

BIG TRUTH: GOD IS PERFECT AND SET APART

Exodus 15:11; Leviticus 19:2; 2 Samuel 22:31; Psalm 18:30; Matthew 5:48

BIBLE VERSE: 1 SAMUEL 2:2

"There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God."

BIG IDEAS

- God is perfect and everything He does is right.
- God is the standard for all that is good.
- God is different than us; He is set apart.

BIBLE STORY: ISAIAH 6:1-6

God is holy and pure. His holiness is not a product of His nature; it is foundational to who He is. No one is holy like God. God is set apart from every other being because He is completely holy and does nothing that is unholy. Isaiah's vision of God produces a reaction of worship and awe. This same reaction is had by all who are given a vision of God in His splendor and majesty throughout Scripture. Isaiah understands his own lack of holiness when he is faced with God's. The only response to God's holiness is worship and a crying out of "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts!" God is holy and set apart from all others.

FOUNDATION: GOD IS HOLY - GOD GIVES THE LAW

God is holy. This means that He is separate from all of creation. There is nothing like Him in existence and nothing that can even be compared to Him. He is complete, perfect, and separate in every single way possible. God commands that His people are to "be holy just as He is holy." In our own imperfection, there is no way we can be holy, but in God's grace He gave His people the law. The law points us to who God is, our need for Him, and that our only hope to become holy like God is through the shedding of innocent blood on behalf of the guilty.

BIG AIMS**Every child should know:**

- God is perfect and holy
- The Ten Commandments

**Every child should:**

- Define "good" by God's standard

**Every child should feel:**

- Incapable of being holy on their own

**Every child should want to:**

- To be holy because God is holy

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 SETS THE STANDARD FOR GOOD

On a large piece of paper or poster board, make a list of actions. Attach pictures of the actions next to the list so your child can easily recognize the action. Some examples of actions are “Helping a friend”, “Picking up our toys”, “Giving someone a hug”, “Not listening to parents”, “Hitting our friends”, etc. Ask your child to label each action as “good” or “bad”. Give them a red sticker to put next to the “good” actions and a “blue” sticker to put next to the “bad” actions. We know what is good because God shows us what is good. He sets the standard for us because everything He does is good.

DISCOVER IT:

Read 1 Samuel 2:2

THINK ABOUT IT:

Hannah's prayer in 1 Samuel 2 comes after she has begged God to give her a child and He has done so. She has seen God work in great and mighty ways in her own life and she is overcome with God's goodness. She praises God for His holiness, recognizing that no one is holy like God. She also praises Him for His goodness. No one does good like God does. Hannah has seen this goodness in her own life because God has given her a son. Hannah knows what is good, just like we know what is good, because God shows us what is good. He sets the standard for what is good and what is not in the world. It is by knowing Him and seeing Him work in the world that we know what is good and what is not.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- Why does Hannah praise God for His goodness? (She asked Him for a son and He gave her a son.)
- How do we know what is good? (God shows us by His own works and tells us in His Word.)



Read 1 Samuel 1:1-20. Talk with your child about the story of Hannah and how she asked the Lord to give her a child. Talk with your child about God's faithfulness and how He showed Hannah His holiness when He answered her prayer.



Help your child memorize 1 Samuel 2:2. Talk with your child about what it means for God to be holy. Talk about the difference between always doing what is right and not doing what is right.



Set a goal for your child to do a certain number of “good” things that week. Make the goal lofty. Throughout the week keep a chart of all the good things your child does. Put the chart somewhere visible. At the end of the week, talk with your child about how hard it was to do the “good” things. Talk with them about how it is not hard for God because He is good. Everything He does is good. He is the reason we know what good is and that we are able to do good.



Read Isaiah 6:1-6. As a family recreate the scene of Isaiah's vision of the Lord. Take turns playing Isaiah and the seraphim. Use white sheets for a robe and costume wings to play the seraphim. Talk with your child about God's holiness and how when people encounter it, they respond by praising Him and knowing that they aren't holy.