

God is for everyone. God is 'for' us and not 'against' us. (Romans 8:31) It's like we are a soccer team and God is cheering us on as we play the game of life. Or God is encouraging us as we work really hard to achieve things. God is on our side. God is helping us in all things and never doing anything against what is truly good for us.

And God is like this for all people in the world. God is not the God of Christians only, but of all people whether they believe in God or not. He is there. He is the only God. And He send Jesus to save all people.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the whole world that he gave his one and only special Son that as people believe in him they will experience the life of the age to come." (Rob paraphrase.)

In our **Bibles**, there are stories about how God chose one person and uses that one person to help others. Or He chooses the children of Israel to help all other nations.

Quick Examples: God chose Abraham to bless all people of faith. God chose Joseph to save Egypt and Israel. God chose Moses to give the 10 commandments and begin leading people toward righteousness. God chose Prophets to speak His words for all peoples in the Bible. God chose Mary to give birth to Jesus so that Jesus, God's Son, could forgive the whole world of its evils and lead us all to eternal life.

What about wicked people? God is rooting for them too that they will change, apologize to Jesus, and live good lives. God is on their side too, wishing them to become good instead of evil

Concept: Spiritual history is just God choosing some people first in order to bless everyone else.

Questions:

- Who did God put in your life to help you? Can you thank God for them?
- Some people have nobody who helps them. How does this make you feel?
- As you grow up, you will be able to help others too in different ways.
- Imagine the best way you could be a help to others. What would this be? Can you draw a picture of you doing this?

Comment for Parents and Teachers: There is One God over all the universe. God is the one, true, living God of all. So while religions have different names and concepts about the divine being, the true God is for everyone, like we see in the life of Jesus. God does not have a favourite people group. He is the same for everyone. He loves us, corrects us, guides us, protects us, saves us, and glorifies us. Jew, gentile, slave, free, male and female, rich and poor. Christians know this and are happy about it. Unbelievers don't know that there is a God like this and so they do not share in trust and hope that gives joy and thanksgiving. But our God is the God of unbelievers too. They just don't realize it. The first thing the Gospel does in bring the joy and freedom of that knowledge.