

BIG TRUTH: GOD GIVES THE FAMILY

Genesis 2:24; Deuteronomy 11:18-19; Psalm 78:6-8; 127:3-5; 145:4; Matthew 19:3-6

BIBLE VERSE: GENESIS 1:28

“And God blessed them. And God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’”

BIG IDEAS

- Family is God’s idea and design.
- The relationships within the family reflect the relationship between the Godhead.
- The family exists to spread the worship and fame of God across the earth.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 1

In the beginning, there was God. God existed perfectly and righteously. He needed nothing because He was and is completely satisfied in Himself. Though God was complete, He chose to create the heavens, the earth, and mankind. God made these things to bring Himself glory.

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 created the family

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

- Practice serving the members of their family

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

- Thankful for the gift of family that God has given them

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

- To honor and respect their family

GOD DESIGNED FAMILY

Help your child design and create a special habitat or fish aquarium. You can use pictures from online instead of purchasing the fish tank and items to go in it. Remind your child that God designed family. It is His idea and He gave family to mankind. He created the first family and provided them with everything they needed. Families reflect God.

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

Genesis 1.

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

In the beginning, there was God. Before the heavens and earth existed, there was God. God is the beginning of all things. He spoke the heavens and earth into existence. He called the mountains from the deep, separated the night from the day, set the stars in the night sky and put the earth in motion. He placed the sun at just the right distance to allow life to flourish on earth. God made the first man from the dust of the ground, breathing air into his lungs. God looked at the man and he had no companion, and God created woman. He gave the first woman to the man to be man's helper and when He did, God created the first family. Family is not an invention of mankind or just something that happened. It is God's design for mankind. It is how God purposed people to live. Family is a reflection of the Godhead. It is the way that God's glory is spread to the whole earth. As families that worship God continue to grow, His name is made famous generation after generation.

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

- When did God create the first family? (When God created the first man and woman, He made the first family.)
- How do families reflect the Godhead? (They show the relationship between the Godhead through unity and submission.)



As a family, memorize Genesis 1:28 by playing a game of freeze tag. A person can be unfrozen when he says the verse out loud.



Help your child create a family tree using a poster board and construction paper. As you create the family tree, talk with your child about how families are God's idea. They are His design.



Help your child bake or create a special treat for some of your family members. As you create the treat, talk with your child about how family is from God and it reflects God's image to the world.

Spend some time this week sharing with your child about what it means to you to be part of your family. Share the ways that you try to bring God glory through your family. Remind your child that our families help spread the worship and praise of God to the earth.



Spend some time naming the people who are part of your family and thanking God for them through prayer.