

SUMMER: FOUNDATIONS

GOD IS SPIRIT

BIG TRUTH: GOD IS SPIRIT

Genesis 1:2; Isaiah 61:1; Ezekiel 26:27; 1 Corinthians 2:11, 3:16; Ephesians 1:13-14, 2:18; Romans 8:9-11; Galatians 5:17

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 4:24

"God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

BIG IDEAS

- The Holy Spirit makes God's people alive.
- The Holy Spirit lives within God's people.
- The Holy Spirit helps God's people live faithfully.

BIBLE STORY: EZEKIEL 37:1-14

In the prophet Ezekiel's vision, he saw a valley of dry bones. He saw God's Spirit breathe life back into the bones and the bones began to live again. God's Spirit gives us new life when we have saving faith in Him.

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 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 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 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.

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THE HELPER

Help your preschooler understand that there is only one God by creating a scavenger hunt for them. Ask your preschooler to look for different colored objects, but choose only one object to be blue. When your preschooler finishes finding all the colored objects, point out that there is only one blue object. Remind them that there is only one God and there no one like Him.

DISCOVER IT:

Read Ezekiel 37:1-14

THINK ABOUT IT:

When God showed Ezekiel the vision of the valley of dry bones, He was showing Him the very hearts of His people. Our hearts are dried up and dead, killed by our own sins and transgressions. Yet God chose not to leave His people this way. Instead, He made a way for them to be made new. God sent His Son first to save us and those who believe in Jesus receive His Spirit. The Spirit is our helper in all things, but most importantly in breathing new life into us when we place our faith in Jesus Christ. Ezekiel saw the Spirit breathe life into the dry bones and we see the Spirit breathe life into the hearts of men when they receive salvation through Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit helps us know and love God. God's Spirit also helps us live for God by guiding us to make the right choices. He guides our decisions and helps us to obey God's Word by helping us understand it.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- What does the Spirit do? (He helps God's people live faithfully for God.)
- Who gives God's people new life? (The Spirit breathes new life into God's people when they repent and believe in Jesus.)



Help your child memorize John 4:24 by creating a matching game from the verse. Write each word of the verse on an index card twice. Take turns making matches. When all of the words are matched put the verse together and say it out loud.



Create a map that leads to a specific spot in or around your house for your child to follow using pictures instead of words. Help your child use the picture map to get to the specific spot. When they arrive remind them that the Holy Spirit is our guide and helper like the map helped them.



Ask your child to help you blow up a balloon. Show your child an uninflated balloon and the one you blew up. Talk with them about how the inflated balloon is like when the Holy Spirit comes to live inside of believers.



Lead your child in a time of prayer, thanking God for sending the Holy Spirit to be our helper.