

GOD GIVES THE CHURCH AS HIS FAMILY

BIG TRUTH: GOD GIVES THE CHURCH AS HIS FAMILY

John 1:11-13; 14:6; Romans 8:14-17; Galatians 3:26-29; 4:4-7; Ephesians 1:11-12; Hebrews 2:10-11; 1 John 3:1-2

BIBLE VERSE: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:27

“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.”

BIG IDEAS

- Those who repent and believe in Jesus are part of God’s family.
- The church is God’s family, not a building or place.
- Those in the church are brothers and sisters in God’s family.
- Although those in the church are made different, they represent one leader, Jesus.

BIBLE STORY: ACTS 2:42-47; 1 PETER 2:9-10

Jesus died to pay our sin debt and those who believe in Him become part of God’s family. The church is the body of Christ, or God’s family. Every person who repents and believe in Jesus, becomes part of that family. The people in God’s family are spiritual brothers and sisters.

FOUNDATION: GOD IS REDEEMER - GOD GIVES CHURCH

God does not just save us from eternal punishment, but also redeems us. The word redemption means to buy back. This means that God sets us free from the slavery of sin through the death of His Son. God is not just redeeming us as individuals though, but He instead is redeeming a people, His church. The church is the collection of believers both universal (Christians everywhere) and local (Christians who meet together locally). God has set apart His people to declare His praises.

BIG AIMS



Every child should know:

- God is our Redeemer when we have no hope
- Redemption is when we are set free from our sin and brought into right relationship with God



Every child should feel:

- Hope that comes through Jesus our Redeemer



Every child should be able to:

- Describe the gospel message



Every child should want to:

- Live in hope, not separation

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 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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THE CHURCH IS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Spend some time going through family albums talking about different family members. God's family is made up of the body of Christ, or those who have repented and believed in Jesus Christ. They are His family and are connected to each other through Jesus Christ.

DISCOVER IT:

Read 1 Corinthians 12:27.

THINK ABOUT IT:

As Paul writes to the Corinthian believers, he reminds them of their status as God's children. They are part of God's chosen people, those who have repented and believed in His Son, Jesus Christ. God's family is called the church and it is not confined to a building or place, but it is made up of those who follow Jesus Christ.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- Who is the body of Christ? (Those who have repented and believed in Jesus Christ.)
- What does God call His people? (They are the church and they are the body of Christ.)



KNOW

Help your child memorize 1 Corinthians 12:27. Talk with your child about what it means to be a part of the body of Christ. Tell them that only those who have repented and believed in Jesus Christ are part of the church.



DO

As a family, create a short family tree. Talk with your child about your family members and what makes them family. Then talk about how God gives the church as His family. It is made up of those who repent and believe in Jesus Christ.



FEEL

As a family, take a walk through your neighborhood park. Gather different types of leaves and then talk with your child about how the leaves are all different, but are still leaves. God's family is different, but are all His children.



WANT

Help your child create a paper chain of people. Allow them to color them differently and to give them unique characteristics. Talk with your child about how people may be from different earthly families, but if they've repented and believed in Christ, they are all a part of God's family, the church.