

# THE BIBLE TELLS US HOW TO LIVE

## BIG TRUTH: THE BIBLE TELLS US HOW TO LIVE

Psalm 19:7-11; 119:1, 9, 129-130; Proverbs 2:6-7; Joshua 1:7-8

## BIBLE VERSE: 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

*“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”*

## BIG IDEAS

- The Bible tells us who God is.
- The Bible tells us how to live for God.
- The Bible protects us from disobeying God.
- The Bible tells us how to find our joy in God.

## BIBLE STORY: PSALM 1

When a person learns God’s Word and uses it in their lives, they experience real joy and happiness. Knowing God’s Word helps us know who God is, how to live for Him, and how to obey Him. Our paths are made straight when we know God’s Word.

## 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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## THE BIBLE PROTECTS US FROM DISOBEYING GOD

On pieces of construction paper write out commands or print pictures of actions, such as jumping, walking, clapping, etc. Next tell your child you are going to play a different version of “Simon Says”. This version is one in which no one will speak. The cards will represent Simon and when you hold them up, your child should do what it says or what the picture is showing. When you do an action without holding up a card, it is not Simon saying to do it. Play this version of “Simon Says” with your child reminding your child that the way we know how to obey God is by reading the Bible. Not reading the Bible is like not following Simon in “Simon Says”.

### DISCOVER IT:

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

Paul wrote to Timothy to remind him of the importance of God’s Word. God’s Word tells us a lot of things, but one of the most important things it tells us is how to obey God. When we read and study the Bible, we understand how to obey God and we know when we are disobeying Him. The Bible protects us from disobeying God because we learn about God and His commands when we read it.

### TALK ABOUT IT:

- How do we know how to obey God? (When we read the Bible we learn about God’s commands to His people, like the Ten Commandments.)
- How can the Bible keep us from disobeying God? (When we read it and know what God is telling us to do, we learn what the consequences of disobedience are.)



Read 2 Timothy 3:16 with your child. Help he or she understand the value of God’s Word by memorizing the Bible Verse “All scripture is breathed out by God.” This verse can be sung to the tune of “Mary Had A Little Lamb” to help your child learn the verse.



Help your child understand that obeying God’s Word brings security by showing them two objects. One can be a walnut in its shell and the other can be a banana in its peel. Allow your child to try and squish the walnut in its shell. The walnut is like the Word of God---it can’t be destroyed because it is eternal. Then allow your child to squish the banana. It is like the world and disobedience, which leads to bad consequences.



Purchase two small plants from your local nursery or grocery. Help your child choose a place to keep the plants. Throughout the week, water one plant, but not the other. Read Psalm 1 with your child and talk with your child about the difference in loving God’s Word and obeying Him and the not loving His Word and disobeying Him. One plant is thriving because it is being watered and the other is wilting and dying because it is not being watered.

