

# Puggles: Big Truths for Kids to Know!

## Welcome to Puggles:

Puggles® is a program to introduce young children to what they need to know most about God and His love! It communicates the four Big Truths from the Bible that form a strong first impression of God, His love for us, and our response to His love. Children will learn the Big Truths and the Bible verses that go with them.

## Puggles Big Truths for Kids to Know

**Big Truth 1:** God made everything! (Acts 17:24)

**Big Truth 2:** God is great! (Psalm 48:1)

**Big Truth 3:** God loves us! (1 John 4:16)

**Big Truth 4:** We give thanks! (Psalm 107:1)



## Puggles Parent Cards

These cards are the tool to explore more about the main topics and Bible stories in Puggles with your child. Each of the cards gives you an easy scripted way to talk about the picture on the front of the card, share a Bible story, and pray a short prayer with your child. There are also three simple activity choices for you and your child to complete together. Once you have read the scripted sections, and, have done at least one activity, help your child check the box on the card to mark your progress.

### Tips for Using the Parent Cards:

- Make sure your child can see the image on the front of the card.
- Read the scripted sections slowly and with enthusiasm (these appear in bold text and tell you what to say).
- Pause as needed to make eye contact and regain your child's attention as you read.
- Feel free to answer questions or comments your child may have, but don't worry if your child doesn't have anything to say in response right away. Young children sometimes take a while to process what they hear.
- Review the Puggles Big Truth and related Big Verse that your child is learning, so that he or she can have the chance to practice Scripture memory.
- Store the cards on the key ring to keep them together. The zipper tote is designed to fit in a purse or diaper bag so that you can do discipleship anywhere.

### Additional Puggles Resources

There are also many other resources for parents to use at home to deepen the discipleship experience for kids, including a coloring book and music album. You can order Puggles products online — go to [awana.org/store](http://awana.org/store) to order what you need.



## 1.1 God Made the Light!

The First Day of Creation (Genesis 1:3-5)

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**Big Truth 1:** God made everything!

**Big Verse 1:** *God ... made the world and everything in it. (Acts 17:24)*

### Things to Say

What makes the light during the daytime? The sun is what makes the light during the daytime! Light is important because it helps us to see. Light also provides warmth and helps plants grow. Today we are learning that God made the light!

A long, long time ago, everything was dark. The darkness was peaceful and quiet. Darkness helps us sleep and rest. God wanted to make a beautiful place for us to live. In God's book, the Bible, we can read what God did to make our beautiful world.

The Bible tells us that God made the light. It was the first thing He did so that we would be able to see the beautiful world He was creating for us. God knew that the light would help us see His love for us. Someday He would send His Son, Jesus, to be the light so the whole world could experience God's love.

Thank you, God, for the light that helps us to see. Thank you, God, for the darkness that helps us to sleep. Amen.

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### Things to Do

- Have your child use her hands to cover her eyes to make it dark. Then have her remove her hands and notice how she can see. Explain that light helps us see, and thank God together for light as you say Acts 17:24.
- Help your child to play with a flashlight. Show him how to make designs on the ceiling and use his hands to make animal-shaped shadows. Remind your child that God made the light.
- Go outside at sunset or look at a picture of a sunset online. Talk about how when the sun goes down, it soon becomes dark outside. Talk about the colors you see. Thank God for making daytime and nighttime.



## 1.2 God Made the Sky and Water!

The Second Day of Creation (Genesis 1:6-8)

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**Big Truth 1:** God made everything!

**Big Verse 1:** *God ... made the world and everything in it. (Acts 17:24)*

### Things to Say

Look at this picture of the sky. God made the sky. Do you like to look up at the sky and the clouds? Do you like how it feels when you feel a raindrop land on your hand? God made the water, including the rain that falls from the sky. Today we are learning that God made the sky and water!

On Day 1, God made the light.

(Hold up one finger and ask your child to do the same.)

On Day 2, God made the sky and water.

(Hold up two fingers and ask your child to do the same.)

God took the water and separated it from the sky so that He could create lakes and oceans for us to enjoy. He made the sky to rain and water the earth so that things could grow. When God finished making the sky and water, He said it was good. He was creating the world for all of us.

Thank you, God, for the sky and the water that You created for us to enjoy. Help us remember how much You love us. Amen.

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### Things to Do

- Talk about colors with your child. Ask, "What color is the sky?" Explain that usually the sky looks blue. While you look at the sky together cheer, "God made everything!"
- Look at several pictures of the sky. Talk about how the sky is different in the pictures. Maybe one picture has clouds, and another doesn't.
- Explain that clouds give us rain to water the plants and trees. Talk about how people need water too. Drink some water with your child and talk about how water helps people be healthy. Pray and thank God for providing water.



## 1.3 God Made Everything That Grows!

The Third Day of Creation (Genesis 1:11-13)

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**Big Truth 1:** God made everything!

**Big Verse 1:** *God ... made the world and everything in it. (Acts 17:24)*

### Things to Say

God made everything that grows. Let's look at this picture. What do you see here that grows in the ground? Today we are learning that God made everything that grows!

Remember, on Day 1, God made the light. (Hold up one finger.)

On Day 2, God created the sky and water. (Hold up two fingers.)

On Day 3, God made everything that grows. (Hold up three fingers.)

The Bible tells us that God made all of the beautiful plants, flowers, vegetables, and trees that we see each day. God made these things to make our world beautiful and to help us. He spoke, and flowers sprang up from the brown earth and filled our world with color. He is the One who made delicious fruit for us to eat, and vegetables to make us strong and healthy. When God finished making all the plants, trees, and flowers, God said that they were good.

Thank you, God, for such beautiful plants, trees, and flowers to enjoy.  
Thank you, God, for all the wonderful fruits and vegetables You created for us to eat. Amen.



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### Things to Do

- Stand up with your child and pretend to be a large, tall tree. Stretch your hands high over your head and pretend that they are branches. Talk about how some trees are very tall. Remind your child that on the third day, God made plants and trees.
- Ask your child, "What fruit does your child like to eat?" Explain that the fruit grew on a tree. Find a picture of the tree that the fruit grew on. Thank God for making fruit, especially your favorite kind of fruit!
- Draw a simple tree for your child to color. Talk about the different parts of the tree: trunk, branches, and leaves (or needles). Thank God for making trees, and say Acts 17:24.



## 1.4 God Made the Sun, Moon, and Stars!

The Fourth Day of Creation (Genesis 1:14-19)

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**Big Truth 1:** God made everything!

**Big Verse 1:** *God ... made the world and everything in it. (Acts 17:24)*

### Things to Say

What makes the light during the nighttime? The moon and stars make light for us during the night. What makes the light during the daytime? The sun produces light for us in the daytime. Today we are learning that God made the sun, moon, and stars!

Remember, on Day 1, God made the light. (Hold up one finger.)

On Day 2, God created the sky and water. (Hold up two fingers.)

On Day 3, God made everything that grows. (Hold up three fingers.)

Let's find out what the Bible says God created on Day 4.

The Bible tells us that God made the sun, moon, and stars. God created the sun to give us light in the day. The sun also provides warmth and helps all the plants and flowers grow. The moon offers light in the nighttime, and the stars also shine in the sky at night. Each of the things God put in the sky provides just what we need to live in God's world. When God was finished, He said that the sun, moon, and stars were good.

Thank you, God, for the sun, moon, and stars You made to help us see. Thank you, God, for loving us so much. Amen.

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### Things to Do

- Show your child a pair of sunglasses. Gently let them see that sunglasses block out the sunshine. Then remove the glasses. Ask your child if he knows what will happen when you put the glasses on again. Explain that God made the sun to shine brightly in our world, and thank God for the sunshine.
- Find pictures of the astronauts walking on the moon and what the moon looks like at night. Remind your child that God made the moon. Repeat Big Truth 1 with your child: God made everything!
- Find a picture of the night sky. Talk about how many stars can be seen. Sing, "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." Thank God for making the bright stars.



## 1.5 God Made the Fish and Birds!

The Fifth Day Of Creation (Genesis 1:20-21)

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**Big Truth 1:** God made everything!

**Big Verse 1:** *God ... made the world and everything in it. (Acts 17:24)*

### Things to Say

Who here has seen a bird? Birds are so beautiful. Here is a picture of a one. It is a duck. What else do you see in this picture? Fish. Today we are learning that God made the fish and birds!

Remember, on Day 1, God made the light. (Hold up one finger.)

On Day 2, God created the sky and water. (Hold up two fingers.)

On Day 3, God made everything that grows. (Hold up three fingers.)

On Day 4, God created the sun, moon, and stars. (Hold up four fingers.)

Let's find out what the Bible says that God made on Day 5.

The Bible tells us that God made all the different kinds of birds that fly in the sky. He made parrots, sparrows, blue jays, goldfinches, and robins. Then God created everything that swims in the sea or lakes. He made octopuses, whales, clownfish, eels, and puffer fish. God was amazingly creative. Then God said that all the fish and birds He made were good.

Thank you, God, for making the fish swim in the water and the birds to fly in the sky. Amen.



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### Things to Do

- Talk with your child about how a duck says, "Quack," and a chick says, "Peep." Explain to your child that there are many kinds of birds that make different sounds. If you have time, find different bird calls and play them for your child. Thank God for making birds.
- Find a video of fish that shows several kinds close-up. Note the different colors and shapes of the fish. Thank God for making the beautiful fish, and say Acts 17:24, Puggles Big Verse 1.
- Go outside to look and listen for birds, or find pictures of them. Talk about how the birds are different colors and sizes. Remind your child that God made all of the amazing birds!



## 1.6 God Made the Animals!

The Sixth Day Of Creation (Genesis 1:21-23)

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**Big Truth 1:** God made everything!

**Big Verse 1:** *God ... made the world and everything in it. (Acts 17:24)*

### Things to Say

What kind of animal is this? It is a rabbit. Do you see its long ears and soft fur? God made all kinds of amazing animals. What is your favorite animal? Today we are learning that God made the animals!

On Day 1, God made the light. (Hold up one finger.)

On Day 2, God created the sky and water. (Hold up two fingers.)

On Day 3, God made everything that grows. (Hold up three fingers.)

On Day 4, God created the sun, moon, and stars. (Hold up four fingers.)

On Day 5, God made the fish and birds. (Hold up five fingers.)

Let's find out what the Bible says God created on Day 6.

The Bible tells us that God made animals on the sixth day. He created animals like cows, sheep, and goats. He made animals like lions, tigers, and bears. He made animals that crawl on the ground, like snakes, lizards, and alligators. God saw all of the different kinds of animals, and He was so pleased. God said that all of the animals He had made were good.

Thank you, God, for making so many wonderful animals for us to love, care for, and enjoy. Amen.

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### Things to Do

- Talk about pets your child knows, whether they are yours or just ones your child has met previously. Discuss the color and size of the pets and how they feel. Thank God for your pet or the pets you have met.
- Pretend to be animals with your child, by mimicking their actions and sounds. You can be an elephant, a lion, a sheep, etc. After a bit, allow your child to be the one to choose what animal to be. Be ready to have fun!
- Use an old pair of socks to make animal puppets. Use paper to cut out the eyes, nose, and mouth and glue/tape them to the socks. When you are done, the animals can "talk" to each other. Have the puppets say Big Truth 1: God made everything!



## 1.7 God Made People!

The Sixth and Seventh Day of Creation (Genesis 1:26-28)

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**Big Truth 1:** God made everything!

**Big Verse 1:** *God ... made the world and everything in it. (Acts 17:24)*

### Things to Say

Look at this girl. She is a person, and you are too. God created people in His image. Each of you is precious to Him. Today we are learning that God made people!

When God finished creating our beautiful world, He was pleased with what He had created. Now He was ready to make His most magnificent creation. He would make people. They would be made in God's image, a reflection of Himself.

The Bible tells us that God carefully formed a man out of the dust and breathed into him so that he became a living person. People are different from the animals because they are made in God's very image. God named the man Adam. Then God made a woman named Eve. They were the first people, just like you and I are people. God created them to have a close relationship with Him. On the seventh day, God looked at all that He had made and saw that it was good.

Thank you, God, for making each of us special and unique. Thank you, God, for wanting a relationship with us. Amen.



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### Things to Do

- Let your child look at her face in a mirror, or take a picture of her face to show her. Ask, "Who made you?" Then coach her to answer, "God made me." Ask additional questions about her features: "Who made your nose?" "Who made your hair?" Say Acts 17:24, and have your child touch her head, shoulders, and knees.
- Have a conversation with your child about someone with different features than him. Discuss the differences, reminding him that God loves everyone, and made each of us unique, and special in different ways.
- Look at photos of your child as a baby. Talk about how God helps us grow. Ask her to show you how big she is now! Measure her and show her how tall she is. Thank God for making her and helping her grow.



## 1.8 God Made Everything!

The Fall and God's Bigger Plan (Genesis 3:8-9)

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**Big Truth 1:** God made everything!

**Big Verse 1:** *God ... made the world and everything in it. (Acts 17:24)*

### Things to Say

Look at this beautiful picture. It is full of some of the things that God made. Can you see the sky? God made the sky. Can you see the grass? God made it too. Can you see the child and her puppy? God made them too. When God made the world, He made it to keep on making more of all He had created — plants grew more plants, and animals had more baby animals. Today we are learning that God made everything — it is all part of His special plan in our world!

God made everything! But we find out that God did more than create everything — He always has a big plan for His creation! In the garden, Adam and Eve caused sin to come into God's beautiful world. God gave them a rule to keep them safe, but they broke it. They became afraid, and they hid.

Adam and Eve had not just broken the rule — their relationship with God was broken too. This brokenness, sin, hurt all of God's creation. But God's bigger plan was still at work. As the Creator of the whole world, He still is the One who rules over His creation with a big plan for good for His creation. That's why we can think it's so amazing that God made everything!

Thank you, God, for making everything in the whole wide world. Thank you for loving us so much. Amen.



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### Things to Do

- Remind your child that God made everything. Ask your child, "What is your favorite thing that God created?" Thank God for that thing, and that He has a special plan for all of creation.
- Look out a window with your child. Ask him to describe what he sees. Talk about the sun, clouds, and trees. Draw a picture of a sun, a tree, and child (your child) next to the tree. While you draw, repeat Big Truth 1 with your child: God made everything!
- Find where you live using a globe or map. Talk about how big the world is. It's so big that it's difficult for us to comprehend it. Talk about how our amazing God made the world and everything in it: animals, plants, water, sun, moon, stars, and people.



## 2.1 God Is Always With Me!

God's Promise to Abraham (Genesis 22:15-18)

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**Big Truth 2:** God is great!

**Big Verse 2:** *Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise. (Psalm 48:1)*

### Things to Say

Have you ever looked up at the stars at night and wondered how many there are? God promised His friend, Abraham, that he would have more people in his family than there are stars in the sky. God did just what He said. God also promises to always be with us. Today we are learning that God is with us!

God created so many stars that we can't count them all. God promised His friend, Abraham, that He would give him a family with more people in it than there are stars in the sky! God blessed Abraham's family, and eventually, there really were more people in his family than you could count. God kept His promise to Abraham.

The Bible tells us that God was always there for Abraham. His family had many children and became a large group of people who were called the Israelites. God continued to keep His promises and blessed them so that they could bless others. God is always there for us too. He even sent His Son, Jesus, to be with us so we can see how faithful God is. God keeps His promises to us too. Next time you look at the stars, remember that God is always with you.

Thank you, God that You love us. You are so amazing and great! Thank you for promising to always be with us. Amen!

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### Things to Do

- Three different times during the day tell your child that God is always with her. Take a minute to thank God together for the fact that He is always with her.
- Plan a hike with your child even if it is just a walk around the block. Enjoy God's creation, reminding your child that God is with her wherever she goes. While you walk, repeat Big Truth 2 with your child: God is great!
- Give your child a hug and tell her that you are close and "with" her while you hug. Then remind her that even though she can't see God, God is always with her, even closer than a hug from a parent.



## 2.2 God Is Strong!

God Rescues His People (Exodus 3:19-22)

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**Big Truth 2:** God is great!

**Big Verse 2:** *Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise. (Psalm 48:1)*

### Things to Say

Look at this picture of a giant wave! Waves can be very strong. God is stronger than a thousand waves. When you need His help, He is strong enough to help you. Today we are learning that God is strong!

One day Moses was outside and saw a bush that was on fire, but wasn't burning up. Moses got close to the bush, and God spoke to Him. God told Moses that He was going to rescue His people and that He had a plan. Moses needed to tell the king to let God's people go. Moses was afraid. But God said that He was strong and would be with him.

The Bible tells us that God made the King of Egypt let His people go. The King of Egypt was very stubborn. He did not want to do what God said. God showed His strength to the king by sending flies and frogs and all kinds of other things. Finally, the king let God's people go. God rescued His people, and they left Egypt. Years later, God would rescue us again by sending Jesus to save us from our sins.

Thank you, God, for rescuing Your people. Thank you, God, for being strong, amazing, and great. We're so glad we can trust You. Amen.

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### Things to Do

- Ask your child to bring something to you — something that's heavy but that she can carry. As she is carrying it, comment on how strong she is. Remind her that God is the strongest, and say Psalm 48:1 together.
- Talk with your child about a task that he needs help to accomplish, such as brushing his teeth, and who helps him with it. Point out that bigger people can be strong and helpful. Explain that God loves us when we use our strength to help others.
- Observe a construction site, or look up a picture of one. Point out the tractors, bulldozers, and cranes. Notice the big and strong machines, but talk about how God is even bigger and stronger!



## 2.3 God Keeps Me Safe!

The Red Sea (Exodus 14:5-10)

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**Big Truth 2:** God is great!

**Big Verse 2:** Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise. (Psalm 48:1)

### Things to Say

Do you see the mom in the picture? How is she keeping her boy safe? We all need someone to keep us safe. God can keep us safer than anyone else because He is strong and can do anything. Today we are learning that God keeps us safe!

The King of Egypt had mistreated the people of Israel for a long time. God rescued them. They were glad to be free. God was taking them on a long journey to give them a special place to live. They were going to the Promised Land, but the Egyptian army came after the people and they were trapped between the mountains and the Red Sea. They had nowhere to go.

Moses told the people not to be afraid because God would fight for them. Our amazing, strong God pushed the water aside and created a dry path for His people, and they escaped from the Egyptians. God rescued His people again. God's love keeps us safe too. By sending Jesus, God made a path for us to know His love. No matter what happens, our great and strong God loves and cares for us!

Thank you, God, for rescuing Your people. Thank you, God, for being strong, amazing, and great. We're so glad we can trust You. Amen.



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### Things to Do

- Point out the roof of your home, or look at pictures of roofs. Tell your child about how the roof keeps your family safe from the rain and cold. Explain that God is great and keeps us safe too. Repeat Big Truth 2 with your child: God is great!
- When you buckle your child into a car seat, talk about seat belts and how they help keep her safe from getting hurt. Thank God for the many ways He keeps us safe.
- Take a minute to explain a family rule you have, such as, "Be respectful." Go over why you have this rule with your child, emphasizing that rules help keep us safe. Talk about how God has given us rules too.



## 2.4 God Is Kind!

The Ten Commandments (Exodus 19:9-11)

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**Big Truth 2:** God is great!

**Big Verse 2:** *Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise. (Psalm 48:1)*

### Things to Say

Do you see the dad and his son in the picture being kind to each another? Kindness means that we try to do what is best for the other person. Today we are learning that God is kind!

God's people were traveling in the wilderness toward the Promised Land. Sometimes they got hot and cranky. Sometimes they were not respectful to God, or kind to each another. Because God is kind, He gave His people some rules for being respectful and kind. They are called the Ten Commandments. They helped His people know how to live.

God's commands were all about how to love God and how to love other people. They were very good rules. But the sin in our hearts keeps all of us from being able to love God and others the way we need to. So God, in His incredible kindness, sent His Son, Jesus, to take away our sin so we can become the kind and loving people God created us to be.

Thank you, God, for being kind to us. Thank you for giving us Jesus so we can become the loving and kind people God created us to be. Amen.

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### Things to Do

- Do something kind for your child, such as choosing to read an extra story and say, "This is a way I can be kind to you." Talk about how God is great and kind, and say Psalm 48:1 together.
- When you notice your child being kind to someone else, affirm him. "You were so kind!" God loves us all the time, including when we are kind! Explain that God is kind, and God is great.
- Play a game of Kind or Not Kind. List different examples of being kind or not kind, such as sharing your snack or throwing a toy. After each situation, ask your child if it is an example of being kind or unkind. Explain that God is kind and wants us to be kind all the time.



## 2.5 God Gives Good Things!

God Gives the Promised Land (Deuteronomy 11:11-12)

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**Big Truth 2:** God is great!

**Big Verse 2:** *Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise. (Psalm 48:1)*

### Things to Say

Look at the girl in the picture enjoying the bubbles. God loves to give us good things. He loves to bless His people with surprises that make them happy. Today we are learning that God gives good things!

God's people took a long time to travel to the Promised Land. God told them that it would be an extraordinary place, a beautiful and rich land that provided everything they needed. God's people were excited. They really needed a place to live and settle down, but God told them that this was going to be better than that — a good gift!

The Bible says that God always has a good plan to provide for His people. He brought them to the Promised Land so that He could take care of them. He told them to love God and obey God's rules so that they could be full of joy in this place.

Thank you, God, for all the good gifts that You give us. Thank you, God, for giving us Jesus. Amen.

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### Things to Do

- Spend some time blowing bubbles with your child and enjoy the giggles and smiles. Thank God for giving us good things like laughter and happiness. As you blow a bubble, repeat Big Truth 2 with your child: God is great!
- Have your child describe and point to different items of clothing that he is wearing. Talk about how God takes care of us and provides us with clothes and shoes. Thank God for being good and taking care of us.
- Explain to your child that God loves to give us good things. One of those good things is the people who love us. Look at pictures with your child of some of those people. Thank God for giving us good things like people who love us.



## 2.6 God Is Good!

David the Shepherd King (1 Samuel 16:11-12)



**Big Truth 2:** God is great!

**Big Verse 2:** *Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise. (Psalm 48:1)*

### Things to Say

Do you see this sheep? His owner has been good to him — the sheep can rest because his owner is good. God is good to us, His people, because He cares for us. Today we are learning that God is good — it's who He is!

God's people were living in the Promised Land, but they wanted a king like all the other people around them. They didn't want our good God to be their king. They wanted someone else. The first king they had didn't love or obey God. He wasn't a good king. God wanted to choose a king who was good and would help the people love and obey God.

God chose David because He had watched David love and care for the sheep. David was a good king. God was getting His people ready for an even greater king, Jesus, who would love and care for us.

Thank you, God, for being so good. Thank you, God, for the way You love and care for us. Amen.

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### Things to Do

- Read a story or watch a video with your child that has a person of good character in it. Talk about how that person acted good, but that God is great and perfectly good. Repeat Big Truth 2 with your child: God is great!
- Make use of your stockpile of stickers. Watch for opportunities during the day to say to your child, "God is good, and He loves us." Every time you say it, put a sticker somewhere funny — on his cheek, toy car, or cup. At the end of the day, say the phrase together.
- Work with your child to think of a small way you could be good to others, such as helping put groceries in the cart at the store. Try this together, making sure to stay safe. Talk about how we can be good to others which helps us understand how good God is to us.



## 2.7 God Is Wise!

Solomon Gets Wisdom from God (1 Kings 3:5-14)

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**Big Truth 2:** God is great!

**Big Verse 2:** *Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise. (Psalm 48:1)*

### Things to Say

Do you see the grandma's hands? They are full of wrinkles. But they are also full of something you can't see. They are full of wisdom. She has lived a long time and has learned a lot. God is full of wisdom and knows everything there is to know. Today we are learning that God is wise!

After King David died, his son, Solomon, became king in his place. Solomon decided that he would love and obey God. God came to him one night in a dream and asked him, "What should I give you? Ask Me for anything."

The Bible tells us that Solomon asked God for an obedient heart so that he could be wise and take care of God's people well. God was pleased with Solomon's answer and gave him what he asked for: a wise and understanding heart. God is the One who gives wisdom because He is the wisest of all. learned a lot. God is full of wisdom and knows everything there is to know. Today we are learning that God is wise!

Thank you, God, for being so wise! You are so great and amazing. We love You. Amen.

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### Things to Do

- If your child can identify his ears, have him do so. What do we do with our ears? We listen! When we listen, we can learn. Explain that we can learn about our great God through our teachers and parents. Say Psalm 48:1 together.
- Sit with your child and work on something she is learning, such as identifying colors, shapes, or letters. Talk about how she is learning every day, but God is so amazing and wise that He already knows everything!
- Draw the word *Wise* on a piece of paper and encourage your child to color on it. Talk about how wise is like smart, but better. Ask, "Who do you know that is wise?" Add that God is wise, the wisest of all!



## 2.8 God Is Great!

Daniel and the Lions (Daniel 6:19-23)

Puggles

**Big Truth 2:** God is great!

**Big Verse 2:** *Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise. (Psalm 48:1)*

### Things to Say

Look at this boy — He looks amazed! Seeing something amazing makes us stop and say, “Wow!” When we hear about how great God is, it makes us say, “Wow” too! Today we are learning that God is great!

Daniel, one of God’s people, loved and obeyed God. Daniel became one of the King of Babylon’s most important helpers. But other people who worked for the king wanted to get rid of Daniel. They made things tough for Daniel. He had to choose if he would obey the king’s rule, or if he would obey God. Daniel knew that God is great and more important than even an important person like a king. So Daniel obeyed God, and he was sent to the king’s lions.

But God provided a way to save Daniel. God shut the mouths of the lions, and they didn’t hurt Daniel at all. Daniel trusted God’s greatness, and God helped him.

Thank you, God, for being so great and amazing. We praise You for being so wonderful. We love You. Amen.

*Place a check mark or sticker in the box when you have talked about the lesson with your child and have done at least one activity!*

### Things to Do

- Point out to your child that the wind is strong. Watch it blow through the trees and blow leaves across the grass. If there is no wind, blow with your mouth to imitate wind. Explain that wind can be very strong and great, but God is much stronger and greater.
- Go to a window and ask your child to point out everything God has made: trees, sun (or clouds), and people. We can’t make these things like God did. God is so great! Thank God for being great, and for everything He has made.
- Show your child a picture of a lion. Explain that lions are strong. Then tell your child that God is stronger than lions, and that He shut their mouths in the story of Daniel. Roar and then cheer Big Truth 2 together, saying “God is great!”



## 3.1 God Loves Me All the Time!

God Sends Jesus to the World as a Baby (Luke 2:9-11)



**Big Truth 3:** God loves us!

**Big Verse 3:** *We know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. (1 John 4:16)*

### Things to Say

God loves this little boy. Wherever he goes and whatever he does, God loves him all the time. God loves you all the time too. God loves you no matter what you are doing or how you are feeling. He sent Jesus to show us how much He loves us. Today we are learning that God loves us all the time!

God sent His own Son to make a way for God's love to come into our lives and bring us joy. God's Son would be the One to save the whole world. His name is Jesus! When He was born, angels came to announce His birth. They appeared to a group of shepherds who were out in the field with their sheep.

The Bible tells us that Jesus grew into a man. He loved and obeyed God in a way no one else ever could. Jesus never sinned. One day Jesus would bring us the gift of forgiveness so that we could love and follow God in a brand new way.

Thank you, God, for loving us all the time. Thank you for sending Jesus to show us Your love. Amen.



*Place a check mark or sticker in the box when you have talked about the lesson with your child and have done at least one activity!*

### Things to Do

- Before bed, sing and laugh together. As you tuck your child under the covers, talk quietly about how God loves us when we are sleeping, because He loves us all the time. Repeat Big Truth 3: God loves us!
- Using a clock, talk about all the things you do each day. At 7 o'clock, you get up, get dressed, and eat breakfast. God loves you when you are eating breakfast. Go through the day, pointing to the times on the clock that correlate with when you do certain activities.
- Play Guess the Feeling with your child. Help your child practice identifying different facial expressions and what they mean. Make a facial expression, such as a frowning face, and give your child two emotions to choose between, such as happy, or sad, and see if they can guess the right one. End the game by reminding her that God loves us all the time!



## 3.2 God Loves Me When I Am Curious!

Nicodemus Visits Jesus (John 3:16)

Puggles

**Big Truth 3:** God loves us!

**Big Verse 3:** *We know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. (1 John 4:16)*

### Things to Say

Do you see the girl looking at this paper airplane? She might be wondering how to fly it. She looks very curious. Today we are learning that God loves us when we are curious!

Nicodemus was very curious. Jesus was telling him something new. Jesus told Nicodemus that he needed a new start with God because he couldn't obey all the rules. Jesus said that God planned to give everyone in the world a new start. Jesus explained to Nicodemus how big God's love for the world is.

The Bible tells us that if we believe in Jesus and trust in Him, we can have a new start. We can all have God's amazing love come into our lives and bring us joy. We can become the people God created us to be. When we decide to trust in Jesus, we get a new beginning!

Thank you, God, for giving us Your Son so that we can have a new start. Thank you for making a way for God's amazing love to come into our lives and bring us joy. Amen.

*Place a check mark or sticker in the box when you have talked about the lesson with your child and have done at least one activity!*

### Things to Do

- Using a magnifying glass, walk around your home and investigate with your child. Look at the fibers in the rug and the wood grain in the floor. Remind your child that God loves us when we are curious.
- Let your child watch you make a paper airplane. Help him make one too. Fly your planes, and say that it's fun to learn new things, like how to make a paper airplane. Explain that God loves us when we are curious and learn something new.
- Bring out some play dough, and put it in a tray, such as a flat baking pan. Give your child some cookie cutters and let him have some fun using them. Say 1 John 4:16 together as you play.



### 3.3 God Loves Me When I Need Help!

Jesus and the Paralyzed Man (Luke 5:24-26)

Puggles

**Big Truth 3:** God loves us!

**Big Verse 3:** *We know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. (1 John 4:16)*

#### Things to Say

Do you see girl getting help while she spreads jam on her bread? Sometimes we need extra help. Today we are learning that God loves us when we need help!

There was a man who could not move at all. His friends wanted him to see Jesus because they knew he needed help. But they couldn't get him to Jesus. Jesus was teaching inside a house that was filled with people. The man's friends carefully lowered him into the house through a hole they made in the roof. Jesus told the man that his sins were forgiven, and then He told him to pick up his stretcher and go home.

The Bible tells us that Jesus came to forgive our sins. And when Jesus forgives our sins, it heals the broken parts of our relationship with him. Jesus healed the body of this man too. The man could finally move again, but he needed more help than he even knew about. That is why Jesus came: to forgive our sins and change us into people who love and follow Him.

Thank you, God, for loving us all the time, including when we need help. Thank you for giving us people who help us, and for sending Jesus to help us. Amen.

*Place a check mark or sticker in the box when you have talked about the lesson with your child and have done at least one activity!*

#### Things to Do

- As you help your child get dressed, say, "I'll help you put on your pants. I'll help you put on your socks." Share that we all need help sometimes, and God loves us all the time, including when we need help.
- Allow your child to help with a chore, such as dusting or preparing lunch. Thank him for helping you and say, "God loves us when we need help and when we help others." Repeat Big Truth 3: God loves us!
- Find some pictures of firefighters, doctors, and librarians. Talk about who they are and how each person helps others. Thank God for these people who help others. Remind your child that God loves her, and He has provided people to help her.



## 3.4 God Loves Me When I Am Excited!

A Boy Shares His Lunch (John 6:9-12)

Puggles

**Big Truth 3:** God loves us!

**Big Verse 3:** *We know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. (1 John 4:16)*

### Things to Say

Do you see this boy? He looks really excited. Today we are learning that God loves us all the time, including when we are excited!

A young boy was playing outside on a hillside. As he played, the boy was listening to Jesus tell stories. Jesus told some amazing stories about how God's love for us makes us different. It makes us want to share and love others. Then Jesus stopped teaching and was talking just to His disciples about a problem. Five thousand hungry people didn't have lunch. The boy thought about the lunch his mother had packed for him. He gave his lunch to Jesus. He was excited to see what Jesus would do with it.

The Bible tells us that Jesus took the boy's lunch of five loaves and two fish and broke it into enough pieces to feed everyone there. Jesus even made so much that they had leftovers. Only God could do a miracle like that. Jesus turned the problem of not enough food into everyone having plenty to eat. It was so exciting!

Thank you, God, for loving us all the time, including when we are excited. Thank you for how You do amazing things. Amen.

*Place a check mark or sticker in the box when you have talked about the lesson with your child and have done at least one activity!*

### Things to Do

- Talk with your child about a time when she got to go somewhere exciting and special, such as a favorite restaurant or someone's house. Remind her how excited she was, and that God loves us when we are excited.
- Have your child show you what her face looks like when she is excited. Take a picture and have her point out the parts of her face that show how excited she is.
- Take your child outside and have fun together. Give her plenty of time to run, hop, jump, and move. Thank God for loving us when we are excited and get to play. Say 1 John 4:16 together.



## 3.5 God Loves Me When I Am Afraid!

Jesus and the Storm (Mark 4:38-41)

Puggles

**Big Truth 3:** God loves us!

**Big Verse 3:** *We know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. (1 John 4:16)*

### Things to Say

Do you see this boy? I wonder if he is feeling afraid. We all feel afraid sometimes. When we are afraid, God is with us and loves us. Today we are learning that God loves us when we are afraid!

Jesus had been helping people all day. He climbed into a boat with His friends, and He fell fast asleep. His friends talked quietly while the boat glided across the lake. Suddenly, a terrible storm came out of nowhere. Lightning, thunder, huge winds, and waves crashed into the boat on every side. The friends were afraid. Finally, when they were sure the boat would sink, they woke Jesus up. They were so afraid.

The Bible tells us that Jesus immediately got up and told the storm to stop and the sea to be still. Then He asked His friends why they had been afraid and fearful. His friends had forgotten that they didn't need to be scared. Jesus was with them. Sometimes we forget that Jesus is with us too. His great love can calm and comfort us when we are afraid.

Thank you, God, for being the One who calms the storm and the sea.  
Thank you, God, for calming and comforting me when I am afraid.  
Amen.



*Place a check mark or sticker in the box when you have talked about the lesson with your child and have done at least one activity!*

### Things to Do

- Use a stuffed animal to role-play situations that make your child afraid. For example, have the stuffed animal feel scared in a storm, and then ask her how she would feel. Remind her that God loves her, and is with her, all the time, including when she is afraid.
- Ask your child to tell you which people in his family could help take care of him when he is afraid. Thank God for loving us and giving us families to care for us when we are afraid. Repeat Big Truth 3: God loves us!
- Does your child fear a particular object or situation? Don't force her to face it, but gently talk to her about her fear. Tell her God is always with us even though we cannot see Him. He helps us remember that we are not alone when we are afraid.



## 3.6 God Loves Me When I Am Happy!

Jesus and the Children (Mark 10:14)

**Puggles**

**Big Truth 3:** God loves us!

**Big Verse 3:** *We know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. (1 John 4:16)*

### Things to Say

Look at this girl! She looks like she is so happy. Today we are learning that God loves us all the time, including when we are happy!

Jesus' friends saw all the people who were coming to see Jesus every day. So many people wanted to talk to Jesus or have Jesus heal them. Then Jesus' friends saw a group of parents bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus' friends told them to leave Jesus alone. They thought that Jesus didn't need to talk to the children. When Jesus saw that they were sending the children away, He was angry with his friends.

The Bible tells us that Jesus told them to let the little children come to Him and never send them away. He wanted a relationship with each child who came to see Him. He wanted them to know His love. The children were happy to be with Jesus! He was happy to see them. Jesus feels the same way about you. He loves you and is glad to be with you. You are precious to Him.

Thank you, God, for loving us all the time. It makes us happy. Thank you, God, for sending Jesus to be with us and spend time with us. Amen.

*Place a check mark or sticker in the box when you have talked about the lesson with your child and have done at least one activity!*

### Things to Do

- Tell your child something that makes you happy. Then ask your child what makes her happy. (You may need to prompt answers.) Thank God for loving us all the time, including when we are happy.
- Help your child draw a smiley face. Thank God for loving us when we are happy. While you draw, repeat Big Truth 3: God loves us!
- Help your child think of someone she knows who is sick or going through a sad time. Make a card to cheer up this person. Let your child draw on the card. Send the card in the mail or deliver it in person.



## 3.7 God Loves Me When I Am Tired!

Jesus in the Garden (Luke 22:41-45)

Puggles

**Big Truth 3:** God loves us!

**Big Verse 3:** *We know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. (1 John 4:16)*

### Things to Say

Do you see this little boy? He is tired. I wonder if he is resting because he was crying and sad. Sometimes we feel that way right before we fall asleep. But God always loves us no matter how tired we are!

Jesus went to a garden to pray with His friends. He knew that it was almost time for Him to die. Jesus was going to take all the sadness and sin of the whole world on Himself so that His death could heal our hearts. He needed His friends to pray for Him to have the strength to do the hardest thing He had ever done.

The Bible tells us that Jesus prayed for strength, and told God that He would do whatever God wanted Him to do to save us. That is how much Jesus loves us. And it was God's plan for Jesus to die for the sins of the whole world. It would change everything. Jesus' friends had fallen asleep. They were exhausted and overwhelmed by what was happening. Jesus loved His friends when they were tired — just like He loves you.

Thank you, God, for always loving us, including when we are tired.  
Thank you, God, for sending Jesus to save us from our sins so we could know and love you. Amen.



*Place a check mark or sticker in the box when you have talked about the lesson with your child and have done at least one activity!*

### Things to Do

- Say the same thing for several nights as you leave your child's room. The words could be as simple as, "God loves you. We love you too."
- Close your eyes and pretend with your child that you are both sleeping. Ask your child, "Who loves you when you are sleeping?" Thank God for loving and caring for us as we sleep, and say 1 John 4:16 together.
- Invite your child to close his eyes. Use a bedtime object, such as a stuffed animal from his room, and hide it under his blanket. After he opens his eyes, let him feel the hidden object through the blanket and guess what it is.



## 3.8 God Loves Us!

Jesus Dies and Lives Again (Mark 15:37-39)

Puggles

**Big Truth 3:** God loves us!

**Big Verse 3:** *We know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. (1 John 4:16)*

### Things to Say

Do you see the kids giving each other a hug? Hugs are a way to show love, but today we are going to hear about the greatest way that God showed His love for us. Today we are learning that God loves us!

Some soldiers came into the garden where Jesus prayed. Those men marched off with Jesus. They accused Him of pretending He was God. But Jesus really was God. The men who took Jesus put Him on a wooden cross and He died. This was part of God's plan to save us.

The Bible tells us that after Jesus died, a soldier standing near Him realized that Jesus was the Son of God. Jesus' friends were so sad, but the story was not over. His friends buried Him in a tomb, and then they went home to grieve. But three days later God had a huge surprise for them. Jesus came back to life again and told His friends to tell everyone the good news! Jesus died for our sins and came back to life to be our risen King.

Thank you, God, for loving us! Thank you, God, for inviting us to be part of Your kingdom. Amen.



*Place a check mark or sticker in the box when you have talked about the lesson with your child and have done at least one activity!*

### Things to Do

- Tell your child that you love him very much, and God does too. Show him how to make a heart shape with your hands by curving and placing them together. Repeat Big Truth 3: God loves us!
- As you go from place to place, point out all the different people you see going about their daily routine. Remind your child that God loves us all the time: when we're driving in the car, walking around, eating, etc.
- Talk with your child about Jesus. Explain that Jesus is God, and that He died on the cross for our sins. Draw a cross, and tell your child that Jesus didn't stay on the cross — He rose again and is now alive and with us even though we can't see him.



## 4.1 I Thank God for Making Me Part of His Family!

The Early Church (Acts 2:46-47)



**Big Truth 4:** We give thanks!

**Big Verse 4:** Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good. (Psalm 107:1)

### Things to Say

Look at these two happy children. They are part of a family. When we choose to love Jesus, we become part of God's family. God's family is very special, and it is called the church. Today we are learning that we can thank God for making us part of His family!

God sent His Son, Jesus, to be the Savior of our world. Jesus became our Savior when He died to take away our sins and came to life again. Before Jesus returned to heaven, He talked to His friends about being part of God's family. Each person who trusts Jesus to take away his or her sins is part of God's family. This family is called the church — a group of people who love God and care for each other.

The Bible tells us that the church met every day and studied God's Word. They ate together, shared what they had with each other, and praised God together. Other people were surprised and interested to see how God's church loved each other so well. Those people began to ask questions about God. Many of them came to love and trust Jesus.

Thank you, God, for making us part of Your family. Thank you, God, for giving us the church to love and care for us. Amen.



*Place a check mark or sticker in the box when you have talked about the lesson with your child and have done at least one activity!*

### Things to Do

- Draw a heart and let your child color it. Write "I Thank God for His Love" on the page. Talk about the ways God shows His love for your child, including her home, family, and most of all by sending Jesus to be our Savior.
- Explain to your child the events of Luke 2. Find a picture or draw stick figures of Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus, as well as the manger and the star. Thank God for sending Jesus so that we can be part of His family.
- Tell your child the name of your church, and talk about how your family is part of God's bigger family, the church. Have him name some friends at church, and talk about how they are all part of God's family. Thank God for your church family as you say Psalm 107:1 together.



## 4.2 I Thank God for Helping Me Know Him!

Saul Meets Jesus (Acts 9:4-8)



**Big Truth 4:** We give thanks!

**Big Verse 4:** Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good. (Psalm 107:1)

### Things to Say

Look at the girl in the picture. Do you see the joy on her face as she prays with her mom? That is because she knows Jesus. Jesus is God's Son who loves us and gives us joy. Today we are learning that we get to thank God for helping us know Him!

Jesus wants everyone to know that He loves them — even people who do bad things. There was a man named Saul, and he was trying to hurt God's church. But Jesus wanted to know Saul. One day Saul was on his way to the city of Damascus. He was going to hurt some people in the church there. Suddenly, Saul saw a blinding white light and heard a voice. Saul found out that it was Jesus who was talking to him.

The Bible tells us that Saul became blind and had to be led into the city. There one of Jesus' friends, Ananias, prayed for Saul. Saul was healed and began to know Jesus. He learned to love Jesus more and more and spent lots of time praying to Him and telling other people about Him. Jesus changed him to be a kind and good man who knew Jesus well. God gives each of us an invitation to know Him — including you!

Thank you, God, for helping me know You. Thank you, God, for the always loving us. Amen.

Place a check mark or sticker in the box when you have talked about the lesson with your child and have done at least one activity!

### Things to Do

- Have your child join you in a simple prayer by repeating small phrases after you. Thank God for helping us know Him, and end the prayer by repeating Big Truth 4 together: We give thanks!
- Draw a scene of an event that happened in the Bible — Jonah is a good one. Draw the ship, the men in the ship, the fish, etc. Talk through the story several times. Thank God for giving us the Bible because the Bible is how we can know more about God.
- On your way to church, ask your child what he likes about it. Add to his list by saying that church is where we learn more about God.



## 4.3 I Thank God for His Creation!

The Second Day of Creation (Genesis 1:6-8)



**Big Truth 4:** We give thanks!

**Big Verse 4:** Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good. (Psalm 107:1)

### Things to Say

Look at the girl sitting outside! She is looking at all the things that God made. God is our great Creator who made us and loves us. We can see that when we look at His creation. Today we are learning that we can thank God for His creation!

Saul was so excited about his new life with Jesus as his Savior. God even changed his name to Paul to show that He was following Jesus. One of the places Paul went was a town called Lystra. There he met a man who couldn't walk, and God healed him. Everyone thought that Paul and his friend, Barnabas, were great because they healed the man. But Paul told them that it was God who had done it. He said that only the God who created our world deserves to be worshiped as great.

The Bible tells us that God made everything. When we look at creation, it reminds us of God. We can thank and worship God for making everything. The people that Paul and Barnabas met needed to praise and thank God for His creation. They would only be happy when they got to know and love God. God created everything, and we can thank God for all of His creation.

Thank you, God, for creating us and all the things in the world! Thank you for being so amazing and loving us so much. Amen.



*Place a check mark or sticker in the box when you have talked about the lesson with your child and have done at least one activity!*

### Things to Do

- Let your child help you water a plant, even if it is just the grass outside your home. Explain that plants need soil, water, and sunshine for God to make them grow. Thank God for His creation.
- Go outside and draw a sun on your driveway/sidewalk with yellow chalk. Allow your child to color the sun. When the sun is done, add more pictures from creation. Talk about the pictures as you are drawing.
- Have your child name five animals. If needed, help him. Thank God for making so many different animals, and say Psalm 107:1 together.



## 4.4 I Thank God for Providing for Me!

Paul and Silas (Acts 16:25-26)



**Big Truth 4:** We give thanks!

**Big Verse 4:** Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good. (Psalm 107:1)

### Things to Say

Look what the boy is doing. He looks like he is eating some delicious food. God faithfully provides just what we need — food to eat, a place to sleep at night, and friends to play with. Today we are learning that we can thank God for how He provides for us!

Paul and his friend, Silas, were sitting in jail. They told people about Jesus. Some soldiers took them away, and put them in prison for talking about Jesus. You might think they would be sad, but they were singing and worshipping God. They still saw that God was providing for them.

The Bible tells us that God caused an earthquake that set Paul and Silas free. After that, they told their jailer about Jesus, and he and his whole family came to know God. Paul and Silas went on to the next city to tell everyone about their amazing God who loved them and provided just what they needed. We can notice the ways God has given us what we need too, and then we can thank Him for providing for us.

Thank you, God, for providing what we need. You take care of us in so many ways that remind us of your love. We love you. Amen.



*Place a check mark or sticker in the box when you have talked about the lesson with your child and have done at least one activity!*

### Things to Do

- Look at three food items in your home with your child. Hold up one item at a time and ask what it is. Does he like to eat it? Remind your child that God wants us to be grateful and thank Him for our food. Thank God for all the food He gives us to eat.
- Let your child help with chores such as sweeping the floor or wiping up a spill. Praise your child's efforts regardless of the finished product. Encourage her to thank God for providing a place for her family to live.
- Next time you pick up your child from church or school, ask her to name some of her friends. Explain that God provides us with friends that care for us. Repeat Big Truth 4 with your child: We give thanks!



## 4.5 I Thank God for the Bible!

The People in Berea (Acts 17:11)



**Big Truth 4:** We give thanks!

**Big Verse 4:** Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good. (Psalm 107:1)

### Things to Say

Look at what the boy in the picture is reading. He is reading the Bible. The Bible tells us the story of God. It also tells us how we are created to love and obey God. Today we are learning to thank God for the Bible!

There was a group of Jews who lived in Berea. Paul and Silas went there to tell them about Jesus. When they arrived, they went to the synagogue, a place where the Jews prayed, worshiped God, and studied the Scriptures.

The Bible tells us that when Paul and Silas shared the news about Jesus, the Bereans carefully searched the Scriptures to make sure that what Paul and Silas said was true. The Bible is another word for Scriptures, and it always tells us what is true. God tells us in the Bible that life works best when we obey God. That is why we want to follow what the Bible says. But most of all, the Bible is the true story of who God is and His amazing love for us.

Thank you, God, for giving us the Bible. Thank you, God, for the way the Bible teaches us about You and how much You love us. Amen.

*Place a check mark or sticker in the box when you have talked about the lesson with your child and have done at least one activity!*

### Things to Do

- Look through your child's picture Bible with him. Explain that the Bible is full of wonderful, true stories about God. Thank God for the Bible.
- Search for a video of a Bible Story (view it ahead of time to make sure it's appropriate for your child's age). Talk about the story. Who were the people in the story? What happened in the story? Then find the story in the Bible and read it. Pray and thank God for the Bible.
- Allow your child to take her picture Bible with her wherever she goes today. As you have time, let her look at the pictures. Let her feel proud that she owns her own Bible. Remind her that God gave us the Bible, and say Psalm 107:1 together.



## 4.6 I Thank God for People Who Care for Me!

Families (Ephesians 6:1)



**Big Truth 4:** We give thanks!

**Big Verse 4:** Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good. (Psalm 107:1)

### Things to Say

Look at this dad and his daughter. He is taking care of her. God takes good care of us and gives us people to help love and care for us. Today we are learning that we can thank God for people who care for us!

God wants children to be loved and cared for. He knows how important it is to have someone who comforts you when you are crying and gives you food when you are hungry. The people in your life are there to help take care of you. The people who care for us have rules and tell us what we need to do because they love us. When we have people who care for us, our job is to obey them and follow the rules that they share with us.

The Bible tells us that when we obey God, our life works best. Part of following God is learning to obey the people who take care of you. When we obey, it brings blessings to our lives. Blessings are the good things God brings into our lives because we are following and obeying Him. God gave us the people who care for us because He loves us, and we can thank Him for these special people!

Thank you, God, for giving us people who love and care for us. Thank you, God, for giving me a family so I can learn to obey. Amen.

*Place a check mark or sticker in the box when you have talked about the lesson with your child and have done at least one activity!*

### Things to Do

- Talk with your child about the people who take care of her. Name several ways that each helps your child, as she may not realize all that people do to care for her. Repeat Big Truth 4 with your child: We give thanks!
- Provide your toddler with a sheet of paper and crayons and allow him to make a card for someone who cares for him. Write "Thank you for helping me" and your child's name on the page. Have your child give the card to the person.
- During your child's bedtime routine, point out the parts of getting ready that she does by herself, and the parts where she gets help from you, such as brushing her teeth. Remind her that God gave us the people who care about us because He loves us!



## 4.7 I Thank God for My Life!

We Are His Masterpiece (Ephesians 2:10)



**Big Truth 4:** We give thanks!

**Big Verse 4:** Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good. (Psalm 107:1)

### Things to Say

Look at the boy in this picture. Every child is one of God's beautiful masterpieces — just like you. God created each of us for a life that is beautiful and has a special purpose. Today we are learning to thank God for our lives!

When God created each of us, He had a special plan and purpose for us. He created you as a boy or a girl. God created you just right. He created you with the perfect color hair and eyes as His special masterpiece. When we follow God, we get to find out what good things God created us to do. That is our special purpose.

The Bible tells us that God created us to love and do good things for others. Each of us is made for very special things that God prepared for us ahead of time — even before we were born. I wonder what wonderful things God has planned for you? As we follow God, He shows us the things He wants us to do. Sometimes He gives us a friend who needs love and encouragement. Sometimes He wants you to help someone. We thank God for our lives because He made us.

Thank you, God, for making us each a great masterpiece. Thank you, God, for giving us our lives so that we can love You and be kind to others. Amen.



*Place a check mark or sticker in the box when you have talked about the lesson with your child and have done at least one activity!*

### Things to Do

- When you're sitting together, take some deep breaths and ask your child to do the same. Ask if it feels good to take a deep breath. God made us to breathe air. We are special creations and should thank God for our lives. Breathe together one more time and say Psalm 107:1 together.
- Help your child make something out of blocks or Lego® pieces. When you're done, say, "Wow, what a masterpiece!" Emphasize that we are God's masterpiece, and He loves us and wants us to tell others that He loves them.
- Have your child draw a self-portrait while you watch. After she's done, look at the picture and compliment your child on her drawing. Encourage her and say that God has created her for a special purpose.



## 4.8 I Thank God for Everything!

Jesus Is the First and the Last (Revelation 1:8)

Puggles

**Big Truth 4:** We give thanks!

**Big Verse 4:** Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good. (Psalm 107:1)

### Things to Say

Look at the boy praying in the picture. He is probably thanking God for all the beautiful things God has made and given to us. Everything we have is from Him. Today we are learning that we can give thanks to God for everything!

Jesus was there at the beginning when God created our world. Jesus was there when He saved us from our sins. Someday when He returns, Jesus will be there to create a new heaven and a new earth. Jesus is the beginning and the ending of the most important things that have ever happened in our world.

The Bible tells us that one day Jesus will come back to our world and make everything the way God always wanted it to be. No one will sin, be sad, sick, or die again. Everyone who trusts in Jesus will live with Him in heaven forever. Every day we can thank God for everything He has done and everything He will do.

Thank you, God, that Jesus is the beginning and the end. When we think of all You have done, we are amazed. Thank you, God, for everything. Amen.



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### Things to Do

- Together with your child, save some packaging from food, such as a cereal box or paper food wrapper. After talking about the different kinds of food, cut the pictures out and allow her to glue them onto a sheet of construction paper. Explain that food is something we can thank God for every day.
- Play a game with your child. Ask, "Do we thank God for our toys?" "Do we thank God for our friends?" Ask several more questions that are all answered with yes. Then ask, "What do we thank God for?" Yell, "EVERYTHING!" and throw your arms up in the air.
- Since we're at the end of the Puggles year, spend time reviewing the four Big Truths learned in Puggles: God made everything! God is great! God loves us! and We give thanks! Pray with your child and thank God for all he has learned!