

BIG TRUTH: THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD

Deuteronomy 4:35, 39; 1 Kings 8:60; 1 Corinthians 8:4-6; Ephesians 4:6; Jude 25

BIBLE VERSE: DEUTERONOMY 6:4

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.”

BIG IDEAS

- God is one. There is only one God. There are no other gods.
- There is no being like God. He is the most powerful, smartest, controlling force in existence.
- Since there is only one God, He is the most important being - past, present, and future.

BIBLE STORY: EXODUS 32

God’s people chose to stop worshipping the one true God and instead decided to make a god of their own. Moses helps the people see that there is only one God.

FOUNDATION: GOD IS - GOD GIVES

“God is” means that there is only one god in the universe. He alone is Lord over everything that exists, and He alone is worthy of our worship. This also means that every good thing that exists comes from God. All good things come from Him because goodness is a part of who He is as the one true God. It is a part of His nature and character to be good, and everything that comes from God is good. Thankfully God has not chosen to withhold His goodness from His creation, but instead gives it freely to us.

BIG AIMS



Every child should know that:

- There is only one true God
- God is good
- Every good gift that we have comes from God



Every child should feel:

- Thankful for every good gift that God gives



Every child should be able to:

- Talk about God when they wake up, go to bed, and throughout the day



Every child should want:

- To talk about God and to know 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.

THERE ARE NO COPIES OF GOD, THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD

Gather pictures of your children by themselves or with others. Have your child identify by name everyone in the picture. Ask your child how he or she knows that the picture is of them. Once they have identified the people in the pictures tell them you are going to ask them to do something. Instead of speaking to your child, speak to the picture of your child. Explain to the child that even though their face and body are in the picture, there is only ONE of them. God is the same. There is only one God and even though people may try to make copies of God or create false gods, they are powerless.

DISCOVER IT:

Read Deuteronomy 6:1-4.

THINK ABOUT IT:

God's people, the Israelites were getting ready to enter the land that God had promised to Abraham many years before. God reminded them that He was the one true God and that there were no others like Him. Because He is one they and we should love Him with everything we have, all our thoughts, actions, and things.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- If there are no others like God, how should we view God? What place does he have in our lives? How important is He?
- Are there other gods besides God? (There is only one God---the Lord God.) Of course not, but how do we make idols like the Israelites?
- How did God tell the Israelites to love Him? What does it mean to love God with all your heart, soul, and might?

**KNOW**

Help your child memorize Deuteronomy 6:4 by singing the verse to the tune of "Frère Jacques."
Hear, O, Israel, Hear, O, Israel - The Lord Our God, The Lord is One
Hear, O, Israel, The Lord is One

**DO**

Gather a small magnet, a piece of paper and a paper clip. Place the paper over the magnet. Place the paper clip on top of the paper. Use the magnet to move the paper clip. Talk with your child about the nature of God and how He is present even though we can't see Him just like the magnet is moving the paper clip even though we can't see it.

**FEEL**

Help the preschooler create a cheese idol. You can take a block of cheese and create some shape to resemble a calf. Once you've created the idol, place the cheese idol in a saucepan and heat it until it melts. As it melts remind the preschooler that God is the only true God. Even when we try to create other gods, they do not last.

**WANT**