

BIG TRUTH: GOD IS SON

Matthew 3:16-17; 16:16; 17:5, Hebrews 1:1-3; John 1:14, Romans 1:3-4; 1 John 5:5

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 20:31

“...but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that 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: JOHN 1:1-18

Jesus is God in the flesh. He is the Son of God who came down to the earth to be the sacrifice for our sin. God is one God in three persons and Jesus is the Son of God.

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.

THE PROMISED SON

Write "Jesus" on a piece of paper and place it in a small box. Wrap the box up and place it somewhere your preschooler can see it each day this week. Each day promise your preschooler that he or she can open the box at the end of the week. Make sure you show your preschooler the box each day and say that you promise. On the promised day, allow your preschooler to open the box and then read them what is written on the piece of paper. Talk to them about how you kept your promise and that Jesus was God keeping His promise to send the Son to save the world.

DISCOVER IT:

Read John 1:1-8.

THINK ABOUT IT:

John was a follower of Jesus. He followed Jesus and listened to His teachings while Jesus was on earth. After Jesus returned to heaven, John wrote about Jesus and His time on the earth. John's writings about the life of Jesus are called the Gospel of John. In the very beginning of John's Gospel, he tells us that Jesus is fully God and fully man. Jesus is the Son of God, or the second person of the Godhead. Jesus is fully God and when He came to the earth, He took on human form. Jesus was the light of God shining on the darkness of the world. The world is dark and full of sin, but when Jesus came, He shined the light of God's truth on the darkness and pointed people to salvation. Jesus lived a perfect life while He was on earth. He never sinned and always obeyed God the Father. Because His life was perfect, He was the perfect sacrifice for our sin. He went to the cross and paid our sin debt by dying in our place. God fulfilled His promise to man when He sent Jesus to the earth. God had promised to send the Son to save the world and He did. Jesus died for our sin and now anyone who repents and believes that Jesus is the way that we are saved can have their sins forgiven.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- Who is Jesus? (He is the promised Son who was sent to save the world.)
- How did Jesus bring salvation to the world? (He lived the perfect life and died on the cross in our place.)



As a family, memorize John 20:31 by playing a game to see who can memorize the verse first in your family. Write the verse on a large piece of paper and put it up somewhere in your house. Throughout the week, help your child practice saying the verse. At the end of the week take turns saying the verse from memory.



Help your child understand the idea of God being with us by taking him or her with you somewhere they wouldn't usually go, such as your office, to a meeting, or on a run. Talk with them about how you are with them and remind them that when Jesus came down, it was God coming down to be with us.



Read John 1:1-18 with your child. Talk with your child about how Jesus is the light of the world because He is the promised Son shining a light on the darkness of the world. Talk with them about how Jesus has helped you see the truth in the darkness of the world.



As a family spend time in prayer this week. Model praying a prayer of thanksgiving to God for sending Jesus as the fulfillment of His promise of salvation.