

BIG TRUTH: GOD IS SATISFIED THROUGH JESUS

John 1:29; Hebrews 9:11-14; 1 Peter 1:17-20; 1 John 2:1-2; 4:9-10

BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 5:9

Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

BIG IDEAS

- God's justice against sin must be satisfied.
- The only way for God to be just and forgiving is through a substitute.
- God's perfect substitute is His Son, Jesus.
- Jesus lived a sinless life, and died in our place as our substitute.
- God's justice is perfectly satisfied through His Son.

BIBLE STORY: EXODUS 11; 12:1-7, 13-14, 21-28; JOHN 1:29

God provides a way for His people, the Israelites to have freedom from the Egyptians and He also provides a way for them to be saved from the angel of death. This story reveals the way in which God provides a substitute for all people through His Son, Jesus. Death passes over all those who place a saving faith in Jesus, just as death passed over the Israelites who placed the blood of a sacrificed lamb over their doorposts.

FOUNDATION: GOD IS SATISFIED - GOD GIVES A SUBSTITUTE

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**KNOW****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

**FEEL****Every child should feel:**

- Awe that God does not need anything

**DO****Every child should be able to:**

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

**WANT****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.

THE LAMB OF GOD

Create a crown from paper. Write the words “Lamb of God” on the crown. Lead your child in a discussion about how the crown represents Jesus, who is the Son of God and also the Lamb of God. Jesus came to the earth to be our sacrificial lamb so that our sin debt could be paid.

DISCOVER IT:

Read Exodus 11; 12:1-7, 13-14, 21-28.

THINK ABOUT IT:

The story of the tenth plague is a story of God’s redemption. When the Israelites did as God said and killed a lamb without blemish, they were placing their faith in God and the salvation from the angel of death. The angel of death passed over the houses whose doorpost had blood on it. This blood represented the blood that was going to be shed by God’s Son, Jesus. God sent His Son Jesus to be our sacrificial lamb, to die in our place. Jesus’ blood shed on the cross washes away our sins and makes us clean before God when we have saving faith. Jesus is the Lamb of God who satisfies God’s justice.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- What did God tell the people to do so that the angel of death would pass over them? (He told them to kill a spotless lamb and to mark their doorposts with its blood.)
- Who is God’s Lamb? (Jesus is God’s lamb sent to the earth to die for our sins.)

**KNOW**

Help your child memorize Romans 5:8 by alternating between saying the verse in a loud voice and a soft voice.

**DO**

With your child plan a special outing or treat for the end of the week. Tell your child that if he or she obeys you all week, they will get to go on the special outing or receive the special treat. At the end of the week take your child on the special outing or give them the treat even if they disobeyed. Tell them that Jesus satisfied God’s justice when we didn’t deserve it. We can’t earn our redemption in Christ.

**FEEL**

As a family bake a white cake and decorate it with white icing. On the cake write “The Lamb of God”. Talk with your child about how Jesus is the Lamb of God. He took our place to die for our sins. He was spotless and perfect.

**WANT**

As a family spend some time singing praise songs such as “Lamb of God” by Vertical Church. Talk with your child about how God is satisfied through Jesus who came to save us.