

who is God?

God the creator

God conceived and made heaven and earth, all nature and every living creature.

 Isaiah 40:28

 Genesis 1:1 - Genesis 2:4

God is not only involved in the beginning of life. But He wants to be involved in your life also!

 Psalm 139:13-16

 Ephesians 1:4

prayer

- Thank God that He loves you.

God the father

When we believe in Jesus, we are children of God. God is the Father of Jesus, but therefore also our Father in heaven.

 Ephesians 1:3-7

 John 1:18, 14:6

 1 Corinthians 8:6

God's name

 Exodus 3:13-15

Moses asks God what His name is. And God says: **I am there and I will be there.** In Hebrew, this is *Yahweh*. In many Bibles this is translated as LORD.



challenge

- God heeft nog veel meer eigenschappen en namen. Zoek ze maar eens op.

God is good?

Perhaps you have been deeply affected by a situation in your life. Then how can God be good? Maybe you find God uninteresting or too complicated.

If you are disappointed in God or think you don't need Him, please read on.

God made everything good. But from the beginning, people went their own way. They gave room to the devil and his associates. They want nothing more than to thwart God and destroy what God made and what God loves so much. They prefer to aim their arrows at the most beautiful thing God has made: *people*. In other words, on you and me.

People cross each other, bully each other, are dishonest, kill each other, and name all further misery.

Disease, anxiety, confusion or depression create despair and try to bring us down.

Why doesn't God intervene?

Fortunately, there is an answer:

 Luke 4:18-19

Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil, and He gives us power to do the same. To deal with evil. In ourselves and those around us.

 John 14:12

 Ephesians 4:17-19

 Ephesians 6:10-18

God is love

 John 13:34

 1 John 4:8 (7-21)

God wants a *relationship* with you and with me out of love.

He does not want a **puppet on strings** who can do nothing but what He says. **Forced love is not real love.** That is why God has given us as human beings the choice to choose for Him or against Him.


to think about

- ▶ Suppose you invented a pill that **forces** people to love you. What would you do with it?
- ▶ Would you give God a chance to show that He is and will be there?



prayer

- God, I don't know You, or I'm disappointed in You. But I want to know and experience who You really are!

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