

# GOD IS TRUTH

## SUMMER: FOUNDATIONS

### BIG TRUTH: GOD IS TRUTH

Proverbs 30:5; Psalm 12:6, 18:30, 19:9; 2 Samuel 22:31; 1 John 5:6

### BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 14:6

*"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"*

### BIG IDEAS

- God not only speaks the truth, He is truth.
- God defines what is true and false.
- The Bible is God's Word, the source of all truth.

### BIBLE STORY: DANIEL 2

Daniel relied upon God as his source of truth and knowledge. When he was asked to interpret King Nebuchadnezzar's dream, he did so using God as his source of truth. Daniel was able to interpret Nebuchadnezzar's dream because God helped him. We find truth only from 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.

### FAMILY DEVOTION: GOD'S WORD

God is truth and He is our only source of truth. We can learn about God, ourselves, and the world around us when we seek His truth in His Word. He helps us know what is right and wrong by giving us His truth in His Word.

**BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 14:6**

*“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”*

**God determines truth.**

*“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth...’”*

- God is the Creator of everything. Everything comes from Him and originates with Him. Because He is the Creator of everything, it all belongs to Him. Just like our own human creations belong to us, all of creation is God's.
- Because He is the Creator of everything, He alone knows what is true and what is not. Truth comes from Him. He decides what is right and what is wrong because He is the beginning. Before anything else very existed, He did. Everything that does exist originates from Him and this means that He is the only one from which truth can come.

**His Word is truth.**

*“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life...’”*

- In the first chapter of John's gospel, he begins by stating the Word was in the beginning. The Word is Jesus and Jesus has always existed. Jesus tells us in John 14:6 that He is the truth. Because He is fully God, He is the only source of truth about anything and everything in life.
- When God's Word was written down for all of mankind, it became our written source of truth. All truth can be found in God's Word, the Bible. We can know and understand the world around us by looking at it through the lens of God's Word. When we seek truth from His Word, we will find it and gain wisdom.

**We find truth in God alone.**

*“No one comes to the Father except through me.”*

- Jesus' statement in this verse that He is the only way to the Father is a statement of exclusivity. Because Jesus is the way God has determined that man can be reconciled to Him, Jesus is the only way to know God. If we want to know God, we must know Jesus.
- Because God is truth, the only way for us to know what is true and what is not is to know God. Therefore, we must find the Father through Jesus and then we will discover truth and we will have a right view of the world and ourselves.

**BIBLE STORY: DANIEL 2**

*Daniel Interprets the King's Dream*

**Opening Illustration:**

Gather the children into a circle and make statements about them that are clearly untrue, such as “Sarah has blue hair.” Ask the children to identify your statements as “true” or “false.” Discuss with them how we know things are true and false. Tell them that God is the one who defines what is true and false. He is our source of truth for all things.

**BIG IDEA: GOD NOT ONLY SPEAKS TRUTH, HE IS TRUTH.<sup>1</sup>****God is the Creator of all.**

- God is the beginning of all things. He is the Creator of everything. Because He is the Creator of all things, all things belong to Him.
- Just as the things we create with our human efforts belong to us because we made them, everything in the world belongs to God because He made them.
- God as the Creator means that all things originate with Him and from Him.
- He alone is sovereign over everything, so He alone knows all things about everything.



Write the word “Truth” on the board. Ask the children to define this word. Talk through the things we know are true. Next, discuss with them how God is the one who defines truth and that’s how we know truth.

**Truth is from God.**

- Ideas and concepts begin with God. We have minds and the capacity to think and process ideas because of God.
- We know things like love and truth because God is those things.
- God is truth and truth comes from Him.
- Everything He does is right and true.

**Everything that God speaks is true.**

- All that God says is true. He does not lie and there is no falsehood in Him.
- When He spoke the world into being and defined it, He spoke truth into the world.
- When Jesus was on the earth, all that He brought truth into the world and to people.

*How is truth from God? (God is the Creator of all things and all things are from Him.)*

1. Psalm 119:160: God’s Word is truth.

**BIG IDEA: GOD DEFINES WHAT IS TRUE AND FALSE.<sup>2</sup>****God determines what is truth.**

- Truth is determined by God because He is the Author of all life.
- He gets to say what is right and what is wrong.
- He gets to say what is true and what is false.
- God is all-knowing and everywhere. He knows all situations and people fully and completely.
- Because He has all knowledge and understanding, He alone knows truth completely.



Play a game in which you make true statements and false statements. Ask the children to identify your statements as true or false. Remind them that God is the one who defines what is true and what is false.

**God defines truth for every situation.**

- We all face many different situations in our lives, but truth can be found from God.
- God determines what is true in every situation that we face.
- When Daniel faced a difficult situation with King Nebuchadnezzar, he found truth and help from God.
- God provides us with truth for anything we might face.

**We can know what is right and wrong because God has defined it.**

- We do not have to look to our world or the culture to know what is right or wrong.
- When we look to God and understand how He has defined what is true and false, we can know what is right and wrong in our world.
- God determines these things for our good and His glory.

*How can we know what is true and false? (God has defined what is true and false and we can know it for ourselves by knowing Him.)*

2. John 18:37-38: God determines what truth is because He is the beginning of all things.

**BIG IDEA: THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD, THE SOURCE OF ALL TRUTH.<sup>3</sup>****The Bible is God's written Word.**

- When Jesus was on earth, He was God's Word on earth. God spoke through Jesus to the world.
- After Jesus ascended to heaven, God used human authors inspired by the Holy Spirit to write down His Word for all the world. Even the Old Testament was inspired and written down for God's people.
- The Bible is God's Word written down.
- Every part of the Bible is from God. Every word is from God, for His glory, and His people's good.



Gather the children together and show them your Bible. Open the Bible and read aloud some of your favorite verses. Talk with them about how every part of the Bible is true and holds all truth. Remind them that we can find truth in God's Word.

**The Bible is trustworthy.**

- Because God's Word is inspired by the Holy Spirit, every part of it is true and without error.
- This means that there are no mistakes in God's Word.
- It is completely true and holds all truth.
- There is no falsehood in God's Word and nothing that can't be trusted as the truth.

**The Bible is the source of all truth.**

- When we are seeking truth, we should seek it in God's Word.
- God's Word is our only source of truth because only God has the truth.
- In order for us to know God's Word, we have to know Him.
- We know God by knowing Jesus, God's Son. When we know Jesus, we can know God and then know truth.
- God gives us the Bible that we might seek truth in it.

*How can we know truth? (We can find truth in God's written Word.)*

3. Job 12:13: God holds all wisdom and might. He gives wisdom from His Word.

## HOOKS

**One Source**

Lead the children in a discussion about the source of truth. Talk with them about God's Word is our only source of true. Spend some time talking through some of the things we know are truth in our world, such as the sun gives us light and warmth. Show the children verses from Scripture that show us these things are true, such as the creation account. Remind them that God's Word is our one source for all truth.

**Two Truths And A Lie**

Play a game in which you tell two truths and one lie. Ask the children to identify the one lie. Allow the children to take turns saying two truths and a lie, too. Remind them that God is the one who defines all truth.

**A Source Of Truth**

Lead the children in a prayer thanking God for defining truth for us. Model thanking God for determining what is true and what is false.

