



Reflect: Imagine playing hide and seek with God. My turn to count. 1... 2... 3... Where would He hide? What is the best hiding place ever? The God of the universe would definitely know all the best places. 8... 9... 10...

Before, when it was my turn to hide, the all-seeing Father just had to open His eyes to see me. Only He didn't even need to open His eyes because the all-knowing Father knew where I'd hidden. Only He didn't even need to think about it because the Father who prepared all things before creation knew where I was going to hide before I hid there. Hiding from God isn't easy!

18... 19... 20... Here I come, ready or not!

I turn around, my eyes open wide, ears straining for the slightest sound. Where will He be? I wonder where to start. It could be a long game. What if He made himself tiny, or invisible? He could hide from me forever if he wanted to and I could look and look and never find him.

So, it turns out you can't play hide and seek with God after all. But people try it. Hiding in their jobs and houses and in their dreams, pretending that God can't see.

The wise person knows just how big God is. King David in the Bible spoke of God's all powerful and all knowing presence. He wrote:

"Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there."

King David concluded by asking God to examine him and test his heart:

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

Right now God sees us and knows us. We're in full view. And He wants us to follow Him. Only God has the power to change us so that we're not offensive to Him. It's so much simpler to admit our mistakes and come into the open. If you really want to be found by God then listen for his voice. Jesus said this to his disciples:

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

Prayer: Dear God, I am no longer hiding from you. From now on, I will listen to Jesus and follow him. Amen.

Bible Verse: My sheep hear my voice." (John 10:27)