

BIG TRUTH: GOD IS FATHER

Matthew 7:7-11; John 1:14; Hebrews 12:7; Romans 8:14-15; Ephesians 1:3, 4:6; Galatians 4:6; Philippians 2:11; 1 John 3:1

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, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through 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

During His earthly ministry, Jesus taught His followers about God the Father. He taught them that God is the Father and the Father loves perfectly. The Father always cares for His children because He loves them and watches over them.

FOUNDATION: GOD IS

"God is" means that there is only one god in the universe. He alone is Lord over everything that exists, and He alone is worthy of our worship. This also means that every good thing that exists comes from God. All good things come from Him because goodness is a part of who He is as the one true God. It is a part of His nature and character to be good, and everything that comes from God is good. Thankfully God has not chosen to withhold His goodness from His creation, but instead gives it freely to us.

BIG AIMS**Every child should know that:**

- There is only one true God, and He is good.
- We can know God because He has made Himself known through creation and Word.
- God alone is our source of life and joy.

**Every child should feel:**

- Loved by God, and thankful for His love for us.
- Broken over the depth of our sin against God.
- Joy in Jesus, the only Son of God who came to save us.

**Every child should strive to:**

- Memorize the Bible verse each week about who God is.
- Pray that God would open their hearts and minds to know Him more.
- Tell someone else about the God who is.

**Every child should want:**

- Learn more about the God who has made Himself known.
- Repent of their sin and of the lies they believe about God.
- Cling to God as the source of truth.

OUR FATHER

Help your preschooler understand that God is Father by creating a prayer book with them. Use construction paper and crayons to create a small book that includes pictures of things your preschooler wants to pray about. Help your preschooler learn that when we pray to God, we can call Him our Father and pray to Him like we talk to our parents.

DISCOVER IT:

Read Luke 11:9-12; 12:22-31

THINK ABOUT IT:

God is a big God and He does many mighty things. God is Creator and He is the Redeemer. He is also the Father. This means that God loves us and cares for us as His children. Jesus taught about God the Father during His earthly ministry. He told His followers that God loves us as a parent. He looks on us and considers us His children. This means that we are His sons and daughters. When we have saving faith in Jesus, God welcomes us into His family and He makes us His eternal children. Jesus taught that when we doubt the Father's love for us, we can look at the creation around us. We can look at the birds in the air, the grass in the field, and the flowers we see around us. When we look at them, we can see how they have everything they need to grow and flourish. They are beautiful and God takes care of them. If God takes care of things like birds, flowers, and grasses, He will most definitely take care of us, His most prized creation. The Bible teaches us that God loves people more than He loves the natural world because it was for people that God sent His only Son to die. God is a good Father and we can always trust Him to care for us. This means He will always provide for us and gives us everything we need. All that the Father does for us is good because He is always good.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- How can we know God loves us by looking at the flowers, birds, and grasses? (If He takes care of these things, He will surely take care of us because He loves us.)
- Why should we trust the Father to provide for us? (God is perfect and good and we should always trust His provision for us.)



As a family, memorize 1 Corinthians 8:6 by writing the verse on small pieces of paper and hiding them throughout your house. Play a game of where your child hunts for the hidden verses. When your child finds a copy of the verse, say it out loud together.



Spend a day pointing out all of the things God has provided for your family. All throughout the day, point your child back to God's provision, such as air to breathe, food to eat, clothes to wear, etc. Remind your child that God is a good Father who can be trusted.



Create a chart that highlights the goodness of the Father. Ask your child to draw pictures of the good things the Father does, such as provide our daily needs, etc. Remind your child that God is a good Father who always cares for His children.



As a family spend time in prayer this week. Model praising God for being the Father and always caring for you and your family to your child.