

BIG TRUTH: GOD IS HOLY

Leviticus 19:1-2; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Peter 1:13-15; 2:9; Leviticus 20:26; Deuteronomy 7:6; Matthew 5:48

BIBLE VERSE: 1 PETER 1:16; LEVITICUS 11:44

"Since it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.'"

BIG IDEAS

- We must be holy because God is holy.
- The law is a gift from God, not a burden.
- God is our only hope to become holy like Him.

BIBLE STORY: EXODUS 20:1-21

When God gave Moses the Ten Commandments, He gave His people the law as a gift to guide them to Him. The law shows His people their need for a Savior and how to be holy. God is a holy God and He requires His people to be holy.

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.
- 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 be able 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 a truth about God each week.

**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 Family Devotion on the next page is a weekly tool for the home. It is designed for you as family to gather for a few minutes on a set night of the week to unpack the Big Truth together. Use the model below and customize it to fit your family. As you continue to learn, love, and live out the Big Truth, some additional Hooks (next page) are provided that correspond to the Big Aims (see above). Use them to keep the conversation going throughout the week with your family.

BE HOLY

Use sidewalk chalk to write the phrase “Be Holy”. Next, set a timer and ask your child to write down under the phrase or draw a picture of as many examples of God’s holiness as she or he can think of. Tell them that God is holy and tells us to be holy.

DISCOVER IT: *(Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)*

Exodus 20:1-21.

THINK ABOUT IT: *(Use the commentary to reinforce the Big Truth.)*

Rules and laws are important to our world. They help us know how to live with one another so we know how to get along and how to not hurt each other. When God’s special people, the Israelites, were preparing to enter the Promised Land, God gave them laws and rules to help them live in the land. He gave them Ten Commandments that taught them how to live for Him. These Ten Commandments were guides that showed them how to obey Him and how to be holy. He gave them these rules to show them that they needed Him because they couldn’t keep them without His help. He also gave them so they would know how to live an orderly life with one another. God gives us laws and rules in His Word to help us live for Him. Because He is holy, or perfect and good, He tells us to be holy. It’s impossible for us to do this in our own power. We all need help in being holy. God made a way for us to be holy. He sent Jesus to the world to live the life that we couldn’t. Jesus lived the perfect life that we couldn’t live and He died the death that we all deserve to die. Now, when we have saving faith in Him, we can be holy like God is holy. Knowing Jesus helps us live for God and helps us have personal holiness because we have the Holy Spirit. This means that God’s laws and rules in His Word aren’t a burden to us, but instead, they bring our lives joy and happiness because they make us more like Him.

TALK ABOUT IT: *(Use the questions to discuss the Big Truth)*

- Why should we be holy? (God is holy and commands His people to be holy.)
- How does God help us be holy? (God sent Jesus to be our substitute and when we know Him, we can be holy.)



As a family, memorize 1 Peter 1:16 and Leviticus 11:44 by creating a puzzle from the verses. Write the verses on a piece of paper and cut them into puzzle pieces. Take turns putting the puzzle together and saying the verse.



Choose a night for your child to make some part of dinner. Give your child a list of guidelines to follow. Ask your child to follow the guidelines to make the dish. Tell your child that the guidelines are there to help him or her not hurt them. Tell them that God’s law is to help us not be a burden to us.



Set aside a time to talk with your child about some of the ways that God is holy. Ask your child to name some of the ways that God is perfect. Point out some of the ways that we are not. Tell your child that God sent Jesus to help us be holy like He is holy.



Spend time singing praise songs as a family praising God for being holy.