

# the Lord of hosts

**Objective:** The students will consider that God is worthy to be worshipped

Link: (long robes indicate the importance, or specialness of the person wearing them.)

Have you ever seen a lady in a very, very long dress? A dress so long that it touches the floor, and when she walks it drags along behind her? (give time for response. Perhaps someone will think of a wedding dress, or a queen. Whichever comes up, prompt for the other one.) Who else wears such a long dress?

People wear such long dresses, or robes, on special days. A bride might wear such a long dress on her wedding day. A king or queen might wear such a long robe for a special celebration. Such a long dress, or robe, tells that the one wearing it is important and special. (You might have to explain that a 'robe' is like a 'coat'.)

Introduction:

We have been studying the names of God. Today we will look at one last name. We will also read about God on His throne. Not many people in the Bible saw God on His throne. But a prophet named Isaiah saw God on His throne. We will find out what Isaiah saw.

Questions:

**When did Isaiah see God on His throne?** (in the year that King Uzziah died)

**What were the heavenly creatures doing?** (standing, flying and calling "holy, holy, holy")

Read Isaiah 6:1-4

Answer the questions

Go on.

When something really wonderful happens, we usually remember it. For example, we remember when our children were born. Or we remember when we promised to marry someone. Or we remember when we saw someone famous.

Isaiah saw something very wonderful. He remembered when he saw it. He saw it the year King Uzziah died. He saw God, the Lord, on His throne!

(Have the students review what they read. For advanced classes, why not have them close their Bibles so it's more challenging?) Tell me about the throne. (very high) What was above the throne. (heavenly creatures) What were the creatures made of?

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(fire) How many wings did the creatures have? (6) Why did they have six wings? (covering face and feet, and for flying) What were they saying?

The creatures were telling of God's holiness. Holy means pure and good. God is holy – completely pure and completely good.

(students open their Bibles again.)

The creatures were saying, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord All-Powerful. His glory fills the whole earth." Remember this Bible is written in very simple English. Another way to translate 'the Lord All-Powerful' is 'the Lord of hosts.' Hosts are armies. The name 'the Lord of hosts' shows that God is in command of armies in heaven. He will command His heavenly armies to fight evil. It shows His power, it shows that He is King in heaven, it shows that He rules, and it shows that there is war in the heavens.

The Bible teaches that there is war in the heavens. The armies of evil are very strong. We see evil in our world. But the Bible teaches that the armies of God will win. God will win, and has already won. The greatest victory was when Jesus Christ died on the cross. He rose from the dead and won a victory over death itself.

Think of all the things that God is. He is Abba, He is I AM, he is our protector, our provider, a wonderful counselor, our redeemer, He is all-mighty and He will win the war over evil. He has my worship. He should also have your worship. He is my God. I am praying that you will want to call Him your God.

That's all for today.