

LIFE IS PRECIOUS AND MEANINGFUL

BIG TRUTH: LIFE IS PRECIOUS AND MEANINGFUL

Isaiah 46:8-13, 14:24-27; Psalm 33:10-11; Proverbs 16:9, 19:21, 21:1, 21:30; Daniel 4:34-37; Ephesians 1:11-14

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."

BIG IDEAS

- Life is precious to God because He is the author of all life.
- Every human is intricately created by God.
- We should value life because God is life and every person is made in His image.
- We should live our lives with purpose because God created us for a purpose.

BIBLE STORY: EXODUS 1

Pharaoh grew afraid of the Israelites as they grew in number. He commanded that every male child born to a Hebrew should be killed. The Egyptian midwives were commanded to kill the male children born to Hebrew women, but they feared God and did not obey Pharaoh. Instead, they allowed the male children to live. God is the author of all life and every person is created in His image. Every life is precious and valuable to God.

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



KNOW

Every child should know that:

- Life comes from God



FEEL

Every child should feel:

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



DO

Every child should:

- Find joy in the life that God has given them



WANT

Every child should want:

- To submit their lives to God's plans

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PURPOSEFUL LIVING

Create a scavenger hunt for your child. Include different hobbies or talents on the list, such as art supplies, basketballs, cooking materials, etc. Remind your child that we are each created with a purpose. We should live with purpose because God has given us a purpose.

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

Exodus 1.

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

While the Israelites were living in Egypt, they began to increase in numbers. The new king, or Pharaoh, grew afraid of the Israelites. He feared that they would continue to grow in numbers and one day rise up against him. Pharaoh wanted to control the Israelites and keep them from turning against him. Pharaoh treated the Israelites harshly. He enslaved and forced them to work for him in harsh conditions. He made a decree that no male child born to a Hebrew woman was allowed to live. He commanded the midwives to throw every male Hebrew child into the Nile River. The midwives knew they should obey Pharaoh, but they feared God more. They disobeyed Pharaoh and allowed the Hebrew male babies to live instead. Even though Pharaoh oppressed the Israelites, the Israelites continued to grow in numbers. God preserved them and allowed their lives to continue because He had a purpose for them. The midwives knew that every life is valuable because God creates all life. Our lives have purpose too, because God creates us with purpose. He gives our lives meaning and purpose and we have fulfilled lives when we live for that purpose.

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

- Why did Pharaoh fear the Israelites? (They were growing in number and he feared they would turn against him.)
- How did Pharaoh try to control the Israelites? (He enslaved them and commanded that every male baby be thrown into the Nile River.)
- How did the midwives help the Israelites? (They obeyed God instead of Pharaoh and they allowed the Hebrew male babies to live.)



As a family, memorize Psalm 139:13-14 by creating a puzzle from the verse. Write the verse on a piece of paper and then cut it into puzzle pieces. Put the pieces together to form the verse and then say it out loud together.



Spend some time sharing with your child how you seek to fulfill God's purpose for your life.



Create a scavenger hunt for your child where he or she has to identify the purpose for different tools or items around your house. Remind your child that we each have a purpose just like the items have a purpose.



Help your child understand that life is valuable by sharing how God created each of us in His image. Help your child think of different things that we find valuable, such as special toys, money, special jewelry, etc. Remind your child that our lives have purpose and are valuable.



Spend time with your child this week praying and thanking God for intricately creating us.