

BIG TRUTH: GOD CREATED ME FOR HOLINESS

Leviticus 19:2; 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13; 2 Timothy 1:8-9; Colossians 3:12

BIBLE VERSE: 1 PETER 1:15

"But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct."

BIG IDEAS

- God alone is holy.
- God gave the people the law for their holiness.
- We can only become holy through Jesus.
- God's people are called to pursue holiness everyday.

BIBLE STORY: EXODUS 19-20; MATTHEW 5:17-20

God is holy and righteous. He requires that His people seek to be holy like He is. He gave Moses the commandments to help His people know how to be like Him. We are all called to pursue holiness everyday because God is holy.

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 created them with purpose for a purpose

**Every child should:**

- Live in a way that is honoring to the Lord

**Every child should feel:**

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

**Every child should want:**

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

HOLY LIVING

Create a family Ten Commandments. Ask your child to help you come up with ten ways that your family can live holy lives that please God. God created us for holy living. We should daily pursue to be holy.

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

Exodus 19-20; Matthew 5:17-20.

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

Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt where they had been slaves for many, many years. God did many mighty and wonderful things as He set them free from the Egyptians. The Israelites entered the wilderness of Sinai and camped at the base of Mount Sinai. Moses ascended the mountain to hear from God. God descended upon Mount Sinai as fire. Smoke swirled around the mountain as it rumbled and shook. God spoke to the people and Moses through sounds of thunder. God called out to Moses from the top of the mountain and gave him the law for His people. The Law was a gift from God to the world because it showed His people how to live holy lives. Not only did it show them how to live holy lives, but it revealed how desperately they needed Him. The Law is God's kindness to man because it shows us how to please God and also how much we need Him. God is the only truly holy being. Every person is born a slave to sin. God didn't leave us as slaves to sin. Just like He set the Israelites free from their slavery to the Egyptians, God set man free from sin through Jesus. He sent His Son to pay our sin debt and set us free. The only way for us to truly be holy is to know Jesus. The only way for us to know Jesus is to turn away from our sin and believe in the work He did on the cross. God created us for holy living. He commands His people to pursue holiness everyday. Everyday we can live holy lives by denying our sinful desires and seeking to be like God.

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

- Why did God call Moses to the top of the mountain? (He gave Moses the law for His people.)
- Why did God give us the law? (He gave us the law to show us how to be holy and how much we need Him.)
- How can we live holy lives? (When we know Jesus, we can seek to live holy lives.)

**KNOW**

As a family, memorize 1 Peter 1:15. Share with your child how God has called His people to be holy like He is holy.

**DO**

Create a scavenger hunt for your child that involves hunting down items that represent the Fruit of the Spirit. After your child completes the scavenger hunt, remind him or her that God's people are to be holy like He is holy.

**FEEL**

Spend time during the evenings sharing with your child ways that we see God's holiness, such as studying His Word and learning about Him.

**WANT**

Spend some time as a family singing songs of praise to God for His holiness.

As a family, create a list of attributes that reveal God's holiness. Read passages from Scripture that highlight God's holiness. Use the following and add any others that you find: 2 Corinthians 7:1, 1 Samuel 2:2, Isaiah 57:15, and Ezekiel 38:23.

Spend time with your child this week praying and thanking God for sending His Son to save us and make a way for us to be holy