

BIG TRUTH: GOD IS LIFE

Genesis 2:4-7; Psalm 36:9; Jeremiah 10:10; John 1:3-4; 5:25-26; 11:25; Acts 17:24-28

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 14:6

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”

BIG IDEAS

- Life comes from God alone.
- God not only gives life, He is life.
- God can raise the dead to life.
- God can raise dead hearts to life through Jesus.

BIBLE STORY: LUKE 7:11-17

God is the Creator and sustainer of all life. God’s power is great enough to raise the dead to life. Jesus demonstrated this power when He raised the widow’s only son to life again after he had died. Jesus has the power to raise the dead to life and to raise dead hearts to life again.

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:**

- Life comes from God

**Every child should feel:**

- Responsible to use the life that God has given them for His glory

**Every child should:**

- Find joy in the life that God has given them

**Every child should want:**

- To submit their lives to God’s plans

GOD IS LIFE

Gather the necessary items together to grow grass. Allow your child to help you buy the supplies and then plant the seeds. Water the seeds and as you watch them shoot up this week, talk with your child about how God is life. All life is from Him.

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

Luke 7:11-17.

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

One day when Jesus was walking outside of Nazareth, He passed by a funeral procession. A widow's young son had died and was lying on a funeral bier. Jesus saw the widow and had great compassion for her. He spoke to her, telling her not to weep anymore. Then He did a miraculous thing. He touched the funeral bier to stop the funeral bearers from moving forward and He commanded the boy to rise. The boy rose immediately and began speaking. Everyone watching was overcome with fear and immediately began worshipping God. Jesus had brought the dead boy back to life with ease. His power is limitless and He showed His power over death to the people watching. Jesus performed many miracles during His earthly ministry. He healed people from sickness, cast out evil spirits, turned water into wine, and raised people from the dead. These miracles showed the world Jesus' divinity. They showed that He is God and man. They also showed that all life comes from Him. He is life.

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

- What kind of power does Jesus have over death? (He has all power over death. He controls all things.)
- How do we know God is life? (Life comes from Him and He is the one who gives life.)



As a family, memorize John 14:6 by creating a puzzle from the verse. Write the verse on a piece of paper and then cut it into puzzle pieces. Take turns putting the puzzle together and saying the verse together.



Help your child create his own book of life. Provide him with pictures and facts from his birth and childhood. Talk with your child about how his life began and different things he has done over the years. Remind your child that all life is from God. Even though we're born from two parents, God is the source of life.



Role-play the story of Jesus raising the widow's son to life. Talk with your child about how God has the power to raise the dead to life. His power is limitless.



Spend some time this week praying and thanking God for creating life.