

BIG TRUTH: GOD RULES TOMORROW

Matthew 6:25-34; Luke 12:4-12; Luke 12:22-24; Philippians 4:4-9; John 16:33

BIBLE VERSE: MATTHEW 6:34

“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

BIG IDEAS

- God is in control of tomorrow.
- God cares for creation’s tomorrows.
- We do not have to fear tomorrow because God cares for us.

BIBLE STORY: MATTHEW 6:25-35

In Jesus’ sermon on the mount, He tells His listeners that there is no need to worry about tomorrow. He points to the flowers in the field and the birds in the air. God takes care of them. Imagine how much more God cares for people. God holds all of our tomorrows in His hand, so we never have to worry about them.

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

WE DON'T HAVE TO FEAR TOMORROW

Take your child on a walk through your neighborhood or a local park. Ask your child to point out the different types of trees, flowers, and birds that he or she sees. Remind your child that God cares for each of these things. He cares even more for us. We don't have to fear tomorrow because God cares about us so much.

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

Matthew 6:25-34.

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

All of creation is held together by God's power. Everything that is on the earth and in the heavens continues to live because God sustains it. God provides the air that we all need to breathe. He provides the food for all the animals and for every human. God cares for all of creation. When Jesus told the people they didn't need to fear, He was telling them to remember the faithfulness of God. When we look around at the earth, we can see how God is faithful every day to provide what is needed for life on earth. Because He is faithful to do this for animals and plants, we can trust that He'll do even more for humans because humans are more important to Him than the rest of creation.

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

- How does God care for the plants and animals? (He provides all the things they need for life.)
- How does God care for humans? (He gives us everything we need and then more than that.)

**KNOW**

As a family memorize Matthew 6:34 by playing a game of freeze tag. The person who is "frozen" can say the verse out loud to get unfrozen.

**DO**

Help your child make a list of everything he or she needs (not wants) for one day. The list could include clothes, water, food, a place to sleep, etc. At the end of the day, talk about how they had what they needed to live. Remind your child that we don't have to worry about tomorrow because God always takes care of us.

**FEEL**

Help your child plan an activity for one day this week, like a picnic or day at the park with your family. Help your child write down the details of the plan and then set them aside. When the day for the planned activity comes, try to follow the details that your child wrote down. Once it's over, talk with your child about which details happened and which didn't. Remind them that we can't always control everything that happens, but God can and does. We can trust Him.

**WANT**

Each night this week at bedtime, spend a few minutes talking with your child about how God provided for your family that day. Pray with your child thanking God for His provision and for caring for you.

Spend some time singing "He's Got The Whole World in His Hands" with your child. Talk with your child about how we don't have to worry about anything because God controls it all.