

BIG TRUTH: GOD IS THE PERFECT FATHER

Matthew 7:7-11; Hebrews 12:7-11; Psalm 84:11; Romans 8:12-17

BIBLE VERSE: 1 CORINTHIANS 8:6

“Yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist.”

BIG IDEAS

- God is Father and the Father is good.
- The Father loves His children perfectly.
- We can trust the Father because He cares for us.

BIBLE STORY: LUKE 11:9-13; 12:22-31

Luke’s book is one of the four gospels and it tells us about the life of Jesus. We learn in these verses that God is our Father and He cares for us, His children, very much. God cares about even the tiniest of details in the lives of His children. Luke records Jesus as He teaches His disciples about the depth of the Father’s love for us.

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 FATHER PROVIDES OUR NEEDS

Throughout your house place several items that are the daily needs of your child. You can use a toothbrush, a bottle of water, a bag of snack food, a favorite toy, their shoes, clothes, etc. Then give your child a small grocery bag and help them go on a scavenger hunt looking for the things they need everyday. Talk with them about how God is our Father and He provides our daily needs---all the things we need each day.

DISCOVER IT:

Read Matthew 6:9-13

THINK ABOUT IT:

Jesus taught His disciples how to pray in an important way. He taught them about the very nature of God through His example prayer. God is our Father and He cares for us like a father cares for his children. We should pray to God as our Father. He loves us and provides our daily needs because He is our Father. Unlike human fathers, He will never fail us because He loves us perfectly. God is perfect and loves us perfectly. He gives us exactly what we need when we need it.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- Who is the perfect Father? (God is the perfect Father because God is perfect.)
- How does the Father care for us? (He provides our daily needs and gives us love and protection.)
- How should we pray to God? (We should pray to Him as our Father because He loves us and cares for us.)

**KNOW**

Help your child pray the Lord's Prayer this week. Discuss with them how we are not perfect because we make mistakes, but God is perfect and He cares for us perfectly.

**DO**

Help your child decorate a copy of the Lord's Prayer. You can print a copy or help them write it down and then color it and decorate it. Remind them that God is the perfect Father and He loves and cares for us.

**FEEL**

Help your child think of things we can trust the Father with. Help them write them on notecards that they can keep. You can punch two holes in the cards and connect them with string or yarn. Remind your child that God is a Father who can be trusted always because He is perfect.

**WANT**

Take your child on a walk through the neighborhood or around a park. Help them point out the many things that God provides for us. Help them thank God for being such a good Father to us and providing for us so greatly.