

BIG TRUTH: GOD CREATED ME FOR HIS PURPOSE

Genesis 2:15; Exodus 9:16; Isaiah 14:26; 42:21; John 15:16; Luke 4:43; Acts 13:36; Romans 8:28

BIBLE VERSE: 2 TIMOTHY 1:9

who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began

BIG IDEAS

- God has a plan for us.
- God created me for His glory.
- God created me for worship.
- God created me for holiness.
- God created me for love.

BIBLE STORY: ACTS 9:1-19

Acts 9 tells the story of Saul's conversion. This story reveals that it is God who saves us, and that He can save anyone who He wants, no matter what they have done before. Through this story we meet another man, Ananias, who goes to lay hands on Saul so that he will regain his sight. Even though Ananias was afraid because of how Saul had previously treated Christians, he went because he trusted that God would use both of them for His own purposes.

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 us for His purposes

**Every child should feel:**

- Awe at the intentionality of God to create us with purpose

**Every child should:**

- Strive to worship God and pursue holiness because He has created us for those things

**Every child should want:**

- To bring God glory through all of life

REVIEW

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.

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

Acts 9:1-19

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

Acts 9 begins the story of Saul's conversion. At the time, Saul was persecuting Christians and seeking to murder anyone who followed Jesus. One day, he was walking down a road and had a drastic conversion experience where Jesus revealed Himself to Saul. Jesus told him that He was the one who Saul was persecuting. He was blinded for three days after this experience, and he spent these in prayer and fasting. At this time, the Lord came to another man named Ananias. God told Ananias to go and to find Saul and lay hands on him so that he would regain his sight. Ananias was afraid and was hesitant to go, because he had heard that Saul had done much evil to followers of Jesus. However, the Lord told him to go anyway, because Saul was a chosen instrument of the Lord that He would use to do great things for His name. God had purposes for both Saul and for Ananias in this story, and He would not let even sin or great evil stand in the way of them. This is the same for us, God has created us for His purposes, and His will in our lives will not be thwarted.

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

- What was Ananias' role in Acts 9?
- What does God say is His purpose for Saul?
- What is true for both Ananias and Saul in Acts 9? (God has purposes for them)
- How are we like Ananias and Saul? (God has created us for a purpose)



As a family, memorize 2 Timothy 1:9. Talk about how we are tempted to pursue our own purposes in life, but we were created for God's purpose.



Look up several Old Testament or New Testament stories, such as the story of Jonah, the story of Abraham lifting up the serpent, the story of Noah, etc. Talk with your child about how each story gives an example of someone who was created for God's purpose. Remind them that we are created to fulfill God's purpose for our lives.



Create a creation scavenger hunt for your child where your child has to hunt for different things from creation and then explain how they bring God glory.



Talk about purpose and some things that we might try to live for (good grades, friends, to have a lot of money or nice things, etc.) Talk about how God is the one who determines our purpose because God is our Creator.

As a family spend some as a family praying and asking God to help your family to glorify God.