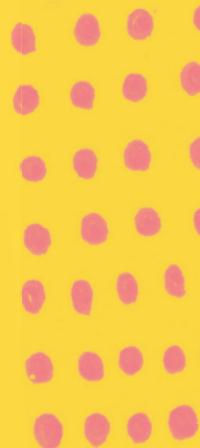




leader's guide

OLDER CHILDREN
AND PRETEENS
KDG GUIDE



GOD
and
HIS WORD

Big Picture:

GOD AND HIS WORD

Big Idea:

WHAT I BELIEVE

Big Point:

I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT

Big Word:

IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD. HE WAS WITH GOD IN THE BEGINNING. THROUGH HIM ALL THINGS WERE MADE; WITHOUT HIM NOTHING WAS MADE THAT HAS BEEN MADE. JOHN 1:1-3 (NIV)

DOCUMENT PURPOSE

This document is the Leader's Guide for BIG Picture 'God and His Word'. It contains material for you to create an impacting small group time for you and your children. The BIG 'Can You Believe It!?' User Guide document contains all the service element information, including the large group segment of your service.

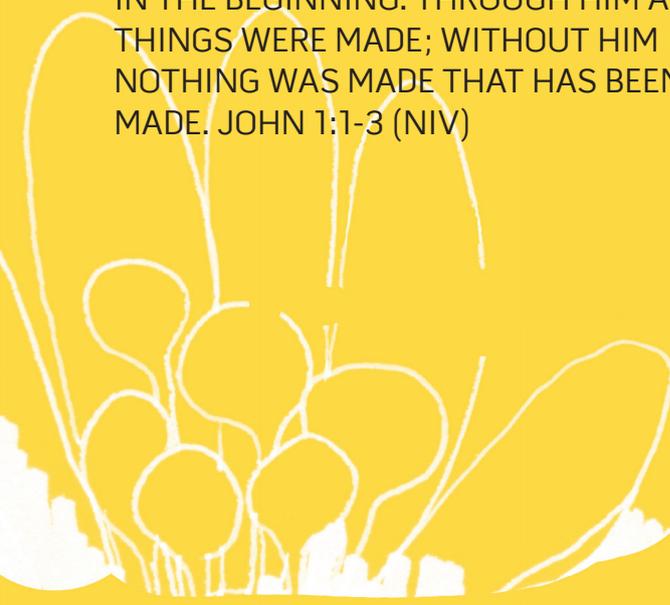
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Kids Discipleship Group (KDG)

BIG IDEA: WHAT I BELIEVE

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LEARNING OUTCOMES:

At the conclusion of this lesson children will:

- Discover that God exists in three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
- Know that God is totally loving and completely holy.
- Learn that it's important to know what we believe.

OLDER CHILDREN AND PRETEENS RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 9-12

Use this KDG outline to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children.

CONNECT TIME

How many planets can you name? (Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.)

THE BIG QUESTION

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What is the Trinity?

The Trinity is how we describe the three persons of God. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. We worship one God, but He is three persons in one, which we call the Trinity. Deuteronomy 6:4 (NIV), "The Lord our God, the Lord is one." The Bible speaks of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit as one God.

2. Read 1 John 4:16 then finish this sentence;

God is _____ .

1 John 4:16 (NLT), "We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them." God is love.

God showed His love for us by sending Jesus. God's love is expressed through each person of the Trinity. God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

3. Why is it important to know what we believe as Christians and what could happen if we believe the wrong things?

What we believe is important, it makes a big difference. We want to build our lives on solid foundations, knowing the truth of what we believe as Christians, followers of Jesus. If we don't build on solid foundations, when storms come, we may not stay standing, like the man who built his house on the sand.

ACTIVITY SHEETS

Children complete the activity sheets in this time.

THE BIG ACTIVITY

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

'Three in One wheel' shapes printed onto card paper from the print material files, scissors, split pins, pencils or markers, bibles.

DIRECTIONS:

Give each child the 'Three in One wheel' shapes printed from the print material files onto card paper. Children can colour in the 'Three in One wheel' before attaching the two shapes together with a split pin, so the top circle can spin around. Encourage the group to look up in their Bibles the verse shown on each section.

EXPLANATION:

We believe that the Lord our God is One God who is the Creator of all things. He exists in three Persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. God is a union of three persons, each person is fully God and united together as One God.



