

OVERVIEW

FOUNDATION: GOD IS TRUTH - GOD GIVES HIS WORD

“God Is” means that there is only one god in the universe. He alone is Lord over everything that exists, and He alone is worthy of our worship. This also means that every good thing that exists comes from God. All good things come from Him because goodness is a part of who He is as the one true God. It is a part of His nature and character to be good, and everything that comes from God is good. Thankfully, God has not chosen to withhold His goodness from His creation, but instead gives it freely to us.

BIG TRUTH: GOD DEFINES WHAT IS TRUE AND WHAT IS FALSE

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 17:17

“Your Word is truth.”

BIG IDEAS

- God is truth. He not only speaks what is true, but truth is who He is.
- God tells us what is true through His Word and sin is choosing to believe and speak what is false.
- God commands that we speak truth and not lies.

BIG AIMS



KNOW

Every child should know that:

- God is truth. We should speak truth because God is truth.
- The Bible is the true Word of God that tells us who He is and who we are.



FEEL

Every child should feel:

- An excitement and purpose to search for truth.



DO

Every child should be able to:

- Tell truth.
- Hide God's Word in the heart by memorizing verses from the Bible.



WANT

Every child should want:

- To know the truth.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 41

God gave Joseph the ability to understand the truth of Pharaoh's dream because God is truth and He gives truth through His Word. Joseph gave Pharaoh God's truth when he explained Pharaoh's dream.

The Family Devotion on the next page is a weekly tool for the home. It is designed for you as family to gather for a few minutes on a set night of the week to unpack the Big Truth together. Use the model below and customize it to fit your family. As you continue to learn, love, and live out the Big Truth, some additional Hooks (next page) are provided that correspond to the Big Aims (see above). Use them to keep the conversation going throughout the week with your family.

GOD DEFINES WHAT IS TRUE AND WHAT IS FALSE

GOD IS TRUTH AND HE TELLS US WHAT TRUTH IS THROUGH HIS WORD:

In a notebook write down several statements about the world that are obviously false, such as, “The light is called night and the dark is called day” and “Cows are fish and swim in the ocean.” Show your child the notebook and then a copy of God’s word. Open the Bible to Genesis 1 and the creation account. Then read the statements from the notebook. Ask your child if the statements are true or false. Then ask them how they know they are false. They are false because they aren’t the same as what God’s word says and God’s word is always true.

DISCOVER IT:

Read John 17:17 together.

THINK ABOUT IT:

The author of this book was a man named John. He was close to Jesus and spent a lot of time with Him while Jesus was on the earth. He had heard Jesus speak and teach and had seen Him work miracles. When he wrote about Jesus and God’s words, he told the world that they are the truth---every single one of them. John had experienced Jesus firsthand and he knew that all that Jesus said was true.

We have the Bible, which is God’s written word and it’s complete. We can know the truth because God’s truth is written in His word. It’s from the Bible that we understand how to live and we gain wisdom and understanding of the world around us. Every single word is true and valuable to us.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- How did John know Jesus’ words were true? (He had lived among Jesus and seen Jesus work and teach and God had spoken through John.)
- How can we know the truth? (We know the truth when we read and study God’s word---it is the only source for truth about this life and this world.)



KNOW

Help your child memorize John 17:17 by clapping your hands each time you say a word and marching in time to your clapping. You can march around your house clapping and saying the verse over and over to help your child memorize it and implant the truth in their hearts.



DO

Discuss with your child the importance of telling the truth always. Throughout the week as you begin your day, take a few minutes in the morning to pray with your child and ask God to help them to tell the truth all the time.



FEEL

Gather a bowl of water, one quarter, and many pennies. Tell your child that the quarter represents a lie. Allow them to throw the quarter in the bowl of water. Then tell them the pennies represent the ways we try to cover up our lie. Allow them to throw the pennies in the water to cover up the quarter. It will take a lot of pennies to cover the quarter and a lot of time. Remind them that God commands us not to lie because He wants us to be like Him and He always tells the truth.



WANT

Encourage your child to sing praises to God for His truthfulness. You can sing “The B.I.B.L.E.”, or the “Ten Commandment Boogie” by Go Fish. Remind your child that God gives us the truth in His Word.