

**BIG TRUTH: GOD IS THE GOOD CREATOR**

Exodus 34:6; 1 Chronicles 16:34; Psalm 25:8; Psalm 33:5; Psalm 92:15; 100:5; 107:8-9; 119:68; 145:5-9; Matthew 7:11

**BIBLE VERSE: JAMES 1:17**

*"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."*

**BIG IDEAS**

- God not only does good, He is good.
- Everything God made was good.
- Nothing God created was bad or broken.

**BIBLE STORY: PSALM 19**

God is not only the Creator of all things, but He is the good Creator. God is always good and everything that He does is good. When God created the heavens and the earth, everything that He created was good. All of creation declares God's glory and His goodness. Creation is evidence that God is good and always does good.

**STORY: CREATION**

God created everything. Everything we see, hear, feel, taste, and that exists was created by Him. Not only did He create everything, but He created everything perfectly, including humanity. He created mankind in His very image and likeness to reflect His worth. All of creation was made just like He wanted and designed it to be. To His delight, God looked at everything He made and declared that it was good. All creation exists for God, is good, and was created to bring Him glory.

**BIG AIMS****KNOW****Every child should know that:**

- God is actively involved in creation

**FEEL****Every child should feel:**

- Safe and secure in God's rule over creation

**DO****Every child should:**

- Remember the ways that God is faithful

**WANT****Every child should want:**

- To trust God's control over creation

**EVERYTHING GOD MADE WAS GOOD**

Use a large piece of paper or poster board to help your child make a list of all of the good things your family has. Help your child make the list of the good things your family enjoys, such as food, a house, cars, clothing, pets, etc. God is the Creator of all things and everything that He made was good.

**DISCOVER IT:** *(Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)*

Psalms 19

**THINK ABOUT IT:** *(Use the commentary to reinforce the Big Truth.)*

We all have things that we enjoy in our lives. We have special places we like to go, special toys or items that we like to play with. We even have special foods that we like to eat. We also enjoy God's creation. We enjoy the sun and find beauty in the starry night. God is the maker of all these things. He is the giver of all good things to us. God's original creation was good and perfect. Everything that God made was good. It wasn't broken or bad in any way until man disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden.

**TALK ABOUT IT:** *(Use the questions to discuss the Big Truth)*

- What kind of things does God give us? (God gives us good things.)
- Did God make anything bad? (No, everything that God made was good.)



**KNOW**

As a family, memorize James 1:17 by playing beanbag toss. Every time someone catches the beanbag, say the next word of the verse until you have the verse memorized.



**DO**

Make two cups of chocolate milk. In one cup place a teaspoon of salt. Ask your child to take a sip of both cups. Tell them the sweet cup of milk is like God's original creation. It is good. The second cup with the salt is like creation now. It is bad and broken. The salt is like man's sin, which caused creation to be bad and broken.



**FEEL**

One day this week, go through your house helping your child pick out some of his or her favorite things. These should be things that he or she really enjoys or finds really helpful to him or her. You should pick out a few things that you enjoy and find helpful in your own life to show your children. Remind your children that everything that God made was good. He is the Creator of all things and He gives good things to us.



**WANT**

At bedtime this week share with your child a story about God's faithfulness to you and a time when He gave you something very good. Talk with your child about how everything that God made was good. He is the giver of good things to us because everything He does is good.

As a family spend some time talking about the good things that God does, such as He provides our daily needs, He protects us, He sent His Son to pay our sin debt, He loves us always, etc. Spend a few minutes praying and thanking God for His goodness.