

BIG TRUTH: GOD IS THE GOOD CREATOR

Exodus 34:6; 1 Chronicles 16:34; Psalm 25:8; 33:5; 92:15; 100:5; 107:8-9; 119:68; 145:5-9; Matthew 7:11

BIBLE VERSE: JAMES 1:17

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.”

BIG IDEAS

- God not only does good, He is good.
- Everything God made was good.
- Nothing God created was bad or broken.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 1

Nothing is before God because He is the beginning of all things. God has no beginning and no end; He is eternal and infinite. All things come from God because He is the beginning of all things. The heavens and the earth are from God, spoken into existence by Him. Everything on the earth is from God. He commanded the sun to shine and the fish to breathe and they did. God created man and woman and all that is on the earth. God is the great Creator of everything.

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:**

- God created them with purpose for a purpose

**DO****Every child should:**

- Live in a way that is honoring to the Lord

**FEEL****Every child should feel:**

- Awe at the intentionality of God in giving purpose to our lives

**WANT****Every child should want:**

- To learn more about God's purposes for their lives

THE PERFECT CREATION

Take a walk as a family outside or in your local park. Point out the different created things. Next, ask your child to point out the ways that creation is dying or broken. Talk with your child about how creation was perfect and good when God first made it. Man's sin broke it.

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

Psalms 19

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

The Psalmist writes of the ways God's glory is revealed through His creation. The heavens declare God's glory through their wonderful majesty and great expanse. Every day and every night speak of His knowledge and wisdom. God's law is perfect and true. It is a right guide for His people. Nothing God does is in error. He makes no mistakes. God's creation of the world was perfect and good. He saw what He had created and declared it good. Every action and word that God speaks is good because God is good. He does not do wrong or make sinful choices. Everything He does is good and perfect. Everything He created is good and perfect. It reveals His glory to the world and shows man the goodness of God.

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

- Who is the only perfect and good being? (God is the only perfect and good being.)
- Does God do bad things? (No, God always does good things.)



KNOW

As a family, memorize James 1:17 by taking turns saying the verse out loud. Keep track of who can say the verse completely without help first.



DO

Buy some berries from your local supermarket or take a trip to a berry patch to pick berries. You can substitute any type of fresh fruit. Ask your child to help you sort through the berries to remove the damaged or rotten ones. Talk with your child about how everything that God created was good. There were no broken or bad things in creation because God is perfect and good.



FEEL

Help your child create a habitat using an empty cardboard box or shoebox and different craft supplies. Talk with your child about her habitat. Ask her if the habitat is perfect or good. Next, remind your child that when God made the world, it was perfect and good.



WANT

Plan a special day with your child. Allow your child to choose some of the activities to do on the special day. Call your special day the "Good Day". After you have your "Good Day", talk with your child about what made the day good. Remind her that God always does good. Everything He does is good.

As your child goes to bed this week, ask your child to think about what makes them feel safe and secure. Remind them that God is always good and He is the Creator of all things. We can trust Him completely.