

BIG TRUTH: GOD RULES NATURE

Psalm 148; Isaiah 40; Psalm 29; Proverbs 30:4; Jeremiah 10:13; Matthew 8:24-27; Job 38-42

BIBLE VERSE: PSALM 19:1

“The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.”

BIG IDEAS

- God is more powerful than nature.
- Nature obeys God’s commands.
- Nature exists to declare God’s greatness

BIBLE STORY: EXODUS 14

Everything that exists does so under God’s power and control. All of the plants, vegetation, wind, rain, and everything else are under God’s control. God is more powerful than anything and He rules over all things. Nature, the heavens, earth, and everything in them show us God’s greatness as the Creator and mighty 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:**

- God is actively involved in creation

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

- Safe and secure in God’s rule over creation

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

- Remember the ways that God is faithful

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

- To trust God’s control over creation

NATURE DECLARES GOD'S GREATNESS

Spend some time researching the different types of clouds. Gather the supplies for your child to make his or her own clouds, such as cotton balls, glue, glitter glue, or whatever works best for you. Remind your child that God created all of nature and nature shows us God's greatness. We can look at the different clouds, at the sun setting, and even the rainstorm and see how great God is.

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

Psalm 19:1.

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

God is known and seen through His creation. Nature is a great example of the power and glory of God. God is a magnificent god who is able to do anything. When we look at the sky above us and see the many ways in which it changes sometimes in a single day, we see the greatness of God. When we hear the wind as it whistles through the trees, we get a glimpse of God's power and control. He commands the wind to blow or not to blow. When we witness all the colors of the sun setting, we see the glory of God. All of nature declares His greatness. Everyday, all around us, we see the glory of God in the world He created.

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

- What does nature show us about God? (It shows us His greatness and His glory.)
- How does nature show us God's glory? (When we see the beautiful sunset, the changing sky, or the powerful storm, we see God's glory.)



Help your child memorize Psalm 19:1 by marching around your house saying the verse out loud many times. Take turns being the leader of the march with your child.



Fill a container with water. Ask your child to part the water in the container. After your child tries, you try to part the water. Talk with your child about how we cannot command nature to do something, only God can. Only God is more powerful than nature.



Throughout the week keep a list of the beautiful things you see in nature. Keep the list somewhere visible in your home. At the end of the week, talk as a family about how these beautiful things show us how great God is.



Gather together the supplies to make a Red Sea in a bottle. You'll need a half full plastic water bottle, food coloring (blue or red), and olive oil. Place a few drops of food coloring in the bottle of water. Next pour olive oil on top of the water. Ask your child to shake the water bottle. Next, spend a few minutes watching the oil separate from the water. Talk with your child about how God parted the Red Sea like the oil is parting from the water. God controls all of nature.

Spend some time as a family praying together thanking God for the way He rules over nature. Thank Him that you do not have to be afraid of nature because you know God rules over it.