. Paul spoke about this when he said 'to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do' (Ephesians 2:10, NIV). It's 'good work', it's good for others and it's good for us. That's why it's called 'good work'. But it can become bad work if we do it in the wrong attitude or from a place of stress. God wants us to get busy doing his work but He wants to lead us in peace as we do it 'You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace' (Isaiah 55:12, NIV).

God's in complete peace no matter what He's doing. Maybe today you feel like you're in a stew well God can lead you in peace no matter what you're doing too.

**SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT**

- Is there a 'good work' that you can get involved in as a family?
- Are you feeling stressed? Why don't you ask God for His peace today?

**PRAYER**

**Thank you lord, that although we've got work to do, it's 'good work'. Please help us to stay in your peace while we do it. Amen.**