

BIG TRUTH: THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD

1 Corinthians 2:7,10,12-13; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Revelation 1:1-3

BIBLE VERSE: 2 TIMOTHY 3:16a

"All scripture is breathed out by God."

BIG IDEAS

- The Bible is a book that contains the words of God Himself.
- The Bible is the source of all truth.
- Every word in the Bible was given to us by God and was written for our good.
- The Bible is the story of God's rescue plan for the world.

BIBLE STORY: NEHEMIAH 8

During the rebuilding of the wall around Jerusalem, Nehemiah brought the people together to hear the priest read God's Word to them.

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.

EVERY WORD IN THE BIBLE WAS GIVEN TO US BY GOD AND IS FOR OUR GOOD

On some blank stationery or cards write a letter to your child. In the letter tell them several things that makes them special and then give them some instructions, such as what they should eat for dinner, how to play safely outside and when they should take a bath. Add pictures to your letter to your child to help make your point--pictures of good food, safe play, etc. Give the letter to your child and then read it to them if they aren't able to read. Tell them that the letter is to them from you and the words written on the letter are your words, but you are giving them to your child because it is helpful to them. Talk to your child about the Bible. Show them a copy of the Bible and tell them that the words in the Bible are God's words given to us for our good.

DISCOVER IT:

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17

THINK ABOUT IT:

Paul wrote in his letter to Timothy the importance of God's word. He wanted to encourage Timothy to read and study God's word because it is useful to him and to us. God's word is good for us because it teaches us about God and how to please God. Most importantly it tells us about God's plan to rescue us from our sins by sending Jesus to be our Savior.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- If all the words in the Bible are from God, how should we think about the Bible? (It is the most important book in the world and we should see it as God's Word.)
- What did Paul say the Bible would do for people who read it? (Help them grow in righteousness---help them look more like Jesus.)
- Who breathed out the words in the Bible? (God breathed them out.)



Read 2 Timothy 3:16 with your child. Help your child memorize this verse by repeating the verse numerous times. When you say the word "breathed", blow on your child's hand. Encourage your child to breathe on his or her hand when she repeats the verse and says the word "breathed."



Gather together several books you have at home. They don't have to be children's books; they can be books for older people. Stack them together and place two Bibles with them. Mix them together. Hold up a book and ask your child if it's the Bible? Talk with them about how you know the words inside of the book aren't from God. Then when you do hold up the Bible, explain how you know the words are from God. They tell the story of Jesus and give us instructions on how to live and tell us about God.



Gather several pieces of white paper. Print or cut out pictures of your child's favorite things, such as a stuffed animal, food, toy, activity, etc. Then help your child make a "book" of their favorite things. Help them give their "book" a title and decorate as they like. Once they are finished, ask them how we know it's their "book". (They made it. They decided what was going to go inside it, etc.) Then show them the Bible and remind them that the Bible is God's Book - His Word - because He told the authors what to put in it. He created it.

