

GOD IS LIFE, GIVES LIFE, AND SUSTAINS LIFE

REVIEW - CREATION

BIG TRUTH: GOD IS LIFE, GIVES LIFE, AND SUSTAINS LIFE

Genesis 2:7; Deuteronomy 30:20; Psalm 54:4; John 1:4; 6:33; 14:6; 20:31; Romans 6:4, 23; 2 Timothy 1:10; 1 Peter 1:3; 1 John 5:11

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 11:25

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BIG IDEAS

- God is life.
- Life is a gift from God.
- Life is precious and meaningful.
- Life is joyful.
- Life has a purpose.

BIBLE STORY: JOHN 11 (LAZARUS)

Lazarus was a close friend of Jesus. One day, he became very sick. His sisters sent word to Jesus and asked him to come and heal Lazarus. While Jesus was still on the way, Lazarus died. The sisters grieved the loss of their brother and were sad that Jesus hadn't made it in time to help Lazarus. But then, Jesus went to Lazarus's tomb and called for him to come out of the grave, and Lazarus came out. Jesus gives new life.

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 is the one who gives life and keeps life going



Every child should:

- Talk about how the purpose and meaning of life is to glorify God



Every child should feel:

- Joy because of the life God has given



Every child should want:

- To live faithfully because their life is a gift

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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Life is in Jesus because Jesus is God.

- Jesus doesn't just give life; He is life.
- God is the beginning of all life and Jesus is fully God.
- Life can be found in Jesus because He is the one true God.
- He is the beginning and end of all things.
- He spoke life into being and breathes life into mankind.

Jesus gives eternal life through His own death.

- We all deserve death because of our sin.
- Jesus gives physical life and eternal life through His own sacrifice.
- He willingly gave up His life on the cross to pay the sin debt of the world.
- In Him, true eternal life is found.
- His death made a way for those who believe to live forever with Him.

Those who believe have eternal life with Him.

- Jesus' death on the cross made a way for all who believe in Him to have eternal life with Him.
- Our sin makes us dead. We are headed towards an eternity separated from God unless we repent and believe.
- Jesus's death and His resurrection mean that we, too, can be raised from our physical death to a new life in Him in eternity.

BIBLE STORY: JOHN 11:1-44

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. 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.

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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 IS LIFE.

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.’”

See Guide 4 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: LIFE IS A GIFT FROM GOD.

BIBLE VERSE: NEHEMIAH 9:6

“You are the Lord, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them, and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.”

See Guide 5 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: LIFE IS PRECIOUS AND MEANINGFUL.

BIBLE VERSE: PSALM 139:13-14

“For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it well.”

See Guide 6 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: LIFE IS JOYFUL.

BIBLE VERSE: PSALM 16:11

“You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

See Guide 7 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: LIFE HAS A PURPOSE.

BIBLE VERSE: PSALM 138:8

“The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.”

See Guide 8 for more information on this Big Idea.

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HOOKS



Musical Hot Potato

Play a game of musical hot potato. Give the children a beanbag or something soft to pass as the hot potato. Play music while they are passing it. When the music stops the person holding the hot potato must hand it to the person next to them and then sit out. As you're playing, tell them that our sin separates us from God like the person sitting outside of the group is separated from the group. Jesus' death and resurrection give us new life.



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Life Through God

Bring in a small pot, dirt, grass seeds and water. Ask the children to help you plant the seeds in the small pot. Use newspaper under your supplies to keep the dirt from making a mess on the floor or table. Talk with the children about how the seeds will turn into grass. Grass and other plants are given life through the soil, sun, and water, but it is God who created these things. God created all life and all life comes from Him.

- God is life.
- He is the beginning of all life and He sustains all life.
- We can have physical and spiritual life through Him.