

**BIG TRUTH: GOD IS SATISFIED**

Isaiah 66:1; 45:22-25; Jeremiah 9:24; Leviticus 1:3-4; Romans 3:23-25; Colossians 1:12; Galatians 3:11-13

**BIBLE VERSE: ACTS 17:25**

*nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.*

**BIG IDEAS**

- God is completely satisfied in Himself.
- God does not need us, yet He cares for us.
- God is satisfied through His substitute.

**BIBLE STORY: 2 SAMUEL 7**

When David experienced rest from his enemies, he noticed that the Ark of the Covenant did not have a house to be placed in. God spoke to David through the prophet, Nathan and told David that He did not need David to build Him a house. Instead, He would build David's house and from that house, the Savior would come.

**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.

**THE SUBSTITUTE**

Use craft sticks and glue to build “David’s House”. Place the sticks in the shape of a square and then place two of them on top of the square to form an “A” shape. Use glue to hold them together onto the paper. Tell your child that God did build David’s house and the Messiah did come. Jesus came as our substitute and paid our sin debt and God is satisfied with Him.

**DISCOVER IT:** *(Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)*  
2 Samuel 7.

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

King David was a man after God’s own heart. He followed God and loved God. God used him to lead His people, the Israelites. After many years, God gave King David rest from his enemies. During this time, King David noticed that the Ark of the Covenant did not rest in a building or temple. He wanted to build a place for the Ark of the Covenant, but God had not told David to do this. God spoke to David through the prophet, Nathan. He told David that He did not need David to build Him a house. Instead, God promised David that He, God, would build David’s house, or lineage. David’s lineage would be so great that one day the Messiah would come from it. God made a covenant, or special promise with David that this would be true. David was overwhelmed by God’s favor towards him. God doesn’t need man to do anything for Him. God is whole and complete in Himself. He loves us and cares for us and He chooses to use us in His plans. He chose to use David in His plans and David understood that God didn’t need him. God uses us and even makes a way for us to be redeemed through Jesus. God saves us by sending His substitute, Jesus to pay our sin debt. We get to be a part of God’s plan for the world because He allows us to be a part of it.

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

- What did David want to build God? (He wanted to build a place for the Ark of the Covenant.)
- Why didn’t God allow David to build it? (He didn’t tell David to build it and He didn’t need David to build it for Him.)



As a family, memorize Acts 17:25 by using sidewalk chalk to write the verse on your driveway. Say the verse out loud several times with your child.



Draw the outline of the Ark of the Covenant. Use craft supplies to decorate it. Help your child decorate and talk with them about how God is satisfied and doesn’t need man to do anything for Him.



Throughout the week allow your child to substitute things, such as substituting a vegetable on his or her plate for something else, substituting a daily task for something fun, etc. Tell them that Jesus is our substitute and God is satisfied through Him.



Spend time praying with your child this week. Thank God for being satisfied through Jesus.