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BIG TRUTH: ETERNITY CHANGES THE WAY WE LIVE TODAY

Psalm 119:36-37; Matthew 6:19-21; Mark 8:35; Romans 8:12-17; 13:12-14; Colossians 3:12-17; 1 John 2:15-17

BIBLE VERSE: COLOSSIANS 3:2-4

“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.”

BIG IDEAS

- Jesus is life.
- We live for Jesus and die to ourselves.
- We live for Jesus’ glory when we live in light of eternity.
- Jesus is coming again soon.

BIBLE STORY: MATTHEW 25:14-28

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STORY: NEW CREATION

Part of the beauty of the gospel is that God does not just rescue us from the power of sin, but He is also making everything new. God offers new creation to those who place their faith in Jesus. This newness comes in two ways. The first is that by breaking the power of sin, Jesus is making men and women into brand new people with new identities. Second, God is not only making people new, but He is also going to make a new heaven and a new earth for us to live on and worship Him in.

BIG AIMS



Every child should know that:

- Through Jesus, we can have new, true, eternal, abundant life in God



Every child should feel:

- Excitement for the opportunity to live eternally with God



Every child should:

- Talk about how this life will pass away, but eternal life in God is forever



Every child should want:

- To live for eternity rather than what feels right in the moment

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FOR GOD'S GLORY

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

Matthew 25:14-28.

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

There was a master who had many servants. He called three of his servants to him one day. To one servant the master gave five talents, to another he gave two, and to the third one he gave one talent. The master went away after he gave his servants talents. The servant with the five talents immediately took the talents and traded them, increasing his talents by five. The servant with the two talents also doubled his talents, but the servant with the one talent dug a hole and hid his talent. When the master returned, he called his servants to him to ask how they had used their talents. The servant with ten talents was praised by the master and welcomed with joy. The servant with the four talents was also praised and welcomed with joy, but the servant with the one talent was condemned. The servants are like humans. Those who follow Jesus receive a new way of living. When they live for Jesus, they live in light of eternity and Jesus' return so they invest the gifts and talents that God has given them in eternity. Those who reject Jesus are like the servant with the one talent. They do not live for Jesus and they are condemned for eternity. When we know Jesus, we live for Him and we seek His glory on this earth. Our lives are transformed and we no longer live for ourselves, but for Him.

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

- What do we seek when we live for Jesus? (We seek His glory on this earth.)



KNOW

As a family, memorize Colossians 3:2-4 by creating a puzzle from the verses. Write the verses on paper and then cut the paper into puzzle pieces. Take turns putting the pieces together and saying the verses.



DO

Take a walk with your child or a drive and point out the different things that distract us from living for eternity. Point out the different things in this life that are not eternal and then help your child think of a list of things that are eternal that we should set our minds on.



FEEL

Help your child make a list of your family's weekly activities. Next, talk with your child about which of the activities is living for this life and which is living with eternity in mind. Remind your child that when we know Jesus, we will live our lives with eternity in mind.



WANT

Share with your child what it means to you to live for Jesus and not for yourself. Share some of the things that you have to "die" to, or set aside, in order to put Jesus first. Remind your child that when we live for Jesus, we die to ourselves to live for Him.

Spend time as a family praying and thanking God for giving us an eternal home.