

**BIG TRUTH: GOD IS JOY**

*Psalm 16:11; Ecclesiastes 2:6; Nehemiah 8:10; Psalm 30:5; Isaiah 29:19; Jeremiah 31:13-14; Habakkuk 3:18; 1 Thessalonians 1:6; John 15:11*

**BIBLE VERSE: PSALM 16:11**

*You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

**BIG IDEAS**

- True joy is only found in God.
- Joy in the Lord produces joyful obedience.
- Jesus is our model for a joyful life.

**BIBLE PASSAGE: JOHN 15**

**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.
- 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 a truth about God each week.



**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 ponder how to discuss with our son or daughter the truth that true joy is found in Jesus. We will pray with them to have true joy as we lead them to practice abiding in Jesus daily.



**Read and meditate on John 15 this week. Use these questions to guide your meditation:**

- Consider how to discuss with your son or daughter what it looks like to have joy from the Lord versus the world's joy. What is the difference between joy in earthly things and joy from God?
- How can you model a joyful life that is based on living for Jesus?
- Ponder how you can lead your son or daughter to pursue a life of joy found only in being connected to Jesus.



**Pray for your son or daughter this week.**

- Ask God to help them focus their minds on things that are above that they might live a joyful life.
- Pray with your son or daughter this week. Ask God to grow them in their knowledge of Him that they might live a joyful life.



**Memorize Psalm 16:11 with your son or daughter this week.**

- Review it each day to help them learn it.
- Discuss with your son or daughter some of the ways that you stay connected to Jesus daily and find your joy in Him. Help them identify some of the ways they have found their joy in earthly things instead of in Jesus.
- Meet with your student to discuss some of the ways they can discipline themselves to find their joy in Jesus. Help them identify the ways the world's definition of "joy" is different from God's and how to find joy in Jesus.