

## 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: THE BIBLE TELLS US HOW TO LIVE

#### BIBLE VERSE: 2 TIMOTHY 3:16A

“All scripture is breathed out by God.”

#### BIG IDEAS

- The Bible tells us who God is.
- The Bible tells us how to live for God.
- The Bible protects us from disobeying God.
- The Bible tells us how to find our joy in God.

#### 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: PSALM 1

When a person learns God's Word and uses it in their lives, they experience real joy and happiness. Knowing God's Word helps us know who God is, how to live for Him, and how to obey Him. Our paths are made straight when we know God's Word.

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.

## THE BIBLE PROTECTS US FROM DISOBEYING GOD

On pieces of construction paper write out commands or print pictures of actions, such as jumping, walking, clapping, etc. Next tell your child you are going to play a different version of “Simon Says”. This version is one in which no one will speak. The cards will represent Simon and when you hold them up, your child should do what it says or what the picture is showing. When you do an action without holding up a card, it is not Simon saying to do it. Play this version of “Simon Says” with your child reminding your child that the way we know how to obey God is by reading the Bible. Not reading the Bible is like not following Simon in “Simon Says”.

### DISCOVER IT:

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

Paul wrote to Timothy to remind him of the importance of God’s Word. God’s Word tells us a lot of things, but one of the most important things it tells us is how to obey God. When we read and study the Bible, we understand how to obey God and we know when we are disobeying Him. The Bible protects us from disobeying God because we learn about God and His commands when we read it.

### TALK ABOUT IT:

- How do we know how to obey God? (When we read the Bible we learn about God’s commands to His people, like the Ten Commandments.)
- How can the Bible keep us from disobeying God? (When we read it and know what God is telling us to do, we learn what the consequences of disobedience are.)



#### KNOW

Help your child memorize the Bible Verse by creating a puzzle out of the words. Write out the words on one large piece of paper and then cut the paper up to create a puzzle. Help your child “work” the puzzle, repeating the verse over and over as you do.



#### DO

Help your child understand that obeying God’s Word brings security by showing them two objects. One can be a walnut in its shell and the other can be a banana in its peel. Allow your child to try and squish the walnut in its shell. The walnut is like the Word of God---it can’t be destroyed because it is eternal. Then allow your child to squish the banana. It is like the world and disobedience, which leads to bad consequences.



#### FEEL

Purchase two small plants from your local nursery or grocery. Help your child choose a place to keep the plants. Throughout the week, water one plant, but not the other. Read Psalm 1 with your child and talk with your child about the difference in loving God’s Word and obeying Him and the not loving His Word and disobeying Him. One plant is thriving because it is being watered and the other is wilting and dying because it is not being watered.



#### WANT

Help your child want to obey God by creating a Ten Commandment chart for the week. On a large piece of paper or a poster board write out an abbreviated version of some of the Ten Commandments, such as “Don’t Lie”, “Don’t Steal”, etc. Throughout the week encourage your child to keep the commandments you’ve written out and when they do, allow your child to place a sticker next to the commandment.