

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: PSALM 19

God is not only the Creator of all things, but He is the good Creator. God is always good and everything that He does is good. When God created the heavens and the earth, everything that He created was good. All of creation declares God's glory and His goodness. Creation is evidence that God is good and always does good.

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 everything in six days.

**Every child should feel:**

- Awe at God's creativity seen through all of creation

**Every child should:**

- Treat God's creation with honor and steward it well

**Every child should want:**

- To fulfill God's created purpose for their lives

GOD IS GOOD

Help your child come up with a list of good behaviors and bad behaviors. Remind your child that we are not perfect and sometimes we do bad things. God is perfect and He always does good things. God is good and He's good all of the time. He never does a bad thing.

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

Psalm 19

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

We are not perfect beings. We are broken and sinful, so we often make mistakes and do bad things, even when we don't want to do bad things. God is not like man because God is perfect. Not only is God perfect, but He is good. God isn't good part of the time; He is good all of the time. Everything that God does is good. He never does a bad thing because He is always good. Everything about Him is good.

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.)



As a family, memorize James 1:17 by saying the verse in a loud voice and then in a quiet voice.

Take your child on a trip to a zoo or a local petting zoo. Talk with your child about how God is the good Creator. Ask your child to tell you some of his or her favorite animals and why. Remind your child that God created everything. He is always good and everything He made was good.



As your child goes to bed this week, spend some time talking about how we can trust God because He is always good. 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. He can be trusted. Spend a few moments praying and thanking God for all the good things He has created. Thank Him for His unchanging goodness.



As a family, take a walk through your neighborhood. Talk with your child about creation. Point out the parts of creation that are no longer good. For example, we have pollution now and certain animals don't get along. Plants and animals eventually die now because creation was broken by man's sin.



Several nights this week make some of your child's favorite foods for dinner. As you eat together, talk with your child about how God is always good and everything He created was good. Just like your child's favorite foods are good, God is good and everything He made is good.