

SUMMER: FOUNDATIONS GOD IS TRUTH

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BIG TRUTH: GOD IS TRUTH

Proverbs 30:5; Psalm 12:6, 18:30, 19:9; 2 Samuel 22:31; 1 John 5:6

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 14:6

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

BIG IDEAS

- God not only speaks the truth, He is truth.
- God defines what is true and false.
- The Bible is God's Word, the source of all truth.

BIBLE STORY: DANIEL 2

Daniel relied upon God as his source of truth and knowledge. When he was asked to interpret King Nebuchadnezzar's dream, he did so using God as his source of truth. Daniel was able to interpret Nebuchadnezzar's dream because God helped him. We find truth only from 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.

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TRUE OR FALSE

Use sidewalk chalk to draw a line. On one side write true and on the other write false. Ask your preschooler to jump from the true to the false side every time you make a statement as they identify whether it is true or false. Remind them that we can know what is true or false because God defines it.

DISCOVER IT:

Daniel 2.

THINK ABOUT IT:

Daniel was a follower of God. When he was taken into captivity, he vowed to follow God and to remain faithful to God. God blessed Daniel and allowed him to live safely in captivity. When King Nebuchadnezzar was king, he began having dreams that disturbed him. He asked his own magicians and sorcerers to interpret his dreams. His sorcerers, magicians, and wise men couldn't interpret his dream. King Nebuchadnezzar grew angry with them and decreed that all the wise men in the country should be killed. Daniel heard this decree and asked to meet with the king. Before he met with King Nebuchadnezzar, he sought God's truth and asked for His wisdom. God blessed Daniel and revealed the interpretation of the king's dream in one of Daniel's dreams. Daniel was able to meet with Nebuchadnezzar and correctly interpreted the king's dream. Because Daniel sought truth from God, he was successful in helping the king and saving lives. God received glory because Daniel sought truth from Him. God is the source of all truth. When we need to know truth, we can look to God in His Word. The Bible is our source of truth and how we can interpret everything we face in this life. God is the one who defines truth and only He can determine what is right and wrong. We can grow in our own understanding of truth when we grow in our knowledge of God.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- Who defines truth? (God defines truth. We can know what is true from God.)
- What did God give us to help us know truth? (He gave us His Word as our source of truth.)



As a family, memorize John 14:6 by creating a matching game from the verse. Write each word of the verse on an index card twice. Take turns making matches. When all of the words are matched, say the verse together out loud.



As a family, spend time creating a family tree. Make it as big or small as you can. As you create the tree, talk through how you know who your family is. Talk with your child about how we know truth. Remind them that God defines truth.



Read Daniel 2 as a family. Talk with your child about how Daniel sought truth from God and how we can find truth in God's Word.



As a family spend time in prayer this week. Model praising God for defining truth for us.