

BIG TRUTH: GOD IS MORE POWERFUL THAN CREATION

Nehemiah 9:6; Isaiah 40:26, 42:5, 44:24-28, 48:12-13; Jeremiah 10:11-12, 27:5, 32:17; Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Hebrews 1:10-12

BIBLE VERSE: Jeremiah 32:17

“Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.”

BIG IDEAS

- God created everything.
- God rules over every created thing.
- Creation exists to point us to the all-powerful Creator.

BIBLE STORY: EXODUS 14

God is the creator of all things and all things are under His power and rule. He has total and complete authority over everything and everyone. This power is displayed when God parts the Red Sea and rescues the Israelites from the Egyptians. The sea obeyed God’s command, just as Moses obeyed God’s command. All of creation is under God’s rule and power. He is more powerful than the sea, the wind, or anything else in creation.

FOUNDATION: GOD IS POWERFUL—GOD GIVES STRENGTH

God is more powerful than anyone or anything else in the universe. His power is the ability to do what He desires to do. God has a purpose, will accomplish it, and His purposes always bring Him glory. Since God is the source of all power, it means that He gives us strength. We need to do the things He calls us to do. Paul says in Philippians 4:13 that he can “do all things through Christ who gives him strength.” That means that we can do anything and endure anything that God calls us to because it is God Himself who is giving us His strength to do it.

BIG AIMS



Every child should know that:

- God is more powerful than all things: than creation, than our fears, and than death



Every child should be in awe of:

- Awe for how strong and powerful God is



Every child should be able to:

- Recognize that everything they see and everything they feel is under God’s power



Every child should want to:

- Trust God with all of their fears

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.

GOD RULES OVER EVERYTHING

Help your child draw a bubble map of your neighborhood and town. Make note of where places of authority are, such as your local police station, the mayor, etc. Though these people have authority and power, they are still under the control and power of God. God is the all-powerful Creator and He rules over everything and everyone.

DISCOVER IT:

Read Jeremiah 32:17-23.

THINK ABOUT IT:

Jeremiah's prayer reveals the very nature of God. God is the all-powerful Creator of all things. Because God is the creator of everything, He has authority over all things. He commands the seas and the winds to do as He desires and they obey Him. No one else has the power and authority that God has. Jeremiah understands this truth. God has breathed life into all of creation and He maintains control over every created thing. Any authority that other people may have is subject to the power and rule of the Almighty God.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- How did Jeremiah know the Lord was all-powerful? (He knew that God had brought the Israelites out of Egypt, that God had done many powerful things.)
- Who has all power and authority? (God has all power and authority. No one has the rule that God has.)

**KNOW**

Read Exodus 14 with your child. Lead them in a discussion about how God controls all of nature. He parted the Red Sea and rescued the Israelites. He is the all-powerful Creator.

**DO**

Help your child memorize Jeremiah 32:17. Play beanbag toss with them to help them memorize the verse.

**FEEL**

Take your children on a nature walk at a park or outside your house. Gather a collection of things from nature, such as leaves, rocks, etc. Lead your child in a discussion about how God is seen in nature. As you look at your collection, talk about how these things reveal that God exists because they are so intricate or unique. God created everything and He is more powerful than all of creation.

**WANT**

Using a poster board or paper create a list of things that are scary. Allow your child to draw pictures of the things that are scary to them. Perhaps it's the dark, scary animals, a thunderstorm, etc. Lead your child in a discussion about how God is more powerful than all of those things. Pray with your child asking God to help them not to be afraid and to trust that He is greater and more powerful than all things.