

The ABCs of God the Father

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(1 and 2 are talking to one another, playing a letter association game, 3 walks in on them)

1: All-powerful – as in He can control the wind and the waves, you know, like when Jesus calmed the storms.

2: Good. How about this one? Breath – as in He gave the breath of life to Adam at creation.

1: That's creative. Oh, hey, Creative – as in He'd have to be creative to create the platypus – what is that a duck, a beaver, an otter? Did you know the platypus is also poisonous? It's got a self defense button on its foot that shoots venom into its predators! How creative is that?!

2: No kidding? That's cool. Okay I've got an easy one – death defying – as in you can't keep Jesus in the tomb; He's God!

1: I've got an easy one too – eternal – He was, is, and always will be.

(3 enters and hears 1 and 2 talking)

3: What are you guys doing?

1: Oh we're just messing around. We're going through the alphabet and trying to think of words to describe God, and then you have to give an example to back up your description.

2: Yeah. Right now we're on F.

3: Oh, well that's not hard; how about Father – as in Maker of heaven and earth, He has made me and all creatures; He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.

For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

2: Show-off.

1: Wow, I didn't know that about you.

3: What? That I know the meaning to the first article of the Apostle's Creed?

1: No, I didn't know you were a family man, with house and home, wife and children.

(2 laughs with 1)

3: Very funny.

1: No really, I think that's pretty cool actually, that you've got that memorized.

3: It's no big deal; we had to do it for confirmation. I just remembered it, that's all.

- 2: I think it's amazing! I have a hard time memorizing anything! Now, ask me what God the Father does for us, and I can tell you that in my own words, but I could never rattle off the meaning like that.
- 1: Okay, what does God the Father do for us?
- 2: Huh?
- 3: Go ahead. Put it in your own words.
- 2: What, now?
- 1: Yeah, sure. Why not?
- 2: Well, okay, here goes. God the Father is just one part of the Triune God. In fact, the Apostles' Creed talks about all three parts of the Triune God. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father is our creator. He created each one of us. Not only did He create us, but He also created everything! As our Father, He takes care of us. He gives us everything we need and more, emphasis on "everything"! He gives us feelings and emotions, He gives us our brain to be creative with, He gives us family and friends; did I mention He gives us everything? The cool thing is that He doesn't do this because He has to; He's not obligated to, He does it simply because He loves us. I know that I can trust God's promises to me. He is an awesome, amazing incredible God.
- 1: Wow, that was a great statement of your faith!
- 3: Yeah, that was awesome! Now who's the show-off?
- 2: Whatever. Come on, we're on letter G. Whose turn is it?
- 1: I got this one! G. Grace! Because of God's grace we don't get what we deserve, instead we get all the cool things you were just talking about, AND, best of all, we get eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ.
- 3: Nice!

(all three begin to exit on the following line.)

2: Very cool. Okay, I've got H!...

(all three are off stage now)

End scene.

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