



## “I AM...” :The Names of YHWH

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This is the introduction and the first (1<sup>st</sup>) of a new series we are calling, “*I AM... A Series on the Names of YHWH.*” It is targeted for the 5 to 7 year old, but can be adapted to any K-6th Grade age group.

*“Those who know Your name put their trust in You.” — Psalm 9:10*

*“O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” — Psalm 8:9*

As they grow in relationship with God, children need to get to know him.

When introducing children to new concepts about YHWH (God) and other areas of faith, we need to use simple language that they can remember. An effective, three (3) step method that includes a Key Concept, Bible verse and Question is a popular way to familiarize your child(ren) with new information.

### **Introduction: Attributes of YHWH**

**Objective:** To familiarize your children with these 10 attributes of YHWH in a casual setting such as at the dinner table or during the drive time. It’s a simple way to get your kids acquainted with the amazing God who wants to live in relationship with them.

**Materials:** Bible, markers, construction paper and tape or glue

## 10 Attributes of God

YHWH יהוה (God) is...

### **Holy One**

*Kadosh (kah-DOESH)*

**Key Concept:** YHWH (God) is HOLY “Set Apart”, the Creator above all creation. Because He is perfect, He is worthy of our respect and awe.

**Key Verse:** *“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of heaven’s armies. His glory fills the whole earth.” — Isaiah 6:3*

**Key Question:** How can we show respect to YHWH (God)? What does it look like to be in awe of God?

### **Love**

*Ahavah (Ah – HAH – Vahh)*

**Key Concept:** Love is God’s greatest attribute. His love is the foundation of our relationship with Him and with others. We love because God first loved us.

**Key Verse:** *“And so we know the love that God has for us, and we trust that love. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God lives in Him.” — 1 John 4:16*

**Key Question:** What are some ways that we can show the love of YHWH (God) to others?



## Faithful

*Emun* (ay-MOON)

**Key Concept:** YHWH (God) is always there for us and He always keeps His promises. We can rely on God; He is worthy of our trust.

**Key Verse:** *“If we are not faithful, He will still be faithful, because He must be true to who He is.”* — 2 Timothy 2:13

**Key Question:** Can you think of a time when YHWH (God) was faithful to you?

## Good

*Tobh* (Toe-BUH)

**Key Concept:** YHWH is a good God who gives good gifts to His children. When we look for His goodness in the world around us, we will find it!

**Key Verse:** *“How great is Your goodness! You have stored it up for those who fear You. You do good things for those who trust You.”* — Psalm 31:19

**Key Question:** What is one good gift YHWH (God) has given you?

## Wise

*Chakam* (khaw-kawm')

**Key Concept:** YHWH (God) knows everything! He knows the right choice in every situation. When we ask YHWH (God) for wisdom, He will show us what we need to know.

**Key Verse:** *“And in Him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are safely kept.”* — Colossians 2:3

**Key Question:** Can you think of a time you needed the wisdom of God to make a decision?

## Grace

*Chen* (khane)

**Key Concept:** Grace is God’s free gift to us. It’s His goodness and love offered to us even when we don’t deserve it.

**Key Verse:** *“Let us, then, feel free to come before God’s throne. Here there is grace. And we can receive mercy and grace to help us when we need it.”* — Hebrews 4:16

**Key Question:** How do you feel knowing that the grace of YHWH (God) is there for us whenever we need it?

## Friend

*Merea* (may-ray'-ah)

**Key Concept:** YHWH (God) loves us so very much and He wants to be in relationship with us. He wants to be our friend, walking closely with us every day of our lives.

**Key Verse:** *“I don’t call you servants now.... I call you friends...”* — John 15:15

**Key Question:** What do you think it looks like to be God’s friend? What can we do to show our friendship to YHWH (God)?



## Healer

*Jehovah Rophe* (jeh-HO-vuh roe-FEH)

**Key Concept:** YHWH (God) has the power to heal our hearts and our bodies. He cares for our emotional and physical well-being. When we pray and ask Him to help us, we can be sure He hears and He heals.

**Key Verse:** *“My whole being, praise the Lord. Do not forget all His kindnesses. The Lord forgives me for all my sins. He heals all my diseases. He redeems my life from destruction. Who crowns me with lovingkindness and tender mercies, He satisfies me with good things.”* — Psalm 103:2-5

**Key Question:** Can you think of a time when YHWH (God) healed you or someone in our family?

## Comforter

*El Nehkumah* (EL neh-ku-MAH)

**Key Concept:** YHWH (God) offers us comfort in the midst of every circumstance. When we accept that YHWH (God) is near, we feel His love wrap around us with peace and protection.

**Key Verse:** *“He comforts us every time we have trouble, so that we can comfort others when they have trouble. We can comfort them with the same comfort that God gives us.”* — 2 Corinthians 1:4

**Key Question:** Can you think of a time when YHWH (God) comforted you or made you feel better when you were sad or afraid?

## Shepherd

*Jehovah Roi* (jeh-HO-vuh roe-EE)

**Key Concept:** The Lord is our shepherd, our protector and our guide. He takes care of us and watches over us as He leads us through our lives.

**Key Verse:** *“The Lord is my Shepherd. I have everything I need.”* — Psalm 23:1

**Key Question:** What do you think it means to be led or guided by God?

The God we serve is a loving, powerful, ever-present, never-changing Father who loves us more than we could ever imagine. As you help your child(ren) get to know Him, we pray that you take the opportunity to get reacquainted with the beauty of His character. The renewal of our own faith as you plant those seeds in the hearts of your child(ren) is one of the greatest gifts you can receive as a parent. It is another wonderful example of YHWH (God)'s overflowing goodness.

**Craft Project:** Paper Chain. For this project you will need 10 strips of construction paper of various colors for each child. As you introduce them to, and they become familiar with each of the attributes of YHWH (God), have your child(ren) print their name on one of the strips of paper. Then turn the piece over and print the attribute of YHWH they have learned.

Instruct them to tape or glue the strip together, with their name on the inside, making a link for their chain.

**Say:** YHWH (God) is always there for us. He is always covering us with His love. (demonstrate by showing the attribute of YHWH (God) on the outside of the link with the child's name on the inside).



**Ask:** Did You know YHWH (God) wants us to be like Him? That is one of the reasons why Yeshua (Jesus) came to the Earth. It was to show us how to live a life that is pleasing to YHWH (God).

**Do:** Show the child(ren) their name on the inside of the paper link.

**Say:** Did you know “ child's name ” is “ YHWH (God)'s Attribute ” because he/she “ give an example ”?

**Do:** Point to the outside of the link. Showing the attribute of YHWH (God).

(examples): Johnny is Holy 'Set-Apart' because he obeys YHWH (God)'s commandments.  
Sally is a Comforter because she hugs her baby sister when she cries.  
Billy is a Shepherd because he watches out for his little brother at school.

**Say:** 1 John 2:5-6 “But if anyone keeps His word, the love of God has been truly perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him: Whoever claims to abide in Him must walk as Yeshua (Jesus) walked.”

**Memory Verse:** Ephesians 5:1 “Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. “

We pray that this lesson will be a blessing to you and your children and that they will be a blessing to others.

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