

GOD MADE ME FOR FAMILY

REVIEW - CREATION

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

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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

FAMILY DEVOTION

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.

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God sent His Son to set us free from our sin.

- We are all born slaves to sin.
- When Adam and Eve sinned, sin became a part of our nature.
- Every person born after Adam and Eve is born with a sin nature.
- We cannot overcome our sin nature on our own.
- We are not able to break free from our natural desire to sin without the help of a Savior.
- God sent Jesus, His only Son to set us free from our sin nature.
- Jesus died on the cross to pay our sin debt. Now, freedom from our sin is available to us.

When we repent and believe, we are adopted into God's family.

- We can walk in the freedom that Jesus made available to us when we repent, or turn away from, our sin and believe that He died on the cross for us.
- When we repent and believe, we are saved from our sin penalty and can walk free from it.
- Not only do we receive freedom from it, but we also become part of God's family.
- God adopts us as His sons and daughters and we become His children.

God's family is made up of people who have been redeemed by Him.

- God created the very first family when He created Adam and Eve.
- They were perfect until they rebelled against God and sinned.
- Since man broke God's perfect creation, it has been in need of redemption.
- God redeems people through Jesus.
- People who have been redeemed make up God's family.
- God's redeemed family is eternal in that, even after death, they will be raised to new life together in Heaven and then the New Earth.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 12:1-3; 15:1-7**Opening Illustration:**

Bring in a large piece of blank paper and tape it to a wall or to the board. Give the children several markers. Tell the children that you are going to create a story with pictures about a boy and girl going to school one day. Help the children come up with the story and draw pictures to tell the story on the large piece of paper. (Older children can write parts of the story.) Once they have finished, talk with them about how their story is created by God and controlled by Him.

- Who created the story about our girl and boy? (We created the story.)
- Who controlled what happened to the boy and girl? (We controlled it.)
- God creates our stories. He gives us life and is involved in our lives.
- God also controls our stories. He is in charge of all things and He watches over our lives and cares for us.

Guide 9 acts as a review for the preceding weeks. The Big Ideas in Guide 9 are the Big Truths that were learned in Guides 4-8. Use this week as an opportunity to review and reinforce these truths. For further study, information, or resources, refer back to Guides 4-8.

BIG IDEA: GOD GIVES THE FAMILY.

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.'"

See Guide 4 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: GOD GIVES MARRIAGE.

BIBLE VERSE: GENESIS 2:24

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."

See Guide 5 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: GOD GIVES CHILDREN.

BIBLE VERSE: PSALM 127:3

"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward."

See Guide 6 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: GOD GIVES PARENTS.

BIBLE VERSE: EXODUS 20:12

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you."

See Guide 7 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: GOD GIVES CARE AND DISCIPLESHIP.

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,"

See Guide 8 for more information on this Big Idea.

HOOKS

**Tin Foil Stars**

Bring in aluminum foil, heavy cardstock, and markers. Help the children cut out stars from the cardstock. Use a template to help cut out the stars if needed. Once the stars are cut out, help the children use aluminum foil to wrap their stars. As you make the stars, talk to the children about how God promised to give Abram descendants as numerous as the stars.



- God made a promise to Abram to give him many descendants, or family members.
- God kept his promise and created a large family through Abram.
- God brings His family together. He created His family and adds people to it when they repent and believe in Jesus.

**A Godly Family Tree**

Help the children create a family tree that shows the line of God's family. Draw a large tree on a large poster board or long piece of paper. Next, help the children label the tree beginning with God. Next, use Adam and Eve, Noah, and Abram. Show the children how people are added to God's family through Jesus. Lead them in a discussion about how God redeems people and makes them a part of His family.



- When God sent Jesus to die on the cross, He made a way for people to be a part of His family.
- When a person repents and believes in Jesus, he or she becomes God's son or daughter.
- God redeems people to be a part of His family forever.