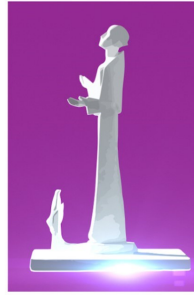


EXPLORING THE BIBLE

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Theme 5: The Bible's Big Themes

Question 5c. Who does the Bible say God is?

1. Have a think about your images of God. What would you draw if someone asked you to draw God?
2. What ideas of God have caught your attention recently? Have you watched a film with God as a character, or seen a representation of the divine on television, or in a video? What did you think? What aspects of God's character are most important to get right in such depictions?
3. As you proceed through your week, keep your eyes and ears open for references to God and note which characteristic is described or highlighted. Ask: Is this image of God something I see reflected in scripture?

Gillian Moses

The Bible says God is a lot of different people, things, characters. There are all those *images* of God, like a pillar of fire, and a pillar of cloud, God is creator, God is judge. But in the end, God is interested in us, God is curious, God is slow to anger and rich in mercy which I think is my favourite description in the Bible.

God is love, of course, but God is looking for a relationship with us and not in a needy way but as an expression of who God is. God can't help but be in relationship with others, including us, so I think that's pretty amazing. But God is also a woman in labour a warrior, a baker, someone doing the laundry all those sorts of things so brings it right down to the practical too.