RE and Worldviews Year 5

What does it mean if God is holy and loving?

Very Important Vocabulary:

Omnipotent: all-powerful
Omniscient:. all knowing
Holy: 'set apart' pure and completely good
Eternal: lives outside of time – has no beginning or end
Justice: what is fair and right.
Mercy: choosing to show kindness and forgiveness to someone especially when they don't deserve it
Forgiveness: a decision to let go of angry and hurt feelings and not try to hurt someone back
Compassion: caring deeply and doing something to help
Reconciliation: the process of resolving differences and restoring harmony
Confession: For Christians confession is telling God about their mistakes saying sorry, and receiving His forgiveness. .

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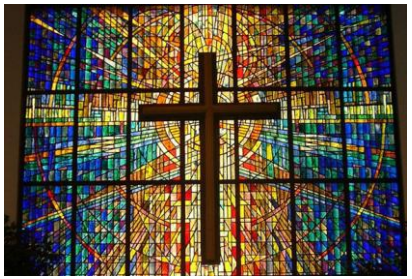
What do Christians say God is like?

Christians believe that the bible teaches that God is both powerful and loving. In the Psalms David describes God as loving, forgiving and caring. In the old testament Isaiah' vision of God describes Him as holy, powerful and overwhelming and in the gospels the apostle John describes God as love itself.

Why do Christians say God is worth worshipping?

Christians believe God is omnipotent, omniscient and eternal, and these qualities mean God is worth worshipping. Many churches, especially cathedrals, are built to show God's greatness. Their size, shape, stained-glass windows, and artwork all communicate beliefs about God's holiness, power and love. Christians think worship helps deepen a personal relationship with God.







How do Christians balance the idea that God is holy and loving?

The Bible shows that God hates injustice and wrongdoing because God is holy, but also that God forgives and loves people deeply. Christians believe God hates actions that destroy relationships or cause harm because of his holiness. Proverbs 6:16–19 is sometimes called "the seven things God hates". Christians also believe God is loving, forgiving and gracious. Psalm 103 describes God as full of mercy and slow to anger.

Christians believe holiness and love work together — God rejects harmful behaviour and wrongdoing but loves people.

How do Christians think Jesus shows God's love and holiness?

Christians believe Jesus' life, death and resurrection perfectly show the qualities of holiness and love. One example is in Luke 23, where just before Jesus dies on the cross he says, 'Father, forgive them.' Despite the injustice of his crucifixion, he freely offered forgiveness – even though it wasn't deserved.

How do Christians live out God's holiness and love today?

Christians believe that because God is holy, they must work against injustice. Because God is loving, they must show forgiveness and compassion. This is why Christians work for peace in the world and in their communities. One example of this includes the way the provost responded when Coventry Cathedral was bombed – showing forgiveness not revenge. Other examples include Christian peacemakers who have worked for both justice and reconciliation.







