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"Teachable Moments"

OBJECTIVE: To begin the search for truth in the BIBLE, we need to be careful not to make the assumption that your child can answer the question--Who is GOD? Even as complex a subject as this is, it is necessary to establish a foundational knowledge level appropriate for a child upon which to build a reasonable belief and application of additional Biblical Truth.



Simple Truths provides some Biblical answers for questions children often think about or ask. Read the suggested scriptures and grapple with the content provided, in your thinking, before passing it on to your children. If your child asks a question that's puzzling to you, that's O.K. You can always say: "I'm not sure; let's discover it together."

Remember to involve them in the reading of scripture to model for them the importance of using God's Word in our search for truth. Continue the discussion and application of these truths as you sing the songs or do the activities together.



Activity Pages: These pages are not just something to do; they are intended to be learning opportunities, so enjoy them together. (Instructions on each page)

> #1 - Mystery Box & MY FAMILY #2 - GOD is. . .? & GOD'S FAMILY



Enjoy singing & ... Books of the Bible learning together: My GOD is One



Memorize together, Deut. 6: 4 & 5 or any of the other selected verses for more challenge.

(Permission granted to make extra copies of coloring or game page for other children in the family as needed.)

Simple Truths

It is very important to help our children understand that much about GOD is a mystery and difficult for our minds to understand, but it is possible to learn basic Biblical truths about HIM.

We can learn about GOD by asking questions like:

WHO is He? WHAT is He like? WHEN did He begin?....WHERE is He? **CAN** I know Him? ... **HOW** can I learn about Him?

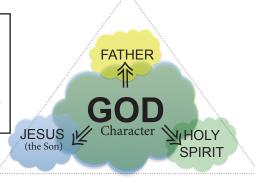


GOD is Real. | GOD is. . . & GOD'S Family- Activity Page #2

Who is GOD?

Yes. . .this is difficult to fully understand, but that's O.K. because GOD doesn't expect us to reason and figure it all out. In our friendship with God, we will learn to accept by faith the things we don't understand. With our children, it is very important to begin by establishing foundational truths about the *nature* and *person* of GOD that they can understand; we will endeavor to keep it simple. This illustration portrays the ONEness of GOD'S Character exhibited in THREE PERSONS.

I created the color of the GOD Character cloud in the center. by overlapping the three; hence, the new color appeared. This character is demonstrated in the specific Work in each person of the GOD-HEAD.



"He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God. . . ." (Col. 1:15)

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness. . . ." (Genesis 1:26)

Jesus said--"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father...Son... and Holy Spirit...." (Matthew 28:19 & 20)

What is GOD like?

- --GOD'S character is displayed in each person of the GOD-HEAD (Trinity). Whatever CHARACTER trait (attribute) is true of GOD the FATHER is also true of GOD the SON (Jesus) and GOD the HOLY SPIRIT.
- --Known by: Who He is. . . What He says . . . What He does.

One of the major purposes of the TRUTH SEEKERS curriculum is to develop a deeper understanding about God and a relationship with Him. Future lessons will enable this discovery of specific attributes.



2 GOD is Self-Existent

When did GOD begin?

- --He has always been.
- --No one created GOD.

Moses asked God what His name was and God replied---"I AM WHO I AM." (Exodus 3:14)



There is only ONE GOD

Are there other GODS? -- No

"I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no *God* " (*Isaiah 45:5*)

Where is GOD?

- --This is something we really do not understand, but He is "present everywhere".
- --God tells us about this in the Bible. We just believe it because He does not lie.

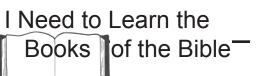


4 I can know GOD.

MYSTERY BOX - Activity Page #1

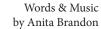
HOW can I learn about GOD?

- --We must not trust man's reasoning.
- --GOD has made Himself known to human beings. (BIBLE)
 - "... I will make myself known in the sight of many... Then they will know that I am the LORD." (Ezekiel 38:23)
- --I need to study the BIBLE to discover the truth about GOD.





(There will be a 4 ms. intro.)



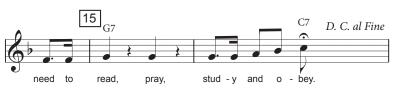










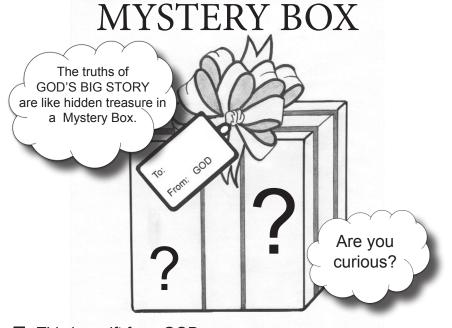




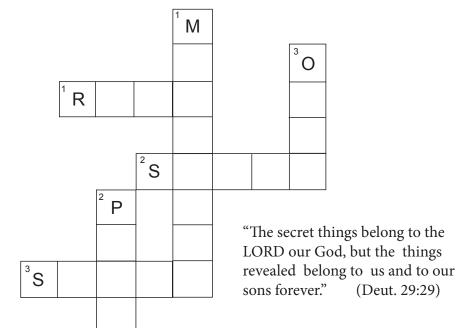
- 1 GOD is Real.
- 2 GOD is Self-Existent
- 3 There is only ONE GOD
- 4 I can know GOD.

REVIEWSimple Truths

- Ask questions about your discussion of each truth.
- Recite the four truths together.
- Sing this song together another time.



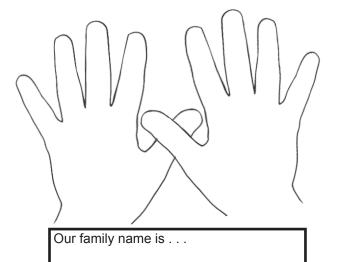
- This is a gift from GOD.(Make it yours by writing your name on the tag.)
- How do you discover GOD'S TRUTHS?



MY FAMILY

Name & Color the members of your family---The thumbs are Mom & Dad.

How many are in your family?



Open the Bible and R it. (1 Across)
Talk (P) to GOD about the truths you find. (2 Down)
Take time to S the truths. (2 Across)
M or think about it. Ask questions. (1 Down)
Be sure to O GOD'S commands. (3 Down)
S what you learn with others. (3 Across)

3 same

Persons

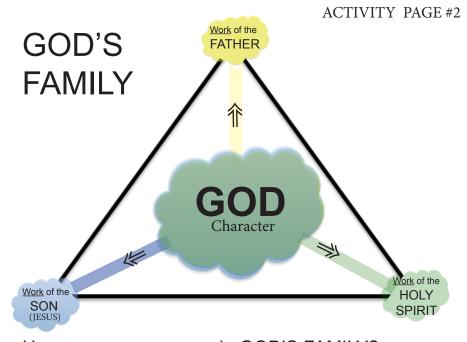
Character

In the color clouds below, write the name of each person who has the **Character of GOD**.



Whatever CHARACTER is true of **GOD** the **FATHER** is also true of **GOD** the **SON** (Jesus) and **GOD** the **HOLY** SPIRIT.

 Work		God-character
(SAME	or	DIFFERENT)



How many persons are in GOD'S FAMILY?______

Each person has special work to do. YES NO

Someday would you like to be a part of GOD'S FAMILY?

Prayer Time

Thank you GOD for helping me to learn who you are and what you do. I want to discover all the mysteries you have for me in your BIG STORY, the BIBLE. I am so glad that You want me to know You and Your special plan for my life.

Amen