WISDOM OF AGUR,
who thought himself tired!

Have you ever thought so much about something that your head felt tired? That is exactly how Agur felt! He wanted to understand and explain God, but then he realised that God is far too great for our minds to fully grasp.

1. Who was Agur?

We do not know much about Agur. But in Proverbs 30 we read how he wrote about becoming tired from thinking about God.

Read Proverbs 30:1 (NIV):

"This man's utterance to Ithiel:

'I am weary, God,

but I can prevail.'"

Agur said he had thought himself tired. He wanted to work out God's greatness, but discovered he could not do it.

2. Agur realises he is unwise

Agur admitted that he was really "stupid" or a brute. He was not being funny. He realised that no human being is clever enough to completely understand who God is and what His plans are.

Read Proverbs 30:2–3 (NIV):

"Surely I am only a brute, not a man;
I do not have human understanding.
I have not learned wisdom,
nor have I attained to the knowledge
of the Holy One."

He was saying: "The more I try to think, the less I know."

3. God is greater than our thoughts

Agur teaches us an important truth: God is always greater than what we can imagine. We cannot put Him in a box or ever fully understand Him.

Read Romans 11:33 (NIV):

"Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable his judgments,
and his paths beyond tracing out!"

The Bible says God's wisdom is so deep and so great that we can never figure it out. We do not have to understand everything, we just need to trust Him.

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT TOGETHER
1. Have you ever tried to understand something about God and then realised you could not?
2. What do you think Agur meant when he said he felt "unwise"?
3. Read Proverbs 30:4. What are the questions Agur asks there? What do these questions teach us about God?
4. Why do you think it is actually wise to say: "I do not know everything, but I trust God"?
5. How do you feel knowing that God is much greater than anything we can imagine?