



# Equipping Literacy Assistants

**The character of God and values**

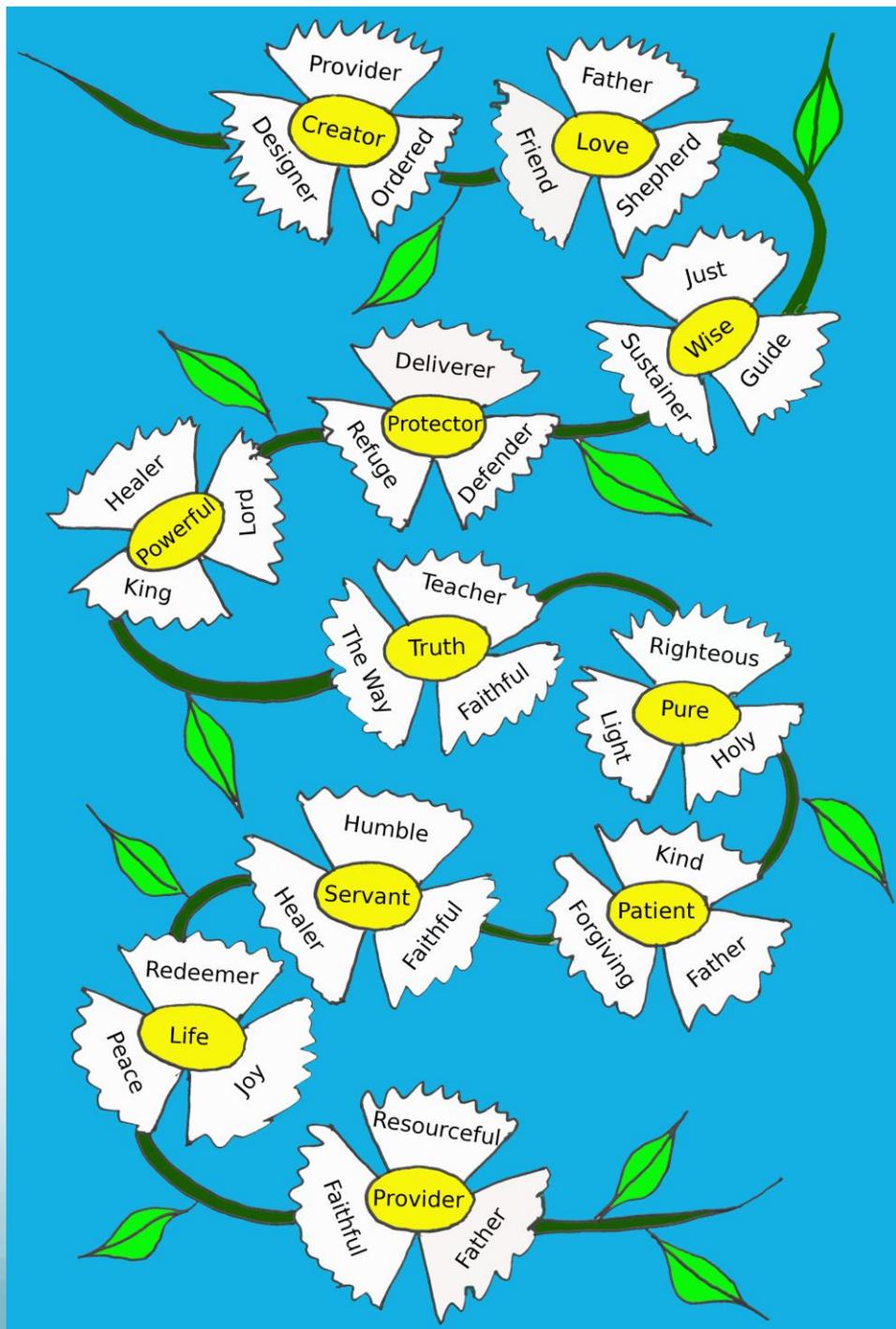
# The *Beacon Education* vision

- To bring students into a heart knowledge of God, through an understand in of His character.
- To equip educators in becoming lights to the world
- To make the learning environment a place of love, joy, inspiration and excellence



# The character of God

As we get to know His character, we will show His character in our lives.



# Why teach students about the character and nature of God, and not just the Bible?

- Heart knowledge and not just head knowledge
- Relationship with God
- Faith in a supernatural God
- Development of character development – an understanding of who God is requires a response from us

# What is our response to an understanding God's character?

**As we come to understand each attribute of God's character and nature, a response is required of us. This response is like a reflection in a mirror.**

Micah 6:8 He has told you O man what is good; And what does the Lord require of you? But to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

**Character development should be taught as an outworking of knowing the character of God.**

## 2 Corinthians 3:18 (New Living Translation)

So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

Looking closely at the glory of Lord and learning about His character, causes us to *reflect* His character.



# Our response...our values



## God is Creator

Stand in awe of God's power; believe God's plan for the world, beginning with a literal 6-day creation.



## God is Love

Love others as Christ loves us. Forgive, be kind, be gentle.



## God is Wise

Seek God's opinion, not our own. Do what Jesus would do. Know that wisdom comes from obeying God.



## God is Protector

Trust and have confidence in a great and powerful God, a loving father.



### **God is Lord and King**

**Trust that God is in control; have faith.**



### **God is Truth**

**Know that Jesus is the only way; demonstrate discernment; tell the truth and live the truth; know that the Bible is truth.**



### **God is Pure and Holy**

**Ask for God's forgiveness and salvation.  
Be pure in words and deeds. Obey God.**



### **God is a Servant**

**Follow the example of Jesus, the greatest servant; serve one another with humility; put others first and self last.**



### **God is our Saviour**

**Jesus gives us new life when we accept Him as Saviour.  
Live the Christian life by demonstrating the fruit of the Spirit.**



### **God is a Provider**

**Trust and have confidence that He cares for us and will provide for us. Do not worry!**

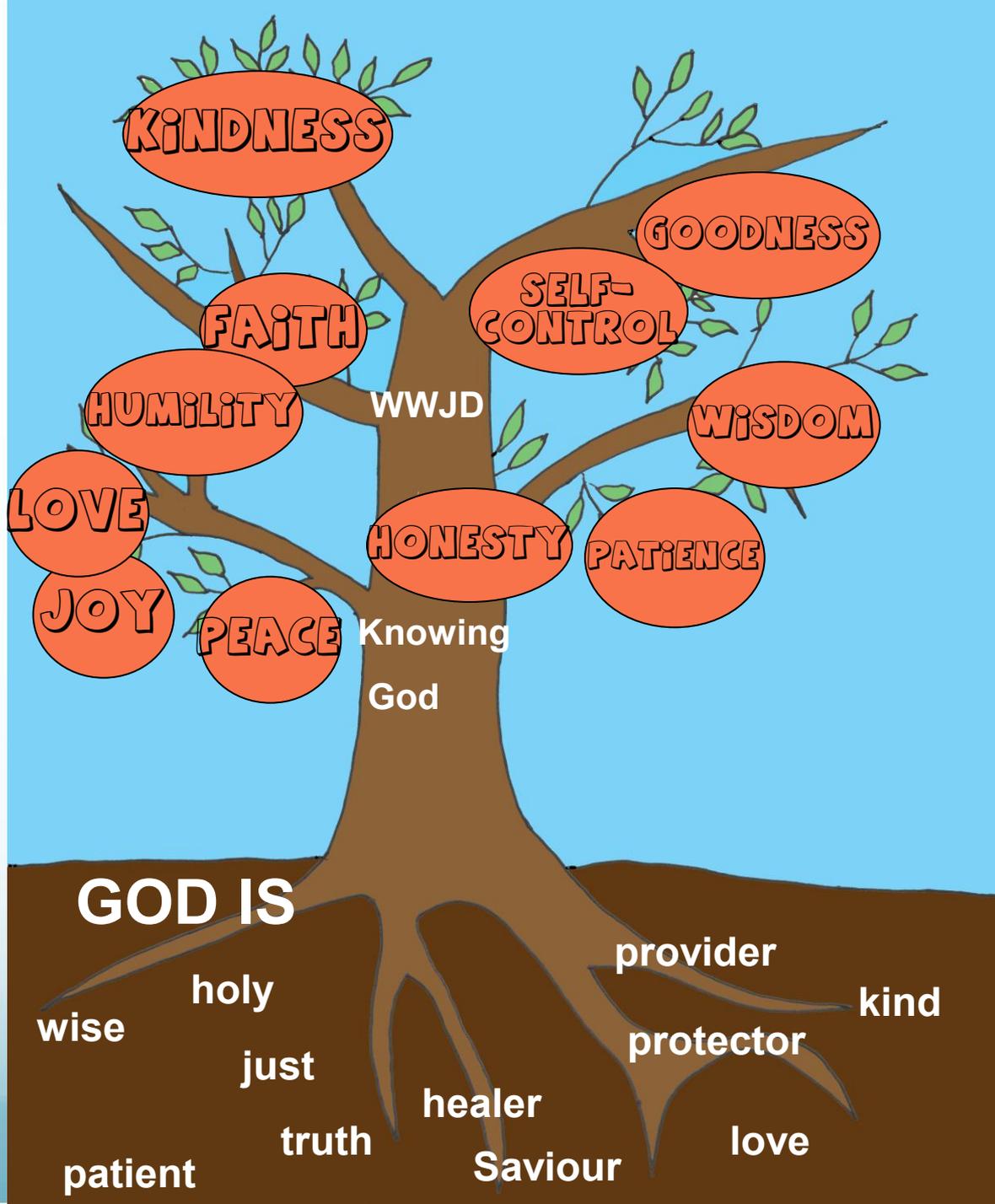
# How do we teach values?

- Focus FIRST on who God is.  
e.g. He wants us to be loving, because He is.
- THEN teach the value that comes out of knowing who God is.
- The attribute of God is the primary focus, (not the value).

# WWJD?



- We love because God loves us.
- We serve because Jesus served.
- We are patient because God is patient with us.
- We do what's right because God is pure and holy.
- We are thankful and generous because God is our provider.



**KINDNESS**

**GOODNESS**

**FAITH**

**SELF-CONTROL**

**HUMILITY**

WWJD

**WISDOM**

**LOVE**

**HONESTY**

**PATIENCE**

**JOY**

**PEACE**

Knowing

God

**GOD IS**

wise    holy    just    truth    patient  
provider    protector    healer    Saviour    love  
kind

# Teach students to know God...

- Not just to know about Him.
- Not just to be good citizens.



**Stay connected in all you teach**



**JESUS**  
*is the vine,  
we are the branches*

# Questions

- In Christian education, what would be the problem with teaching values such as kindness, honesty, responsibility etc., disconnected from teaching about God?
- For each of the following attributes of God, match some responses.

**Attributes:** *God is Love, God is Provider, God is Truth, God is a servant, God is Pure and Holy*

**Responses:** *generous, humble, kind, honest, obedient, faithful, thankful, friendly, responsible, caring,*