

What Is God Like?

Read the stories and quotations below. For each one, explain which of God's characteristics it shows. Explain why you think it shows this characteristic.

The work of Jesus	Creation story	Jeremiah
<p>When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him. A man with leprosy* came and knelt before him and said, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean."</p> <p>Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Matthew 8: 1-3</p> <p>* At the time of Jesus leprosy was an incurable disease which spread easily between people. Many people would not have wanted to be close to people with leprosy.</p>	<p>'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.'</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Genesis 1: 1-5</p>	<p>Jeremiah was a prophet sent by God. The following extract is taken from his writings.</p> <p>'The word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." "Alas, Sovereign Lord," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord.'</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Jeremiah 1: 4-8</p>
<p>Which characteristic does this involve? Why?</p>	<p>Which characteristic does this involve? Why?</p>	<p>Which characteristic does this involve? Why?</p>

What Is God Like? Answers

The work of Jesus

This quotation shows God's benevolent nature as he is healing people.

Creation story

This narrative shows God's omnipotence. He is using his power to create the world and everything in it.

Jeremiah

This shows God is omniscient as he is guiding Jeremiah and knows how he will behave in the future. He is also always with him.