

**BIG TRUTH: JESUS IS THE WORD**

*Psalm 33:6; John 1:14; 1 John 1:1; John 17:14-17; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:1-3; Revelation 19:13*

**BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 1:1**

*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God.”*

**BIG IDEAS**

- The Word has always been.
- The Word is powerful.
- The Word is God in the flesh.

**BIBLE STORY: ISAIAH 9:1-7**

Many prophecies foretold the coming of the Messiah. In Isaiah, God proclaims through His prophet that the Savior was coming. This Savior is not only the King of all things who will save the world from the darkness of sin, but also God's living Word. Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises, and the only one who perfectly obeys God's law. This Jesus, the Promised King, is the Word God spoke to the world.

**FOUNDATION: ADVENT**

Advent is a special celebration and contemplation of the coming of Jesus Christ that Christians participate in during the Christmas season. Advent literally means “arrival” or “coming”. During Advent season God's people remember and rejoice in Jesus' first coming to save his people from their sins, while at the same time long with anticipation and expectation for His return. Advent centers on Jesus, the saving Son. He alone is the Word, fully God, fully man, and our only hope.

**BIG AIMS****Every child should know that:**

- Jesus is the living fulfillment of God's Word.
- Jesus is fully God and fully man.
- Jesus is our only hope.

**Every child should feel:**

- Thankful that Jesus came to save us from our sins.
- Wonder and awe at the reality of the incarnation.
- Burdened for those who do not know the good news

**Every child should be able to:**

- Memorize John 1:1-4, 9-14 (pick verses based on stage of development that they are in)
- Give to or serve someone sacrificially who doesn't know Jesus as a means to share the good news about Jesus with them.

**Every child should want:**

- Know more about Jesus.
- To give to others because God gave his Son for us.

**THE WORD HAS ALWAYS EXISTED**

Help your preschooler create a family portrait. Beside each family member, help your child write the age and birthday of each family member. Once you finish, remind your child that we have a beginning and end, but God's Word has always existed because God has always existed.

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

Read Isaiah 9:1-7 and John 1:1.

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

God is a big and eternal God. He has no beginning and no end. God had a plan to save the world even before the world began and He told His people about His plan through His special messenger, or prophet, Isaiah. Isaiah told the people that one day a baby would be born who would bring joy and peace to the world. The baby that Isaiah spoke about was Jesus. Isaiah prophesied to the people that Jesus would save the world from the darkness, or sin that controlled the people. Isaiah even called Jesus a light to the world. When Jesus came to the world, He came as fully God, took on flesh and was born as a human. Jesus lived the perfect life and defeated sin and death just as Isaiah prophesied that He would. Before Jesus was born, God spoke to His people through prophets and the Law. When Jesus was born, God chose Jesus to be the way that He spoke to His people. Jesus is God's Word and He revealed the glory of God to the world through His life, death, and resurrection.

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

- How did God speak to His people before Jesus' birth? (Through His Law and the prophets, like Isaiah.)
- How did God choose to speak after Jesus was born? (Through Jesus, His Word.)



Help your child memorize John 1:1 by creating a matching game from the verse. Write each word on a card twice and help your preschooler make matches.



Help your preschooler send a note to someone, a neighbor, relative, or friend. Talk with your preschooler about the different ways that we speak to each other and then remind him or her that God spoke through Jesus, His Word.



Share with your child what it means to you that Jesus took on flesh. Ask your child to explain how he or she thinks it might have felt for Jesus to come to the earth and how much God must love us to send His Son to die for us.



Each morning this week pray with your child. As you pray, ask God to help your child understand that Jesus took on flesh for his or her sin.