

MAIN POINT:

Big Time Truth—Fireside

The Bible is a strong foundation. It is the truth of God word that we can build our lives on because the Bible is the inspired word of God, the Bible is true, and the Bible is the guidebook for our lives and does not change. The Bible can be trusted and those who put their trust in Jesus and build a strong foundation on the Bible have a solid rock they can build their lives on.

Knowing Jesus and having a relationship with Him is the foundation of our faith. He is our Saviour. Jesus lived a perfect life. He died on the cross to pay for our sins and rose to life again so we can have a right relationship with God. Jesus is our intercessor. He speaks to God on our behalf and made a way for us to be restored to God and have free access to Him. Jesus is our teacher. Through seeing how He lived His life and what His priorities are, we can live by Jesus' example and obey His teachings. Jesus is our friend. Jesus knows all about us and cares for us. Jesus will always be with us.

The Gospel is the good news of what Jesus did for us. Everyone has sinned; and sin separates us from God. Because of God's love for us, He sent His Son Jesus to earth where He lived a perfect life. Jesus died on a cross to pay the penalty for our sin and rose 3 days later, defeating death. When we admit we are sinners and confess our sin, believe that Jesus is the Son of God, and choose to follow Him, our sins are forgiven, and we become a part of God's family.

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FAMILY DISCUSSION:

1. **We just finished our BIG TIME TRUTH series.**

What questions have you had during this series? What was confusing? What was something that surprised you? What was something new you learned? *(Listen and share.)*

2. **In Week 1 – we learned that Jesus said a secure foundation, one that is rock solid, is when we build our lives on HIM and His Word, the Bible.**

How do you read your Bible? What questions do you have about the Bible? What is confusing? How does God speak to you when you read the Bible?

(Students may identify they don't know how to read their Bible, they find it confusing etc. This is a great time to remind them that they need to bring their Bible to Grade 56. That they need to read it at home. When reading, they can underline/circle words that stand out to them. They can journal about it and then listen to what the Lord might be saying etc.)

Let's take some time to read scripture together. Let's read the verse that we read earlier, 1 John 4:7-12. Open your Bible if you have it. I will read it out loud. You listen and tell me what words stand out to you after I'm done reading.

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Everyone who loves has become a child of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ Here is how God showed his love among us. He sent his one and only Son into the world. He sent him so we could receive life through him. ¹⁰ Here is what love is. It is not that we loved God. It is that he loved us and sent his Son to give his life to pay for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God loved us this much, we should also love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God. But if we love one another, God lives in us. His love is made complete in us.

What stands out to you? Why?

3. **In Week 2 – we explored that knowing Jesus and being connected to Him is the foundation of our faith. We learned that Jesus our:**
- a. **Saviour**
 - b. **Intercessor**
 - c. **Teacher**
 - d. **Friend**

Which one of those descriptions of Jesus is easiest for you to understand? Why?

Which one of those descriptions of Jesus is hardest for you to understand? Why?

Which one of those descriptions do you need to grow in this week? Why?

4. **In Week 3 – we discovered that when we make a decision to follow Jesus, God wants us to be on mission with Him by sharing the Good News with people in our lives.**

You were challenged last week to think about someone to share your faith with at school, in your family, at your after-school activity/sport, your community etc. How did that go? What was easy about it? What was hard about it? *(Make sure every student is able to participate. If they didn't do it – then ask them why not. We don't want them to feel shamed, but to understand why they didn't do it. This is a great time to speak truth into their lives and encourage them that God has given them everything they need to do this. Another important aspect to highlight is that God will speak through their words and actions).*

5. **A big part of our testimony, of being “Little Christs”, is that we act, think, and talk differently than the rest of the world. Would you say that your thoughts, actions, and words were moving towards being more like Jesus or less like Him this week?** *(Listen and share.)*
6. **Where have you seen Jesus working in your life this past month?** *(Listen and share.)*

FAMILY PRAYER:

SAY: I am going to read John 15:9-11 over you today and then bless you.

“Just as the Father has loved me, I have loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love. In the same way, I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that you will have the same joy that I have. I also want your joy to be complete.”

(Students names), **Jesus sees you. He sees you at home, at school, when you are with your family and friends, when you are alone, when you are sad, and when you are happy. He sees you because He is God. He created you, He knows everything about you, and is with you. Jesus is your Messiah and is Lord over everything. May you know how loved you are by Him. May you courageously follow Him May the truths of His word be on your heart and may you continue to become more like Jesus each day.**

What are some things that are happening in your life over the next couple of weeks that we can pray for?