

BIG TRUTH: GOD IS LOVE

Deuteronomy 7:9; Psalm 36:7; 1 John 4:10; Romans 5:8; Ephesians 2:4-5

BIBLE VERSE: 1 JOHN 4:16B

"God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God and God abides in Him."

BIG IDEAS

- God's love is not dependent upon our obedience.
- God's love is put on display through Jesus' sacrificial death in our place.
- God's love changes our hearts.

BIBLE PASSAGE: LUKE 15:11-32

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 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 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 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.

FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will consider how to discuss with our son or daughter God's unconditional love. We will pray for their hearts to experience His love and we will lead them to practice loving others as He loves them.



Read and meditate on Luke 15:11-32 this week. As you meditate on this story, ask yourself some of these questions:

- Do you love your son or daughter like God loves us? How can you model loving others as God loves us to your son or daughter?
- How can you help your son or daughter identify the wrong ideas about love that the world has?

Ponder how you can lead your son or daughter to practice sharing God's love with others. How can you lead them to share the gospel with their lost friends? How can you model sharing the gospel with your lost friends for them?



Set aside time in each day this week to pray for your son or daughter.

Ask the Holy Spirit to grow their understanding of God's love.

Pray with your student this week. Model thanking God for His unconditional love.



Discuss with your son or daughter some of the false ideas the world has about love.

Share some of the false ideas you've had and how you changed your ideas to match God's Word. Share some of the verses you've used to help you grow in your understanding of God's love.

Discuss with your student how he or she can share God's love with their lost friends this week. Help them come up with a specific plan to share the gospel with a lost friend this week.