

### BIG TRUTH: JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD

Psalm 2:7; Matthew 1:18-22; 3:16-17; 16:16; 17:5; John 1:14-18; Romans 1:1-7; Hebrews 1:1-4; 1 John 5:6-11

### BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 20:31

“Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and by believing you may have life in his name.”

### BIG IDEAS

- Jesus is God with us.
- Jesus is the promised Son.
- Jesus is the saving Son.

### BIBLE STORY: LUKE 2:1-20; ISAIAH 9:6

Luke’s account of the birth of Jesus Christ is an account of the great sacrifice of the Father. God sent His Son to the earth to be born as a baby. Jesus is the Son of God and at His birth the angels rejoiced from Heaven at His birth. The news of His arrival was great news indeed. The Savior had come.

### FOUNDATION: GOD IS SON - GOD GIVES A RESCUER

God not only exists as Father, but also as Son. Jesus is the Son of God. Through the incarnation (putting on flesh), Jesus became fully God and fully man. There has never been and never will be a man like this. Even though Jesus was fully God, He chose to empty Himself and submit to the will of God the Father. God sent His Son to be our rescuer. This is only possible through Jesus’ sacrificial death in our place on the cross. The good news is that Jesus did not stay dead, but rose from the grave defeating sin and death!

### BIG AIMS



#### Every child should know that:

- Jesus is the Son of God
- Jesus rescued us from our sins when He died on the cross



#### Every child should be able to:

- Explain why we pray “in Jesus’ name”



#### Every child should feel:

- Awe that God loves us so much he would send His Son to rescue us



#### Every child should want:

- To love Jesus who is our rescuer and to learn more about him

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.

**JESUS IS THE SAVING SON**

Using poster board or cardstock create a shield that says “Rescuer”. Allow your child to decorate the shield and make it as colorful as they like. Lead your child in a discussion about the shield and how it protects us and can rescue us from harmful things. Discuss with them how Jesus is our Rescuer. He is the Saving Son of God and rescues us from our sins, just like the shield protects us from danger.

**DISCOVER IT:**

Read John 20:31.

**THINK ABOUT IT:**

John’s gospel reveals the Son-ship of Jesus and His saving power. Jesus came to the earth to save the world from their sins. He is the great Rescuer and He humbled Himself to come to the world as a baby. This baby was much anticipated and it was amidst great awe and anticipation that He entered the world born in a stable. It is only through the Saving Son that we can have eternal life. When we believe in the saving work of the Son of God, we have eternal life with Him.

**TALK ABOUT IT:**

- Who came to save the world from their sins? (Jesus came as the Son of God.)
- Who is our great Rescuer? (Jesus is our rescuer.)
- How do we have eternal life? (By believing in Jesus, the Son of God.)

**KNOW**

Help your child memorize John 20:31 by repeating the verse in different volumes. First begin softly and then get louder. Repeat to help your child memorize the verse.

**DO**

Help your child understand the great gift of God’s Son by singing “Joy to the World” with them. Remind them that Jesus is God’s Son and our great Rescuer. He came to the world as a baby to live a sinless life and pay the price for our sins.

**FEEL**

Lead your child in a discussion of what it means to sacrifice something. Ask them to go through their toys and pick out some to give away to others. As you go to donate the toys discuss with your child how God sacrificed His Son for us that we might be with Him forever.

**WANT**

Help your child want to know more about Jesus by reading the story “He’s Here” in The Jesus Storybook Bible. Lead them in a discussion about the expectation the world had for the Messiah’s arrival and what great news it was that He came.