

**5 - God is Safe** - He is always watching out over His creation and knows everything. He wants to protect us from danger and guide us toward safety. He wants us not to harm others or to harm the world around us. God only wants what is good for us.

We can trust God and feel safe with Him. God knows what is in our hearts and our minds. He knows how we are feeling, when we are happy or sad, afraid or content. He knows what we are thinking whether we are right or wrong. God wants us to learn and to become better in our hearts and wiser in our thoughts. He is happy when we are happy. God is joyful just as we are with all the good things in our hearts and minds. He is like a best friend to us.

We are safe with God because He does not get angry with us when we do wrong things like telling a lie or wishing bad things upon others. When God looks into our hearts and minds He sees a child who still has a long way to grow before becoming 'Christ-like'. (Even grown ups look like children in God's eyes.) So God is forgiving, and guides us, teaches us, by giving us stories and examples to follow in the Bible. The best example God gave us is Jesus.

Even if we do bad things, or think bad thoughts, like wanting to steal something or wanting to hurt another person, God knows what is in our hearts and still loves us and wants the best for us. God wants us to try always to do the good and not the bad. We are safe with God because he loves us, always forgives us when we come to him to say sorry, and then shows us better ways to live.

### **Images of Safety:**

Mary, Joseph and the Angels were given by God to protect the baby Jesus. God guided the family away from evil King Herod, who wanted to harm Jesus. Mary hugged and loved and protected Jesus. Joseph protected Mary and Jesus. God and His angels protected them all.

God guided the Israelites out of the Land of False Gods (Egypt) through Moses (the deliverer, saviour) to the Promised Land (symbol of the Kingdom of Heaven). Even though the journey was dangerous they were always safe as they followed God.

**Prayer:** "Lord help me not to think bad thoughts, forgive me when I do."

### **Theme:**

Protection, Forgiveness, Wishing the best for us. Trust and safety go together. If we feel scared or alone or like we are in big trouble, always remember that God knows everything about us and keeps on loving us, forgiving us, guiding us. When you hear someone say "trust in God" this means that God is safe. He always wants what is best for us.

### **Questions:**

- Is there a person who makes you feel safe?
- Do you have a friend you can share deep secrets with?
- Do you know that you can talk to God in your heart about anything and everything?

(NOTE to teachers: A child will need this personal confessional in their hearts. It is indispensable for Christian growth. We absolutely must keep honest lines of communication open in our hearts, or else we will rationalize, suppress, and lie to ourselves about things that need to change. Confession before God is the single greatest key to growing in Christ, escaping sins, and learning to be gracious toward others who are just like us inside. We are never alone in our hearts but God is witness to our subjectivity, a subtle presence in our souls.)