

BIG TRUTH: GOD IS THREE IN ONE

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

BIBLE VERSE: 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

BIG IDEAS

- There is only one God.
- The one true God is three persons.
- Each person is unique and at the same time one God.
- The Father is the one true God, the Son (Jesus) is the one true God, and the Holy Spirit is the one true God.

BIBLE STORY: MARK 1

The existence of God as three in one is evident throughout all of scripture, but is seen clearly in Mark’s description of Jesus’ baptism. All three persons of the Trinity were present at the baptism: God, the Father, God, the Son, and God, the Holy Spirit. All three persons of the Trinity are all fully God, yet they are three persons.

FOUNDATION: GOD IS FATHER - GOD GIVES A FAMILY

God is our heavenly Father. The Bible teaches that God is three in one. He is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As Father, God rules over all things, is greater than all things, and loves sinful people by sending His one and only Son, Jesus, to die on the cross in our place. God becomes the Father of those who place their faith in Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us that God is the perfect Father who lovingly adopts us into His family through faith in His Son. Because God is Father we can become a part of a new family that will last forever.

BIG AIMS



Every child should know that:

- God is three in one
- God is the perfect Father



Every child should feel:

- Loved by the family at home and church



Every child should be able to:

- Pray to the Father in the name of Jesus



Every child should want:

- To trust the perfect Father who loves His children

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 ONE TRUE GOD IS THREE PERSONS

Use a piece of paper (8.5" x 11") to make a three-doll paper chain using the following directions: Cut the paper in half lengthwise. Fold the right side of the paper in toward the center. Then fold it back. You should only fold the paper twice. After folding it twice, you should have a pleated piece of paper. Draw a person figure on the top paper, making sure the arms and legs extend to the edges. Then cut the figure out and you should have a three-doll paper chain. Label each doll as one of the following: Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Explain to your child that the doll represents God. Fold the doll together so there is just one. Then expand the doll and show your child the three persons of God. They are each God, but they are different persons.

DISCOVER IT:

Read 2 Corinthians 13:14.

THINK ABOUT IT:

Paul closes his second letter to the church at Corinth by making a statement about the triune nature of God. God is one God in three persons. Paul speaks of these three persons in his closing. We see in this statement the purpose of the three persons of God. We receive grace through the Son, Jesus Christ because of the Father's love for us and we have fellowship through the Holy Spirit. These three persons are all fully God and serve in their unique purposes for God's glory and man's good.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- How do we know God is the one true God? (The Bible tells us and we know that no other God interacts with us like God does.)
- How many persons are in the Trinity? (There are three persons in the Trinity.)
- What three things do we receive from the Trinity? (Grace, love and fellowship)

**KNOW**

Reinforce the truth that there is one God by helping your child memorize 2 Corinthians 13:14. This verse can be sung to the tune of "Mary Had A Little Lamb."

**DO**

Reinforce the idea of one God by giving your child a hard object like a rock. Then show them several other objects that can be easily broken. Allow them to squeeze the rock trying to smash it. Allow them to smash the other objects. Explain to them that the rock is like God---He is eternal and there is only one. The other objects are false gods or idols. They do not last and aren't the true God.

**FEEL**

Help your child feel awe about God by taking a walk outside. You can discuss the three persons of God and how they each help us by pointing out the following:

- God, the Father: He created the trees and plants and us!
- God, the Son: He came to earth and walked on the earth like we're walking now. He lived like we're living now, but He was perfect and then He died for us so we can be with God now and forever.
- God, the Holy Spirit: He guides us and helps know the right path to take and the right things to do. He helps us know when we've done something wrong.

**WANT**