

BIG TRUTH: GOD MADE ME FOR FAMILY

Genesis 12:1-3; 15:5; Isaiah 43:5-7; Matthew 12:46-50; John 1:12; Romans 9:8; Ephesians 1:5; 2:19; 1 John 3:1-2

BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 8:15

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

BIG IDEAS

- God gives the family.
- God gives marriage.
- God gives children.
- God gives parents.
- God gives care and discipleship.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 12:1-3, 15:1-7 (ABRAHAM)

Abram was a man chosen by God to be the earthly father of His people. God made a covenant with Abram and committed to him. God promised that Abram would have many descendants, even though at the time he and his wife were childless. God kept His promise to Abram, and through Abram's story we are reminded that God created family.

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:**

- The family is created by God, and we are created to be part of family

**Every child should feel:**

- Thankful for the gift of their family

**Every child should:**

- Honor their family

**Every child should want:**

- To grow in how they love and serve their family

REVIEW

Guide 9 acts as a review for the preceding weeks. Use this guide and devotion to support, reinforce, and review concepts learned throughout the past weeks and to test your child's understanding and memory of these truths.

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

Genesis 12:1-3, 15:1-7

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

Abram heard the voice of God calling him to go to an unknown land. Abram listened to God and followed Him. God led Abram out of his homeland. God promised Abram that one day, He would give him many descendants. Abram believed God and sought to obey God and all that He commanded him to do. As time passed and Abram and his wife Sarai remained childless, Abram questioned God. He still believed that God was going to give him many descendants, but Abram wasn't sure that God would use he and Sarai to do it. Abram thought God might use his servant as Abram's heir, but God said no. God reminded Abram of His promise to him. God asked Abram to look up into the sky and to count the stars if he could. The stars were too numerous to count. God promised Abram that He would give Abram descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and that He would do it through Abram and Sarai. Though Abram believed God, He didn't know how God was going to make it happen. God is the Creator of family. It is His idea and design. He not only creates family, but He is redeeming a family for Himself. God sent Jesus to pay the world's sin debt and to offer redemption to mankind. When man repents and believes in Jesus, he becomes a part of God's family. God's family lives to bring Him glory.

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

- Who created the family?
- How does Abram's story teach us that family comes from God?
- What is your role in the family? (We were created for family, we were created to honor our parents, etc.)

**KNOW**

As a family, memorize Romans 8:15 by writing the verse on a large piece of paper and placing it in a visible place in your house. Every time you pass by the verse, say the verse out loud.

**DO**

Share with your child about the time when you repented and believed in Jesus. Explain to your child what it means to you to be considered God's son or daughter. Remind him or her that when we follow Christ, we become God's sons and daughters.

**FEEL**

Create a family tree with your child. As you create your family tree, include members of your church. Talk with your child about how people who are fellow believers are like our brothers and sisters because God makes us a part of His family.

**WANT**

As a family, spend some as a family praying and thanking God for redeeming people to be part His family.