

BIG TRUTH: JESUS IS GOD AND MAN

Matthew 3:16-17; 28:18-20; John 1:14-18; 4:21-26; Romans 8:14-17; Galatians 4:4-7; Ephesians 2:18-22

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 1:14

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

BIG IDEAS

- Jesus is fully God.
- Jesus is fully man.
- Jesus knows our fears and understands our pain.
- Jesus came to rescue us by dying in our place.

BIBLE STORY: MARK 4:35-41

Jesus’ deity and humanity are seen in Mark’s account of Jesus calming the stormy seas. While He slept in the stern of the boat, a great storm came up casting great fear in His disciples, but He silenced the wind and sea with only His words revealing His divine nature. Jesus is fully God and fully Man.

FOUNDATION: GOD IS SON - GOD GIVES A RESCUER

God not only exists as Father, but also as Son. Jesus is the Son of God. Through the incarnation (putting on flesh), Jesus became fully God and fully man. There has never been and never will be a man like this. Even though Jesus was fully God, He chose to empty Himself and submit to the will of God the Father. God sent His Son to be our rescuer. This is only possible through Jesus’ sacrificial death in our place on the cross. The good news is that Jesus did not stay dead, but rose from the grave defeating sin and death!

BIG AIMS



Every child should know that:

- Jesus is the Son of God
- Jesus rescued us from our sins when He died on the cross



Every child should feel:

- Awe that God loves us so much he would send His Son to rescue us



Every child should be able to:

- Explain why we pray “in Jesus’ name”



Every child should want:

- To love Jesus who is our rescuer and to learn more about him

The Family Devotion on the next page is a weekly tool for the home. It is designed for you as family to gather for a few minutes on a set night of the week to unpack the Big Truth together. Use the model below and customize it to fit your family. As you continue to learn, love, and live out the Big Truth, some additional Hooks (next page) are provided that correspond to the Big Aims (see above). Use them to keep the conversation going throughout the week with your family.

THE WORD BECAME FLESH

Help your child pretend to be a dog or another animal. Tell them to imagine that all the dogs or lions or cats (whatever animal they want to pretend to be) are in trouble and your child needs to become one of them to save them. Spend a few minutes doing the things that the chosen animal would do, such as barking, roaring or meowing. Remind them that humanity was in trouble. People needed help and Jesus became one of us to save us. He took on flesh even though He was God to live among us.

DISCOVER IT:

Read John 1:14-15.

THINK ABOUT IT:

John's declaration of Jesus as the Son of Man is one of Jesus coming to the earth to save His people from their sins. Jesus is the Word and He literally took on flesh because His people needed saving. Mankind was in trouble because of the sin in their hearts and a sacrifice was required to pay for that sin. Jesus took on flesh, leaving His place in Heaven to come to earth, lived a sinless life among men and then paid for mankind's sin on the cross. He died in our place and because of this sacrifice we don't have to pay for our sin.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- Who is the Word? (Jesus is the Word.)
- What does it mean to "become flesh"? (It means that Jesus became fully man like us.)
- Why did Jesus become flesh for us? (He did it so that He could save us from our sins.)



Help your child understand that Jesus is our rescuer by leading them on a nature walk. Allow your child to be the leader for part of the way. Use a bandana to blindfold your child. Ask your child if he or she can still lead the way or find his or her own way back. When they say no, tell them that man needed help too. Jesus came to the earth to be our rescuer.



As a family look through a family photo album. Talk about different family members and reminisce about different activities that you've done as a family. Talk about some of the things you do as a family on a daily basis, such as going to school, work, or eating dinner and taking a bath. Lead your child in a discussion of what it was like for Jesus to live like we do. Remind them that He had a mother and earthly father and brothers and sisters. He would have taken a bath, too, just like we do. He would have eaten dinner, even His vegetables. Help them see that Jesus lived just like we did.



Find a video of a thunderstorm or hurricane, or wait for the next storm and then take time to listen to the thunder and count the seconds before the lightning strikes. Lead your child in a discussion about how Jesus is more powerful than nature. He has power over nature and storms, even really powerful ones like hurricanes. Remind them that Jesus is even more powerful than our sin. He paid the price for our sin when He died on the cross.



Read "The Terrible Lie" in The Jesus Storybook Bible with your child. Lead them in a discussion about how Jesus is our rescuer. He came to the earth to save us from our sins brought on by the terrible lie. He took our place on the cross so we could be with Him now and forever.