

The Word of the Day

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Today's word is 'holy,' " Grandma said. Carter and Mallory were staying with Grandma for two weeks while their parents were on a missions trip in Europe.

Every day, Grandma chose a word. Then they all thought about the word as they made choices through the day. They wrote examples of the word on the Word of the Day chart Grandma made. Yesterday the word had been "kindness."

" 'Holy' means no sin. God is holy," Mallory said.

"That's right," Grandma smiled. "God is holy and cannot stand sin. Because we love God, our job is to choose to do what is right and not sin. We should be holy in our words, actions, and attitudes."

"We have a job?" Carter asked. "I thought only grown-ups had jobs."

"Even kids have the job to do what is right," Grandma reminded him.

"Dad and Mom are teaching people about Jesus on the missions trip in Europe. That's a holy choice," Mallory said.

"Good example, Mal! I'll put that on our chart," Grandma said.

Carter and Mallory finished breakfast and went outside to play. They raced on their bikes and ran around the yard chasing Maddie, Grandma's dog. "Come, Maddie!" Carter called. But Maddie kept running around in big circles so Carter couldn't catch her.

After a while, Grandma called from the back door.



"It's time to put your bikes away. We need to go to the store."

Mallory started wheeling her bike to the garage. But Carter interrupted her. "Here, I'll bring Maddie!" he said. Carter held on tightly to the dog's collar.

Suddenly Maddie saw the neighbor's cat. With a giant leap, Maddie escaped Carter's hands. She barked as she raced across the yard.

Mallory and Carter both laughed as the cat climbed the fence and looked down at Maddie. The cat knew she was safe. She calmly licked her paws.

"Carter! Mallory!" Grandma called again from the doorway. "I thought I told you to put your things away?"

"We didn't do our job, Carter," Mallory said. "Disobeying Grandma wasn't right. That wasn't a holy choice." She grabbed her bike right away.

Finally the bikes were put away in the garage. Carter and Mallory went inside to get ready.

"First, I need to drop something off at church," Grandma explained. "Then we'll go to the store." Grandma put on her jacket.

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Our Holy God

Find the words from the word bank that describe God's holiness.

S I N L E S S B
P E R F E C T Z
L H I B R D P M
H E G Z U J U P
O N H O N O R W
L S T Q X V E O
Y W O R S H I P
S E P A R A T E

Word Bank

worship
honor
holy
pure
separate
perfect
sinless
right

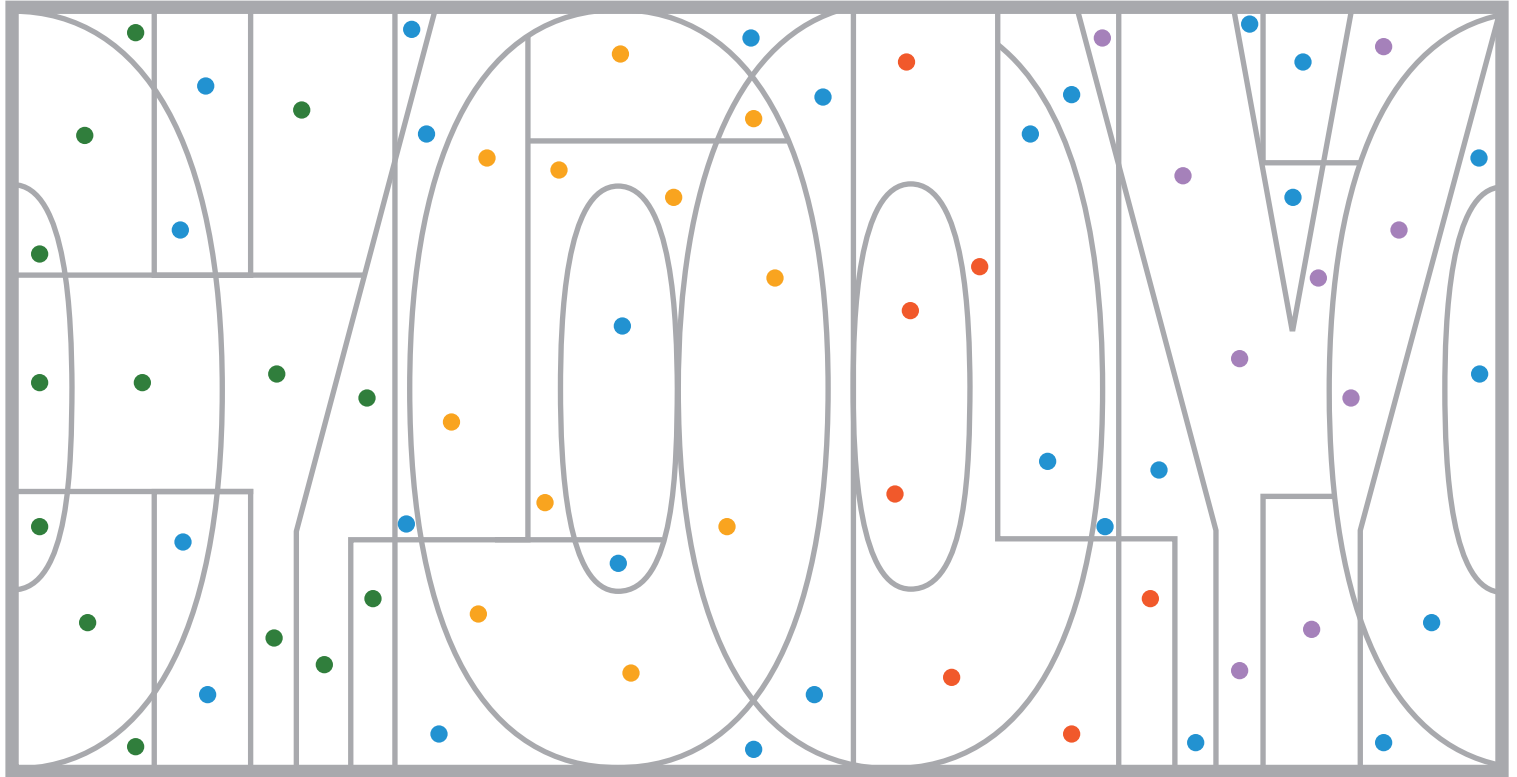
MEMORY VERSE

"Now unto the King eternal, immortal,
invisible, the only wise God,
be honour and glory for ever and ever"
(1 Timothy 1:17).



What Does It Mean?

Use the key to color the picture and reveal an important word about God.



What does "holy" mean? _____

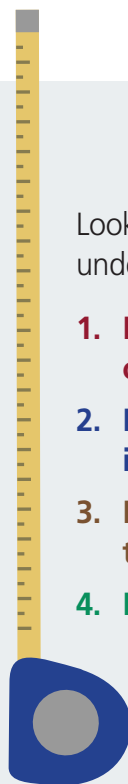
Measuring Growth

The Primary lesson for this week taught your child we need to praise and respectfully fear God for His holiness. The lesson also presented the gospel and gave your child an opportunity to respond to God's offer of eternal life. Spend time talking about the spiritual growth measurables. Look for opportunities in the next week to discuss the indicators when different situations arise.

Measurables

Look for the following indicators that your child understands and respects God's holiness.

1. **My child understands what sin is and why it offends God.**
2. **Knowing sin offends God, my child has trusted in Jesus as Savior for forgiveness of sins.**
3. **My child takes sin seriously and confesses it to God.**
4. **My child desires to praise God for His holiness.**



The Word of the Day (continued)

Mallory groaned. Whenever Grandma stopped at church she talked forever to the office ladies. But then Mallory remembered. She could choose to be holy and have a right attitude. She knew Grandma was helping with the new missions program, so sometimes Grandma had to talk a long time.

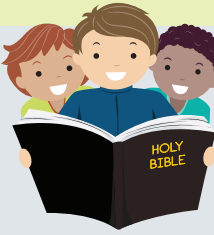
"Okay, Grandma," Mallory said cheerfully. Grandma smiled. She knew Mallory had almost complained but changed her mind to do what was right. Grandma quickly wrote Mallory's

choice on their Word of the Day chart.

Mallory grinned too. Sometimes she had trouble remembering to do what was right. But she knew God would help her choose to be holy. After all, because she loved God, choosing to do right was her job! ■

Answer the story questions.

1. What was the word of the day?
2. What does it mean that God is holy?
3. Did you see anyone choose to be holy in this story? What choices did that person make?



God Is Holy

Leviticus 19:2; Isaiah 14:12–15; Ezekiel 28:13–19



Long before God created the earth, God created thousands and thousands of angels. The angels lived in Heaven with God, worshiping and serving Him.

One angel was more beautiful than all the other angels. His name was Lucifer.

Because Lucifer was so beautiful and wise, he became proud. Lucifer wanted to be even greater than God. He thought all the angels should worship him instead of God.

When Lucifer became prideful and selfish, he sinned against God. So God punished Lucifer by casting him out of Heaven. Lucifer's name was changed to Satan.

God had to punish Lucifer's sin because God is holy. "Holy" means completely perfect and pure, or without sin. Because God is holy, He cannot tolerate sin. Satan could no longer be in God's presence in Heaven because he had sinned.

Satan wanted to be worshiped over God. But only God deserves to be worshiped because He is holy. God is the ruler and creator of everything!

As we read the Bible, we learn about how pure God is. Then we realize how sinful we are. We need a Savior to save us from being punished for our sin.

One man, a prophet named Isaiah, got to see a glimpse of God's holiness. Isaiah immediately realized he could never measure up to God's holiness and said, "Woe is me!"

When we realize how sinful we are, we should worship God for His holiness. We should thank Him for sending His holy Son, Jesus, to die for our sin.

Because of Jesus' sacrifice, you can be pure and blameless in God's sight. If you confess your sins to God and put your trust in Jesus' blood as payment for sin, God forgives you. And when God forgives you, you are promised a home in Heaven with Him forever! ■