

**BIG TRUTH: GOD IS CREATOR**

Genesis 1:1; Psalm 33:6; 102:25; Isaiah 45:12, 18; Colossians 1:16-17; Revelation 4:11

**BIBLE VERSE: ISAIAH 40:28**

*"Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable."*

**BIG IDEAS**

- In the beginning, there was only God.
- Everything that exists comes from God.
- Everything God created is good, has value, and should be valued.

**BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 1:1-25**

In the beginning only God existed. He spoke the heavens and the earth into existence and then He created all living things. Everything comes from Him. He is the beginning of all things and He gives value to everything.

**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.

**OF GREAT VALUE**

Gather several valuable family heirlooms to share with your child. Talk with your child about why each one is special and has value. Then talk with your child about how God gave His creation value and we should treat it with value. Discuss some ways that we can value His creation and one another.

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

Genesis 1:1-25.

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

Before the world became what it is today, there was God. God has always been alive. When we read the creation story, we see in the very first verse that God is alive before the heavens and earth came into being. This means He has always been alive. God is the beginning of all life. First, He made the heavens and the earth and then He made everything that lives on them. He separated the night from the day and the water from the dry land. He created time and made morning and night. He made all of the animals on the land, in the air, and in the sea. He made people and all the plants and vegetation that live on the earth. Everything is from Him. He set life cycles in motion so that the living things He made in the beginning would continue making life and He has allowed life to continue on earth. After God created all things, He said they were good, and they were. By saying they were good, He gave them value. Because God gave them value, it means we should value them, too. God especially values people because we are made in His image. This means that every person who has ever lived and will ever live bears God's image and is valuable. We should treat them as our fellow image-bearers.

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

- Who existed before creation? (God alone existed before creation.)
- Why should we value creation? (God values His creation; therefore, we should value His creation.)



As a family, memorize Isaiah 40:28 by writing the verse on a large piece of paper and hanging it up somewhere it can be easily seen in your house. Review the verses each day this week.



As a family, plan a time to create a special meal for a neighbor or close friend. Ask your child to help you decide what to make and to be a part of taking this meal to your neighbor or friend. Talk with your child about how we should value each other because we are valuable. Remind them that God values His creation and we should value one another.



As a family make a list of some of the special people in your life. Think of ways that you can show them they are valuable this week. Ask your child to help you think of ways to show kindness to the people on your list. Remind them that God values His creation.



Spend time praying with your child this week. Thank God for being an eternal God who has always existed and will always exist.