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BIG TRUTH: GOD IS COMPLETELY SATISFIED IN HIMSELF

Genesis 1:1-2; 1 Chronicles 29:11; Job 41:11; Psalm 50:12; Isaiah 66:1-2; Colossians 2:10

BIBLE VERSE: ISAIAH 66:1

“Thus says the Lord: ‘Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me?’”

BIG IDEAS

- God does not need anything to survive.
- God is not dependent upon anyone for help.

BIBLE STORY: 2 SAMUEL 7

David desired to build God a house or temple. He wanted to provide God with a place to dwell because there was no house or temple then. What David didn't understand is that God is complete in Himself. He did not need David to provide Him with anything. God is completely in charge of everything. Everything that we have, He has given to us. There really is nothing that we could give God that wouldn't mean we were using things that He had provided to us. He is completely satisfied in Himself and has no need for anything.

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God is holy and just. Everything He does is right and good. In His holiness and justice, He must punish injustice. His righteous wrath (anger against sin) must be satisfied. Sin and rebellion cannot be ignored or looked over. It must be dealt with, and we as guilty sinners deserve God's wrath to be poured out on us. Thankfully, God, in His mercy, chose to forgive us. The only way He could do this was by punishing Jesus in our place. He sent His Son to be a substitute for our sin in order to rescue us. Jesus bore the punishment that we deserve.

BIG AIMS



Every child should know:

- God is satisfied in Himself
- God does not need anything and is not dependent on anyone
- God is satisfied through Jesus who died as our substitute



Every child should feel:

- Awe that God does not need anything



Every child should be able to:

- Recognize some things that they need and remember that God does not need anything



Every child should want to:

- Have a relationship with God because He is satisfied through His substitute

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.

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GOD IS SATISFIED

Remove the puzzle pieces from a puzzle box and show the box to your child. Ask your child what you need to complete the puzzle. You need all of the puzzle pieces in order to complete the puzzle. We all have needs everyday, but God does not need anything. He is completely satisfied in Himself.

DISCOVER IT:

Read Isaiah 66:1-2.

THINK ABOUT IT:

God is bigger than anything He has created. Because He is the creator of all things, there is nothing that is bigger than He is, nor is there anything that He lacks. When the prophet Isaiah records the words of God, he reveals that God is completely satisfied in Himself. There is nothing that God needs or desires because all things come from Him. He has made all things, which means that He needs nothing. He is not like man in that everything we have comes from God. God is the beginning of all things. This means that God is completely whole and satisfied in Himself.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- Is there anything that God needs or lacks? (No, God is the creator of all things, so He does not lack anything or need anything.)
- What is bigger than God? (Nothing is bigger than God. He is the greatest being of all beings.)
- What is God satisfied in? (God is completely satisfied in Himself.)



Help your child memorize Isaiah 66:1a by alternating repeating the verse in a loud voice and then a soft voice.



Take your child for a special treat or give them something they have been asking for. Ask your child after the special treat if they are satisfied with what they received. Remind them that God is satisfied in Himself. He doesn't need to receive anything to be satisfied.



Gather supplies for your local food pantry, homeless shelter or soup kitchen. Have your child help you gather the supplies to donate. As you make the trip to donate the supplies, talk to your child about how we always are in need of things, but God never needs anything. Talk with your child about how God chooses to use us to provide for the needs of others. He is completely satisfied in Himself. Anything He wants, He can create for Himself.



Spend time together making a list of all the things that God has provided for your family. Read the list with your children and then spend time in prayer thanking God that you can trust Him to care for you.