

BIG TRUTH: GOD IS KNOWN THROUGH HIS WORD

John 1:1-4; Colossians 3:16; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 1:14

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory”

BIG IDEAS

- God speaks to us through His Word.
- God’s Word protects us from sin.
- God’s Word makes our hearts happy in Him.
- God’s Word helps us live for Him.
- God’s Word is most clearly seen in Jesus.

BIBLE STORY: PSALM 119:10-11, 33-35, 103, 105

Psalm 119 is not just a poem; it is a beautifully written meditation on the believer’s relationship to the Word of God. The psalmist expresses a pursuit of God’s Word in this extensive chapter. It’s length and language reveal the importance of the Word. The Word is living, breathing, and vital to every believer. It is worth pursuing and growing in the knowledge of it increases the believer’s understanding of and obedience to God.

FOUNDATION: GOD IS KNOWN—GOD GIVES WISDOM

God does not hide His existence from humanity. Although sin has broken our relationship with God, He still reveals himself to us in many ways. He reveals Himself through His creation, through His Word, the Bible, and through Jesus His Son coming to earth as a man. Jesus is the image of the invisible God, and He lived on earth as a man, experiencing the world just like we do. Not only is God known by us, but He gives us wisdom to know Him. Wisdom is taking truths about God’s Word and applying them in our daily lives. Because God has revealed Himself, we can know who He is, who we are, how creation reflects His glory, and how we are to live for Him.

BIG AIMS



Every child should know that:

- We can know God through knowing the Bible



Every child should feel:

- Awe at God’s perfect wisdom



Every child should be able to:

- Spend time hearing and reading God’s Word at home



Every child should want:

- To know more about God’s Word so that they can one day have a personal relationship with 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.

GOD'S WORD LIGHTS OUR PATH

One evening take your child outside after the sun has set. Using a candle and lighter or a lantern, take a walk with your child around your house or neighborhood. Use the candle, or lantern as a light to show your way. God's Word lights our path and shows us how to know Him.

DISCOVER IT:

Read Psalm 119:105.

THINK ABOUT IT:

The Word of God is a light to our path and a lamp to our feet. It guides us to know God more and to know how to obey Him. John calls Jesus the Word of God in his gospel. Jesus is the light of the world and He is the only way to get to God. When we know Jesus, we have access to God. When we read God's Word, we know God and are able to please Him. He is our light and guides us in every way when we know the light of the world, His Son.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- What is a light to our path? (God's Word is a light to our path.)
- What is a lamp to our feet? (God's Word is a lamp to our feet.)
- How do we know God and understand how to please Him? (By reading and studying His Word.)



Help your child memorize John 1:14 by singing it to the tune of "Frère Jacques" several times. Lead your child in a discussion about how God is known through His Word and Jesus is the Word of God.



Take your child into the bathroom of your home or a room with no windows. Take a flashlight with you into the room with no windows and turn the lights off. Talk with your child about how you cannot see to get out of the room, but when you turn on the flashlight (click the flashlight on), you can see the way out. Lead them in a discussion of how God's Word is how we can know the right way to live.



Show your child pictures of different family members. Ask your child to share different facts that he or she knows about the family members. Ask them how they know those particular facts. Ask them to name some facts they know about God. Help them name well-known characteristics, like "God is all-powerful" and then read a story from The Jesus Storybook Bible that shows that characteristic, such as the story of Joshua leading the Israelites through Jericho. Remind them that the way we really know God is through His Word.

