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Proverbs 30:5; Psalm 12:6; 18:30; 19:7-9; 2 Samuel 22:31

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 17:17

“Your Word is truth.”

BIG IDEAS

- God is truth. He not only speaks what is true, but truth is who He is.
- God tells us what is true through His Word and sin is choosing to believe and speak what is false.
- God commands that we speak truth and not lies.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 41

God gave Joseph the ability to understand the truth of Pharaoh’s dream because God is truth and He gives truth through His Word. Joseph gave Pharaoh God’s truth when he explained Pharaoh’s dream.

FOUNDATION: GOD IS TRUTH - GOD GIVES HIS WORD

God does not just know what is true, He is truth. When God speaks everything He says comes into being. The God who spoke everything into existence determines what is true and what is false. In His grace, God not only is truth, but also gives us the chance to know what is true by speaking. God speaks through His Word (the Bible), and the message of the Bible is given to us by Him. The Bible allows us to know what is true, what is false, and gives us knowledge of the truest thing in the universe, Himself.

BIG AIMS



Every child should know that:

- God is truth
- The Bible is the true Word of God
- Truth exists and is important for our lives



Every child should feel:

- Excitement when they learn something that is true



Every child should be able to:

- Tell the truth
- Talk about the Bible as the source of truth



Every child should want:

- To hide God’s Word in their heart by memorizing verses from the Bible

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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In a notebook write down several statements about the world that are obviously false, such as, “The light is called night and the dark is called day” and “Cows are fish and swim in the ocean.” Show your child the notebook and then a copy of God’s word. Open the Bible to Genesis 1 and the creation account. Then read the statements from the notebook. Ask your child if the statements are true or false. Then ask them how they know they are false. They are false because they aren’t the same as what God’s word says and God’s word is always true.

DISCOVER IT:

Read John 17:17 together.

THINK ABOUT IT:

The author of this book was a man named John. He was close to Jesus and spent a lot of time with Him while Jesus was on the earth. He had heard Jesus speak and teach and had seen Him work miracles. When he wrote about Jesus and God’s words, he told the world that they are the truth---every single one of them. John had experienced Jesus firsthand and he knew that all that Jesus said was true.

We have the Bible, which is God’s written word and it’s complete. We can know the truth because God’s truth is written in His word. It’s from the Bible that we understand how to live and we gain wisdom and understanding of the world around us. Every single word is true and valuable to us.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- How did John know Jesus’ words were true? (He had lived among Jesus and seen Jesus work and teach and God had spoken through John.)
- How can we know the truth? (We know the truth when we read and study God’s word---it is the only source for truth about this life and this world.)



Help your child memorize John 17:17 by clapping your hands each time you say a word and marching in time to your clapping. You can march around your house clapping and saying the verse over and over to help your child memorize it and implant the truth in their hearts.



Discuss with your child the importance of telling the truth always. Throughout the week as you begin your day, take a few minutes in the morning to pray with your child and ask God to help them to tell the truth all the time.



Gather a bowl of water, one quarter, and many pennies. Tell your child that the quarter represents a lie. Allow them to throw the quarter in the bowl of water. Then tell them the pennies represent the ways we try to cover up our lie. Allow them to throw the pennies in the water to cover up the quarter. It will take a lot of pennies to cover the quarter and a lot of time. Remind them that God commands us not to lie because He wants us to be like Him and He always tells the truth.



Encourage your child to sing praises to God for His truthfulness. You can sing “The B.I.B.L.E.”, or the “Ten Commandment Boogie” by Go Fish. Remind your child that God gives us the truth in His Word.