

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

“...but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.”

BIG IDEAS

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

BIBLE STORY: JOHN 1:1-18

Jesus is God in the flesh. He is the Son of God who came down to the earth to be the sacrifice for our sin. God is one God in three persons and Jesus is the Son of 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 With Us

Jesus is fully God and He became fully man in order to take our place. Because He is fully God, when He came to the earth, it was God Himself coming to live among us.

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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 reveal that He is God in the flesh. He came to the earth to guide people to true salvation. His work while on earth reveal to people that He is fully God and has the same attributes of God the Father.

Jesus is the Son of God.

“...Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God...”

- 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.

“...and that by believing you may have life in His name.”

- 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.

BIBLE STORY: JOHN 1:1-18

Jesus Is God With Us

Opening Illustration:

Bring in several old shirts, jackets, hats, gloves, etc. Allow the children to take turns putting the old clothes on. Talk with them about how they are putting on someone else’s clothes. Remind them that Jesus is fully God and He came down to earth and put on human flesh to save us. Remind them that Jesus is the promised Son who came to be the perfect sacrifice for our sin.

BIG IDEA: JESUS IS GOD WITH US.¹**Jesus is fully God.**

- Jesus is God. This means that He has all of the attributes, or qualities of God.
- Jesus is eternal; He has no beginning and no end.
- He is all-knowing and all-powerful.
- Jesus has power over all things. Jesus is everything that God is.



Help the children understand that Jesus is fully God by reading the following verses to them: Colossians 2:9, Hebrews 1:3, and 1 Timothy 3:16. After you read the verses, talk with the children about how Jesus is fully God and when He came to earth, it was God coming down to live among men.

Jesus is the Son of God.

- God is one God in three persons. This means that God is one being, but He shows Himself in three ways: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit.
- Jesus is the Son of God, or the second person of the Godhead.
- Jesus is God's Son and has always been God's Son. He is not a created being, meaning He wasn't made into the Son. He has always existed as the Son.

The Son lived on earth.

- When Jesus came to the earth, it was God coming to the earth.
- Jesus was born a human being and lived among other people on the earth.
- Because Jesus is God, this means God came to the earth and lived among us.
- God lived among us as the Son and He revealed Himself to people as the Son.

How did God live among us on the earth? (Jesus, the Son of God came to the earth, taking on human form.)

1. John 1:1: Jesus came as God in the flesh and lived among mankind.

BIG IDEA: JESUS IS THE PROMISED SON.²**God promised to send salvation to the world.**

- After Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, God made a promise to them.
- He promised to send someone to rescue them, or save them.
- When Jesus was born on the earth, God's promise came true.
- God had promised that the one who would save the world would be His Son and Jesus is His Son.



Have the children sit in a circle. Allow them to take turns passing a small mirror around the circle. Ask each child to take a moment and look at themselves in the mirror. Next, ask them to name some of the people in class. Ask them if there are more than one of each person in the class, or even in the world. Tell them that there is only one of each of us just like there is only one Son and that is Jesus.

God willingly sent His Son to the world.

- God did not hesitate to send His only Son to the world.
- He freely and willingly sent Jesus to be the Savior of the world.
- God the Father sacrificed His Son that men and women might become the sons and daughters of God.
- God's love for mankind led Him to send the only Son to save the world.

Jesus is the sent Son.

- Jesus always existed as the Son of God, but when He came to the earth, He was the sent Son.
- God's promise was fulfilled in the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.
- Because Jesus is the Son, He could live the perfect life that we could not live.
- He became the fulfillment of the promise God made so long ago in the Garden of Eden.

How is Jesus the way God kept His promise of salvation? (Jesus is the sent Son because He is the Son of God.)

2. John 1:14: When Jesus came to the earth, He came as the promised Son.

BIG IDEA: JESUS IS THE SAVING SON.³**Only the Son lived perfectly.**

- Jesus lived on the earth in complete obedience to God the Father.
- He faced every temptation known to mankind and did so without sinning.
- He is sinless and His life on earth was sinless.
- He obeyed His parents perfectly and kept the commandments of God the Father always.
- He never strayed or rebelled against God's will or purpose.



Divide the children into small groups and ask them to draw pictures of things or people who save our lives. Help them think of examples, such as policemen, firefighters, lifeguards, etc. Talk with them about how we have many people who can save our life on earth, but only one person can offer us salvation and that is Jesus.

The Son's sinless life was the perfect sacrifice.

- Because Jesus became a man, He could be the sacrifice for man's sin.
- Jesus lived a sinless life which meant He was the perfect sacrifice to pay the sin debt owed by every person.
- He went to the cross and died the death that we all deserve to die.
- God looked on His death as satisfactory to fulfill the requirement for our sin against Him.
- Jesus is the perfect substitute for us.

Jesus is the only way to be saved.

- Jesus is the only way for anyone to have their sins forgiven.
- God's purpose and plan is that salvation comes through Jesus.
- In order for a person to receive salvation, they must turn away from their sin and believe that Jesus' death paid their sin debt.
- There is no other way to be saved except through faith in Jesus as the saving Son.

What is the only way to be saved? (Salvation is possible only through believing in the saving Son, Jesus.)

3. John 1:12-13: Jesus is the only way for mankind to be saved. Salvation is possible through belief in Him.

HOOKS

**The Only True Son**

Write the following verses on the board: Acts 4:12, John 14:6, 1 Timothy 2:5, and John 17:3. Read these verses out loud to the children and talk with them about how they teach us that Jesus is the only true saving Son. Discuss with them about how there is salvation in no one else but Jesus.

**God Among Us**

Bring in a hula-hoop. Instruct the children try to all step inside of the hula-hoop. Talk with them about how they are all standing with one another inside of the hula-hoop. They have to step inside of it in order to be together. Discuss with them how Jesus living on earth was God living among mankind. He was God with us. He lived among men and experienced the same things that we experience.

**To The Promised Son**

Lead the children in a time of prayer, thanking God for sending the promised Son to save us from our sin. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving that God has made a way for man to be saved.

