

BIG TRUTH: GOD IS SON

Matthew 3:16-17; 16:16; 17:5, Hebrews 1:1-3; John 1:14, Romans 1:3-4; 1 John 5:5

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 20:31

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BIG IDEAS

- Jesus is God with us.
- Jesus is the promised Son.
- Jesus is the saving Son.

BIBLE PASSAGE: JOHN 1:1-18**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.

SERIES AIMS**Every student 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 student 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 student 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 student should ask God to...**

- 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.

GUIDES AND WORKOUTS

The Guide provides a commentary page on each week's Bible verse and on each Big Idea that unpacks the Big Truth. Each week also includes a Student Workout as a resource to help the student pursue spiritual disciplines on their own. Additionally, each week has a Family Workout that helps equip parents and guardians to have spiritual conversations with their student.



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Jesus’ miracles show that He is God.

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- During Jesus’ earthly ministry, He did many miracles and these served as signs of His deity. As He healed people, made lame people walk and blind people see, He did so to show the world who He really is.
- His miracles revealed that He is God in the flesh. He came to the earth to guide people to true salvation. His work while on earth revealed to people that He is fully God and has the same attributes of God the Father.

Jesus is the Son of God.

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- Because God is a triune God, He is one God manifested in three persons. His three persons are God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit. This means that each person of the Godhead is equally and fully God, but they function differently.
- Jesus is the Son of God. He has always been the Son. He has no beginning and has always existed as the second person of the Trinity. It’s important to know that Jesus is the Son of God because God promised the Son would come bringing salvation with Him.

Eternal life is possible through the Son of God only.

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- Jesus came to the earth to save mankind. He came to reconcile man to God because man’s sin separates him from God. The only way eternal life and salvation is possible is through Jesus because Jesus is the only man to live a perfect, sinless life.
- Jesus is the only man who would have died on the cross in the place of mankind. Jesus’ death on the cross satisfied the sin debt of the world in God’s eyes and now anyone who repents and believes in the salvation of Jesus receives eternal life.

BIG IDEA #1: JESUS IS GOD WITH US.¹**[THIS]**

John begins his gospel with a declaration about the Son of God, Jesus, in John 1:1. John tells us that Jesus is an eternal being and Immanuel. Because Jesus is fully God, He has always existed. Jesus is not a created being, nor was He born. He has always been and will always be. He has always existed as the Son of God, the second person of the Trinity. He didn't exist as God and then become the Son. Instead, He has always been the Son and He came to the earth to live among mankind. Jesus is fully God and has all of the attributes of God. He is equally God as the Father and Spirit are God. Jesus has all of the power and authority that God the Father and Spirit have. He functions and acts as the Son of God, submitting to the authority of God the Father.

[THEREFORE]

How does knowing that Jesus is fully God help you understand more about God?

Jesus' deity is important to know because it helps us understand the Godhead. If Jesus were not fully God then He could not have lived the perfect life He did while on earth. This would mean that our salvation was not possible through Him. Colossians 2:9 teaches us that the full deity of God dwells in Christ. John 8:58 and 10:38 teach us that Jesus is fully God.

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Jesus is God in the flesh. Jesus is the way God chose to show Himself to mankind. John 1:1 tells us that Jesus is the Word and the Word came down and lived among mankind. Jesus became like man, taking on flesh, and living on earth, that He might be the perfect sacrifice for man's sin. He humbled Himself being born as a baby, requiring the care and nurture of human parents, in order to be like man. He did this to save mankind from their sin. He is Immanuel, which means God with us. The God of the universe, the Creator of the world, humbled Himself to come to the world and to walk among men and women. He did this to save us from our sin by paying the sin debt that each man and woman owes.

[THEREFORE]

How does Jesus arrival in human history reveal His deity?

Humans cannot change their location on earth. We cannot cause ourselves to ascend into heaven and we cannot cause ourselves to descend at will. We do not choose when we are born into the world. God chose when Jesus was born into the world. He determined the time and the place. Philippians 2:6-8 teach us that Jesus left heaven and came to earth. He chose to descend into earth and to become like man. Only God can decide when He descends and ascends from heaven.

What do you hope in? Does the story of Jesus' life give you hope?

If God had not descended into earth, there would be no hope of salvation for mankind. Titus 2:13 reminds us that Jesus is our hope of salvation. The fact that He came to earth and died for our sin gives us hope in our eternity. 1 Corinthians 2:8 also reminds us that Jesus died for our sins and in order for Jesus to die, He had to come to the earth. He had to leave Heaven, setting aside His deity in order to pay our sin debt.

1. John 1:1: Jesus is the Word of God and He is God in the flesh.

BIG IDEA #2: JESUS IS THE PROMISED SON.²**[THIS]**

In John's gospel, he teaches the truth that Jesus is the Promised Son. After man's sin in the Garden of Eden, God promised to send the One who would save the world from its sin. God promised that the Son would be the One who would come and reconcile the world to God the Father. When Jesus came into the world, He was the fulfillment of God's promise. John writes of Jesus as the Word of God. He is the way in which God chose to reveal Himself to mankind. Jesus is the eternal Son of God. He is the light sent to the world to save it. Even before the world was formed, God's plan was always to send the Son to provide salvation.

[THEREFORE]

Read John 1:1-5; 9-10. How does this passage show that Jesus is the promised Son from Genesis 3:15?

In John 1:9-10, we see that the Light that came into the world is also the power through which the world was created. In Genesis 1:1, we also see that Jesus was present at Creation and the world was made through Him. Jesus is the Promised Son and the Word of God who came to the world to save it. In Genesis 3:15, God promised that there would be One who would crush the Satan's head. Jesus is this promised One.

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Many prophets foretold of the coming Redeemer. The many prophecies spoken about Jesus foretold of God sending His Son to rescue the world. Jesus is the Son and He is the One who came into the world as the light of the world. From the very beginning, the plan has always been for the Son to come to the earth to set it free from the bondage of sin. Jesus came to the earth that was created through Him and lived the perfect life that man could not live. Jesus' life on earth fulfilled the many prophecies shared about the Promised Son. God fulfilled His promise to the world by sending Jesus, the Son to the world. He willingly sacrificed His only Son on behalf of mankind. It is important to know that Jesus is the promised Son because He is the only way for man to be saved. We must acknowledge that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise to the world in order to rightly receive salvation and to worship Jesus rightly.

[THEREFORE]

How does Jesus' entrance into the world show God keeps His promises?

In Matthew 3:17, at Jesus' baptism, we see God the Father declare that Jesus is the Son. This declaration helps us understand that God keeps His promises and sent His Son to save the world. Psalm 2:7 and Hebrews 1:5 also show us that God keeps His promises. When God sent Jesus, He kept His promise of sending salvation to the world.

Do you believe that God keeps his promises, and if so, how do you cling to Him in times of doubt?

God is a promise-keeper. He always fulfills His promises and does what He says He is going to do. Psalm 18:3 and 34:17 are praises to God because He does do what His Word says He's going to do. God can be trusted in all times. In the darkest times of our life, we can cling to God because He is faithful.

2. John 1:14: Jesus is the Son of God and He came to save the world.

BIG IDEA #3: JESUS IS THE SAVING SON.³**[THIS]**

In John 1:12-13, we see that Jesus brought salvation with Him when He came to the earth. John writes of the saving power of the Son in John 1:4-5. The Son is the light of the God shining His truth on the darkness of the world. This darkness is over the world because of man's sin. Jesus came to the world as God's plan of salvation for every person who believes. Jesus came to show the world the way to be reconciled to God the Father. He lived as a man and proclaimed God's truth to the world. He willingly set aside His deity that He might become the perfect sacrifice for the world. His life was an example of truth and righteousness to those in the world. His perfect light shone a light on the darkness in the world and points mankind to the one way to be saved—belief in Jesus as God's plan of salvation.

[THEREFORE]**How is Jesus the light of the world?**

Hebrews 4:15 and 2 Corinthians 5:21 teach us that Jesus lived a sinless life. He lived the perfect life on earth. As He lived perfectly, His perfection showed mankind their imperfection. His sinlessness was a light in this world full of the darkness of sin. 1 Peter 2:22 tells us that He became sin on our behalf. He was perfect and without sin, yet He took our sin on Himself. When we look at the life of Jesus, we see the life we are supposed to live, but cannot. This is the light shining in the darkness of our hearts.

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Jesus lived the perfect life that man could not live. Because Jesus is the Son of God, He alone could live on earth sinless. He faced every temptation that is known to mankind and He never sinned. He felt hunger and fatigue. He felt anger, yet He never sinned. He faced all the things that we face each day, yet He did all of them in obedience to the Father. He even went to the cross though He was sinless. He did this in order to pay the sin debt that we owe. He took on our sins and felt the separation from God the Father that we might experience reconciliation to the Father. He was betrayed by friends, abandoned by His disciples, and left alone all for the sake of mankind. He is the saving Son. He is the One whom God sent to rescue the world. He is the only way for man to be saved. Unless we repent and believe in the Son, we cannot be reconciled to the Father.

[THEREFORE]**How is a person saved by the Son of God?**

1 John 2:2 and 4:10 teach us that Jesus is the atonement, or sacrifice for our sin. He is the way that we can be saved because His life and death satisfied the sin debt that every person owes. God chooses to accept Jesus' death as payment for the sin debt we owed. He offers us salvation through Jesus.

Have you experienced Jesus as the saving Son and how has it changed your life?

When we experience Jesus as the saving Son, our lives are transformed. We are set free from our sin nature and are free to obey God. Romans 5:1-2 and 2 Corinthians 5:17 shows us the life transformation that happens when we repent and believe in Jesus as our Savior. When we have saving faith, we walk from spiritual deadness to spiritual life. We are made new and become new creations day after day as the Holy Spirit works in us to make us more like Christ.

3. John 1:12-13: Those who believe in Jesus receive eternal life because their sins are forgiven them.