

SERIES: FOUNDATIONS - GOD IS

“God is.” God exists. There is only one God, and He is the only one worthy of our worship and praise. And, by His grace and mercy, He has made Himself known to us. We do not worship one who is distant from us or who is uninvolved with His creation.

During the summer, elementary through high school are aligned under the same Big Truths, Bible passages, and Big Ideas as we invite families to return to the foundational truths of who God is.

Isaiah 55:8-9 - *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”*

Hosea 11:9 - *“I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst”*

GUIDES:

- This series walks through nine attributes– nine realities that unpack who God is. These realities are so foundational that preschoolers can learn them, and yet are so deep that they impact and inform every aspect of our lives throughout our entire lives.

TIPS TO TEACH AND TALK IN THIS SERIES:

As a leader or parent, consider each truth deeply. Meditate on it, ponder its implications.

- *For example:* God is Creator. Everything that is not God came out of nothing when God spoke.
- What does this mean for how we relate to created things? What does this mean for how we relate to God as created things? What are the dangers of how someone would think about the world if they do not understand that God is Creator? What has God created in you? What are you longing for God to create in your children? How does God as Creator help you understand the promise of new creation?

Tips for the home:

- If you have children in multiple age groups, find creative ways to use your older children to help teach the younger ones. For example, have them act out the Bible story, or have them take turns leading your family’s discussion.

Tips for the church:

- The older that your group is, the more likely you will hear students and parents complain, “I have heard this before.” Remember that your goal is to teach the truth about who God is and that truth’s implications for our lives, not any one particular Bible verse or story.
- God is not like us. We will never exhaust the truths about who He is. Lead kids and parents to fight the apathy and complacency that familiarity often leads to. Lead them to marvel at and worship our God who is.

GAME PLAN PAGE

The Game Plan page is meant to be used as a resource to guide parents and teachers in how each guide interacts within its series.

This page provides an overview of the series, how the individual guides work together to make up a holistic series, and practical tips to make the most of this teaching series in your church or home.