

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.

**Please look up the verse(s) in the Bible to fill in the blanks or answer the questions below.*

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 31:3

- 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 or think of an example.
- 1 John 3:1
- 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?

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?
- B. How did God protect Elijah 2 Kings 6:15-18?
- C. How did God protect the three friends Daniel 3?
- D. How does God protect you when you face temptation? 1 Corinthians 10:13

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

- needs?
- Romans 8:32

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

B. How does God discipline His children?

- Through friends: (Proverbs27:17)
- Through the Bible: (2Timothy3:16)
- Through trials: (James1:2-4)

C. Which aspect of God is most meaningful to you?

- His love and kindness
- His provision for your needs
- His discipline
- His protection