

BIG TRUTH: GOD GIVES CARE AND DISCIPLESHIP

Deuteronomy 4:9-10; 6:1-2; Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:12-16; Hebrews 10:23-25

BIBLE VERSE: DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7A

“And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children,”

BIG IDEAS

- Parents should love God most.
- Parents are to teach God’s Word to their children.
- God has given the family of faith to help the family at home know and follow God.
- The fear of the Lord is the pursuit of God’s family.

BIBLE STORY: PROVERBS 2:1-15

God is our wise Father. He gives wisdom to those who follow Him. He instructs those who have ears to hear and cry out for His commands. His way is better than any way we could ever have. He is the perfect example of how earthly parents should teach their children.

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**Every child should know that:**

- God created the family

**Every child should feel:**

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

**Every child should:**

- Practice serving the members of their family

**Every child should want:**

- To honor and respect their family

THE FEAR OF THE LORD

Create a scavenger hunt for your child where he or she has to find different places or things around your house or in your neighborhood that produce fear. Fearing the Lord means standing in awe of who He is and what He does.

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

Proverbs 2:1-15

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

The Proverbs are wisdom statements that can serve as guides for how we live our lives. In Proverbs 2, we see a picture of a child following his father's teachings. The father in the verses is God. God is the perfect Father. He is perfect and always does what is right and true. Everything He does is good. He knows His children perfectly and teaches them about Himself. From these verses, parents can learn how to be good earthly parents. When we seek to know God, we can then teach our children about God. When we treasure up our heavenly Father's teaching and instruction, we can teach our own children. The more we learn about God, the more in awe we become of Him. When we have a correct awe of God, we are fearing Him. We know that His Word is true and He means what He says. Families should seek to glorify God by fearing Him. Parents can teach their children what it means to live a life that fears God and seeks to glorify Him. Parents do not have to train their children alone. God gave the family of God, or family of faith, to serve as a resource to families. When we live life together as God intended, we can encourage one another in bringing God glory.

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

- How is God the perfect Father? (He instructs His children, teaches them, gives them wisdom, guides them and protects them perfectly.)
- How should parents train their children? (They should train them to fear God by showing them what it means to fear God.)
- What is a resource to families? (The church or family of faith is a source of encouragement and help to families.)

**KNOW**

As a family, memorize Deuteronomy 6:6-7a. Talk with your child about how important it is for parents to teach their children about God.

**DO**

Share with your child about the ways you learned about God as a child. Share a special time when your parents, guardians, or another adult taught you about God. Remind your child that God commands parents to teach their children about Him.

**FEEL**

As a family, spend time this week singing praise songs to God about how great He is.

Write down several truths about God. For example, He is steadfast. Place these truths around your house or outside. Ask your child to hunt for the truths. When he or she finds one, read it out loud and talk about it with your child.

**WANT**

Spend time with your child this week praying and thanking God for being a good Father.