

**BIG TRUTH: GOD IS JUST**

Psalm 25:8; Isaiah 1:17, 61:8; Jeremiah 9:23-24; Amos 5:24; Deuteronomy 32:4; Numbers 14:18; Luke 18:7; Romans 3:26; 1 John 1:9; Revelation 16:7

**BIBLE VERSE: DEUTERONOMY 32:4B**

*“A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is He.”*

**BIG IDEAS**

- God always does what is right.
- God never sins or commits any wrong.
- God must oppose injustice.

**BIBLE STORY: MATTHEW 4:1-11**

God is a just God. All that He does is good and right. Jesus proved this during His temptation while He was on earth. He resisted Satan’s temptation and remained sinless.

**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 GOODNESS OF GOD

Use a large piece of paper and markers to help your child create a picture that shows some of the good things about God. Help your child think of some of the good things that God does, such as giving us air to breathe, and food to eat. Remind them that God is always good and never does a wrong thing.

### DISCOVER IT:

Read Matthew 4:1-11.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

Our world is a broken world. Just like a cup can be broken and never put back together like it was originally, our world is broken. Because of this brokenness, we do not do right things. When Jesus came to the earth, He lived the perfect life that we cannot live. Before He began His earthly ministry, He fasted for forty days and when He was really tired and hungry, Satan tempted Him to sin against God. Satan asked Jesus to turn stones into bread so He could feed Himself, but Jesus resisted Satan. Next, Satan asked Jesus to prove that He was the Son of God. Jesus refused two times to prove His own deity because it wasn't what God wanted Him to do then. Jesus proved that God is always good and He always does what is right. God is holy and righteous. This means that He never makes a mistake. He doesn't do any bad thing. He only does what is right and good. We can trust all that God does even when we don't understand it. Not only is God always good, He opposes the wrong things in the world. He opposes sin and the injustice that our sin produces. God works against injustice and uses His people to fight it. God is a right and good God who never allows injustice to go unpunished forever.

### TALK ABOUT IT:

- Who is good and right always? (God is good and right always because He is sinless and perfect.)
- Who opposes injustice? (God always opposes injustice and uses His people to fight against it.)



Spend time memorizing Deuteronomy 32:4b by creating a family challenge to see who can memorize the verse first. Reward the family member who is the first to memorize the verse.



Ask your child to help you weigh and measure out ingredients for cookies or cupcakes. As you measure out the ingredients, talk with your child about the importance of measuring correctly. Remind your child that it's important in most recipes to do the right thing just like in life. Remind your child that God is the only person who always does the right thing.



Discuss with your child some of the things that God does or allows that we find hard to trust are good and right. Share with your child some of your own struggles and then ways that you discipline yourself to trust God because you know He is perfectly just.



As a family spend time in prayer this week. Model praying a prayer of praise to God for always doing the right thing.