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BIG TRUTH: GOD MADE EVERYTHING GOOD

Exodus 20:11; Nehemiah 9:6; Isaiah 42:5; Revelation 4:11; Psalm 100:5, 107:9, 119:68, 145:9; Matthew 7:11; James 1:17

BIBLE VERSE: GENESIS 1:31

And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

BIG IDEAS

- Life is a good gift from God.
- Work is a good gift from God.
- Family is a good gift from God.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 2

All that God made was perfect and good. When He made man and woman, they were good. He created them and gave them a place to live and work to do. Their work was good because work is a good gift from God. God also made them a family. Family is a good gift from God and it is His plan and design for the world.

THE STORY

The Story is the good news of the gospel. All of Scripture tells the Story of God the Father's work to redeem a people from the power of sin through God the Son so that they might live for His glory through the power of the Holy Spirit. During this series we will explore the four main movements of the Story of God, and our response to the life-altering Gospel Story!

BIG AIMS

Every child should know that:

- God is the author, subject, and hero of the gospel story
- Salvation comes by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone



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Every child should strive to:

- Describe the gospel message through Creation, Fall, Redemption, and New Creation
- Memorize the Bible verse each week



Every child should feel:

- Brokenness over the depth of our sin against God
- Joy in Jesus, our Savior and King

WANT

Every child should want:

- To study the Bible so that they can better understand God's story of redemption
- To share the gospel story with those who are separated from God in their sin



GOD'S GOOD GIFTS

As a family, plan a family day or evening. Ask your preschooler to help you plan the day or family time together. As you plan, focus on the truth that family is a good gift from God. During your family day or time, talk with your child about how God gave us family as a good gift for His glory and our good.

DISCOVER IT: (Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)

Genesis 2

THINK ABOUT IT: (Use the commentary to reinforce the Big Truth.)

Because God is the Creator of all things, everything He made is good. He is a good and perfect God. Life is a gift from God. Adam did not create himself. Adam also did not create Eve. God made Adam and breathed life into his nostrils. After He created Adam and placed him in the Garden of Eden, God created a companion for Adam. God made Eve and gave her to Adam as his wife. When God made Adam and Eve, He created the first family. It is God's design that we live in families. This is another of God's good gifts to us. God also gave Adam jobs to do, or work. Adam was in charge of naming the animals, caring for them, and looking after the earth. Adam and Eve lived together in the Garden of Eden and each of their days had purpose because God gave them work. Work is also a good gift from God. God created us to work and to fulfill His purpose for our lives. Our lives have purpose and meaning because of God's design for us. Life, work, and family are all part of God's goodness to us and reveal to us that He is the good Creator.

TALK ABOUT IT: (Use the questions to discuss the Big Truth)

- What are some of God's good gifts to us? (God gave us life, work, and family as good gifts.)
- Why are these gifts good to us and for us? (They bring meaning and purpose to our life.)



Help your child memorize Genesis 1:31 by creating word art from the verse. Write the verse on a piece of paper and help your child decorate it. As you decorate it, say the verse out loud together several times.

Create a list of small jobs for your child to do this week, such as putting away their toys, helping set the table, etc. Talk with your child about how work is a good gift from God.

Spend time talking with your child about family and how it is a good gift from God. Talk with your child about God's design for family—a man and woman living as husband and wife and their children. Share with your child some of your favorite things about your family and ask your child to share some of their favorite things about your family.

Set aside time to pray with your child everyday this week. Pray for your child to understand that life is a gift from God and is good.