

BIG TRUTH: THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD

Deuteronomy 4:35, 4:39; 1 Kings 8:60, 1 Corinthians 8:4; Ephesians 4:6; Jude 25

BIBLE VERSE: DEUTERONOMY 6:4

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.”

BIG IDEAS

- God is one. There is only one God. There are no other gods.
- There is no being like God. He is the most powerful, smartest, controlling force in existence.
- Since there is only one God, He is the most important being—past, present, and future.

BIBLE STORY: EXODUS 32-33

God is the only God and He alone deserves and should be worshiped. The Israelites disobey God when they create a golden calf as an idol. God reminds them that He alone is the true God and the most important being in existence.

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.

THERE IS NONE LIKE GOD

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 Exodus 32-33

THINK ABOUT IT:

The Israelites were God's special people. He chose them to be His special people and He made a big promise to them to always be their God and to always take care of them. He made Moses their leader and God would tell Moses how to lead His people. One time, Moses was on the mountaintop talking with God and he had been gone a long time from the people. At first the Israelites believed God and did what He told them to do, but then they grew impatient and began to doubt that Moses was going to come back. They didn't trust God and they chose to make a fake god out of their gold jewelry. They melted their gold jewelry down and turned it into a golden calf. They danced around the calf and talked to it like it was their god. God told Moses that the people had turned away from Him and Moses grew very angry. When Moses came down from the mountain and saw the people, he crushed the golden calf and threw it into their water. Even though he knew the people had rejected God and they deserved to die, he asked God to not kill them all. God answered Moses' prayer and let some of the Israelites live. God is the only God. He is not like a golden calf or any other not real object. He is the most important being ever and He is the most powerful. He alone is God and there is no other. The Israelites were reminded of this when God forgave them for their worship of the golden calf.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- Why did the Israelites make a golden calf? (They didn't believe that Moses was going to return to them and they doubted that God would continue taking care of them.)
- How did God show them that He is the real God? (Moses destroyed the fake God they created and God forgave them.)

**KNOW**

As a family, memorize Deuteronomy 6:4 by writing the verse on a poster board and placing it somewhere easily seen in your house. Set a goal of when each family member should have the verse memorized. See who memorizes it first and award that person a prize.

**DO**

Help your child create a golden calf using craft supplies. As you create the golden calf, talk with your child about the foolishness of worshiping any god other than the true God. Remind them that fake gods cannot help us in anyway, but the true God controls all things.

**FEEL**

Share with your child why your relationship with God is the most important relationship. Talk through the ways you find peace, hope, and contentment with God. Remind your child that the God of the Bible is the one true God and the most important being of all.

**WANT**

As a family spend time singing praise songs about God's greatness. Allow your child to choose some of the songs you sing. Remind them that the God of the Bible is the one true God.