

Truth: *What is Truth?*

September 29, 2021

Scripture: Acts 17:1-12, John 17:17

Story Point: God, please help me learn and see the truth that you are teaching me.

SOCIAL/FAMILY TABLE TIME (serve pizza, put names on water bottles, trash and clean up/wipe down tables and wash hands)

- Introduce yourself and welcome kids by name.
- Ask kids to share what happened during their day at school, home, etc.
- Ask kids to share something they are learning..
- Ask kids to share some truth they know.
- For fun: What do you think it's like to be a detective and solve mysteries? Explain.

SMALL GROUP

Read: Acts 17:1-12

Say: We are going to read the Bible Story from our Bible today first. Our story is in the Book of Acts. Who can tell me where Acts is in the Bible? (Show the table of contents and how to find where Acts is. Talk about the Old Testament - before Jesus and the New Testament - Jesus' life and after his death and resurrection.) Which section of the Bible is Acts in? (New Testament - we can remember that the New Testament starts with Matthew and all four gospels, then we have Acts)

So, open your Bible halfway and then keep flipping toward the back. Look at the top of the page, Acts is the fifth book in the New Testament. Now we need to look at the numbers. The big number in bold is the chapter so we need to find a big 17. The little numbers closer to the words are called verses, we are looking for 1-12. Everyone find it? Help each other if you found it in your Bible. Now let's read it together.

Who wants to read first? Read now:

1 When Paul and his companions had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a

Jewish synagogue. **2** As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, **3** explaining and proving that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah," he said. **4** Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and quite a few prominent women.

5 But other Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason's house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd. **6** But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other believers before the city officials, shouting: "These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, **7** and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus." **8** When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil. **9** Then they made Jason and the others post bond and let them go.

10 As soon as it was night, the believers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. **11** Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. **12** As a result, many of them believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men. **Acts 17:1-12**

Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. **John 17:17**

Say: Let's open your Impact Kids book and look for the word **Scriptures or Scriptures**. How many times can you highlight that word? Why do you think that is important in this passage? The Scriptures and knowing them, is what made a difference for people knowing the truth. (Pass out highlighters so kids can highlight words in the Bible Story) Let's watch this story together and see how many times they say the word scriptures. Count and tell me after.

Watch Bible Video- Roku/DVD

Say: Our story point today is: God, please help me learn and see the truth that you are teaching me. Let's say that together: "God, please help me learn and see the truth that you are teaching me" **Did you know that when you pray and ask God to help you see the truth, He answers and the words you read in your Bible will mean more to you as you keep reading them.** When the video says it is living, this is what it means. As you learn more, God shows you more in the Bible every time.

Remember this whole year we are talking about how to do better and different because we believe in Jesus. One way we can do better is trying to read the Bible and pray for God to help us understand what we are reading.

Discussion Questions

- What would you say the word true means? (answers will vary)
- What are some things educational books, videos, or apps can help you learn the truth about? (Ideas: animals, communities, geography, food, etc.)
- What are some things that don't always help us find the truth? (Ideas: opinions, feelings, fictional stories, what sounds good, etc.)
- What are some things the Bible can help you learn the truth about? (Ideas: things that come from God, God's character,

God's love, how to show love, how to obey, who Jesus is)

- What is something you want to know the truth about? (Bible related and not Bible related)
- **Read John 17:17:** "Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth." In this verse, whose word is truth? (God's) How does God's Word change or help us? (When we learn and live His Word, we become Holy or more like Him.)
- If someone needed help finding out what is true, what would you tell them to do? (answers will vary)

Pray

- Ask kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
- Show them where they can write prayer requests in their Impact Kids Book. Write them down in your leader guide as well.
- Pray together over the prayer requests.

"God, please make us holy by your truth as you teach it to us in Your Word. In Jesus name, Amen!"

Dismiss

- Connect with families picking up their kids. Share something positive about their kid today.
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Truth: *Be Kind When You Disagree*

October 6, 2021

Scripture: Romans 14:13-23, Colossians 4:6

Story Point: It's ok to disagree- just do it respectfully.

SOCIAL/FAMILY TABLE TIME (serve pizza, put names on water bottles, trash and clean up/wipe down tables and wash hands)

- Introduce yourself and welcome kids by name.
- Ask kids to share what happened during their day at school, home, etc.
- Ask kids to share something they are learning.
- Ask kids to share some truth they know.
- For fun: Say your favorite sport. How many different favorites did your group have? Why is it your favorite?

SMALL GROUP

Read: Romans 14:13-23

Say: We are going to read the Bible Story from our Bible today first. Our story is in the Book of Romans. Who can tell me where Romans is in the Bible? (Show the table of contents and how to find where Romans is. Talk about the Old Testament - before Jesus and the New Testament - Jesus' life and after his death and resurrection.) Which section of the Bible is Romans in? (New Testament - right after the gospels is Acts then Romans.)

So, open your Bible to the middle and then keep flipping toward the back. Look at the top of the page, Romans is after Acts. Now we need to look at the numbers. The big number in bold is the chapter so we need to find a big 14. The little numbers closer to the words are called verses, we are looking for 13-23. Everyone find it? Help each other if you found it in your Bible. Now let's read it together. Today I will read it to you, in the future we can get you guys to take turns reading it to everyone.

13 Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister. **14** I am convinced, being fully persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean in itself. But if anyone regards something as unclean, then for that person it is unclean. **15** If your brother or sister is distressed because of what you eat, you are no longer acting in love. Do not by your eating destroy someone for whom Christ died. **16** Therefore do not let what you know is good be spoken of as evil. **17** For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, **18** because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval.

19 Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. **20** Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All food is clean, but it is wrong for a person to eat anything that causes someone else to stumble. **21** It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother or sister to fall.

22 So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who does not condemn himself by what he approves. **23** But whoever has doubts is condemned if they eat, because their eating is not from faith; and everything that does not come from faith is sin.

Romans 14:13-23

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. **Colossians 4:6**

Say: Let's open your Impact Kids book and look at this together again. We are going to break this into sections/paragraphs. Help me summarize what is happening in each paragraph.

Paragraph 1: If what we eat or drink offends someone, do not argue.

Paragraph 2: If what you eat or drink causes someone else to stumble (or do wrong), don't eat or drink it while you are with them.

Paragraph 3: how we respond to others and ourselves for our beliefs, is helping us build a habit that helps us grow to be more like Jesus. (This is a big passage. Use the video to help you simplify these ideas for the kids.) All of that is a lot to understand.

Remember God is helping us learn about these things a little at a time. Our video today I think will help us all understand how this can apply to our lives today. Let's watch it together.

Watch Bible Video- Roku/DVD

Say: Our story point today is: It's ok to disagree- just do it respectfully.. Let's say that together: "It's ok to disagree- just do it respectfully." It is ok for you to like different things like food or sports or even subjects in school. We don't have to cause a fight because we disagree. There are some things not worth fighting over. Can you agree with me on that? That's what our Bible story is trying to help us see today. **There are some things not worth fighting over.**

Discussion Questions

- How would you explain the word "disagree" to someone else? (Idea: when two people have different opinions about the same thing.)
- If a friend disagrees with another friend, what would you tell them to do? How about if they disagree with a parent or teacher? Does that change your advice? (Friend- say ok, I can see that or tell me more about why you like that better) (Parent- pray, calmly talk with the parent, respect their rules, yes this is different, a parent or teacher is in authority to you. That means you have to respect their rule.)
- How can you be respectful to someone who disagrees with you about following Jesus? (Ideas: pray for them, love them, listen, invite them to church, keep following Jesus, etc.)

- **Let's read Colossians 4:6 together.** "Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone." When we become more like Jesus, how do your words change? (answers will vary)
- Think of a person you disagree with a lot. What can you do to show respect to them this week? Answers will vary. (Encourage kids to write the name of this person in their Impact Kids book to pray for when you pray.)
- Who can you talk to if you need help with a disagreement? Answers will vary.

Pray

- Ask kids to share things they'd like to pray about. Encourage them to write the name(s) of people they disagree with so they can pray for them and ask God to show both of them how to respond to each other.
- Show them where they can write prayer requests in their Impact Kids Book. Write them down in your leader guide as well.
- Pray together over the prayer requests.

"God, please help us listen well and show respect and love to other people when we disagree with them.. In Jesus name, Amen!"

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Truth: How to Be Yourself

October 13, 2021

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:12-17, Ephesians 4:24

Story Point: Be true to who God made you to be.

SOCIAL/FAMILY TABLE TIME (serve pizza, put names on water bottles, trash and clean up/wipe down tables and wash hands)

- Introduce yourself and welcome kids by name.
- Ask kids to share what happened during their day at school, home, etc.
- Ask kids to share something they are learning.
- Ask kids to share one of their nicknames..
- For fun: What do you want to be good at when you're a grown-up? Why?

SMALL GROUP

Read: 1 Corinthians 12:12-17

Say: We are going to read the Bible Story from our Bible today first. Our story is in the Book of 1st Corinthians. Who can tell me where 1st Corinthians is in the Bible? (Show the table of contents and how to find where 1st Corinthians is. Talk about the Old Testament - before Jesus and the New Testament - Jesus' life and after his death and resurrection.) Which section of the Bible is 1 Corinthians in? (New Testament - right after the Gospels is Acts, Romans, then 1st and 2nd Corinthians.)

So, open your Bible to the middle and then keep flipping toward the back. Look at the top of the page, 1 Corinthians is after Romans. Now we need to look at the numbers. The big number in bold is the chapter so we need to find a big 12. The little numbers closer to the words are called verses, we are looking for 12-17. Everyone find it? Help each other if you found it in your Bible. Now let's read it together. Today I will read it to you, in the future we can get you guys to take turns reading it to everyone.

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. **13** For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. **14** Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

15 Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. **16** And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. **17** If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?

1 Corinthians 12:12-17

24 put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4:24

Say: Let's open your Impact Kids book and think about how you can draw some pictures to help you remember this story. This should be lots of fun. (Pass out pencils so kids can draw the Bible Story) We'll watch the video while you draw, maybe it can help you find a way to draw what we read about.

Watch Bible Video- Roku/DVD

Say: Our story point today is: Be true to who God made you to be. Let's say that together: "Be true to who God made you to be" How many of you look just like someone else in your family? Who? How are you the same? Is everything the same? (probably not, unless you have twins, then more likely). **God doesn't create all of us exactly the same.** It is not possible to be exactly the same in every way. Do you know why? Because of what we learn in this Bible story today. God needs all of us to be exactly who He made us to be so that together we can all do more to share

Jesus with others and encourage others to use all God gave them to do the same thing.

Discussion Questions

- Who knows who you were made to be even better than you do? (Jesus)
- What do you think Jesus would say about who your true self is? (answers will vary. Help kids know Jesus loves them and thinks good things about them. He desires for you to know Him and spend your whole life learning more about Him and sharing Jesus with everyone.)
- Let's read Ephesians 4:24 together: "put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."
- What do you think the "new self" in the Bible verse is? (Idea: who you are when you choose to believe Jesus is your Savior, who the Holy Spirit is shaping you to be.) When we put on our "new self", what changes? (We become more like God.)
- How could you help a friend who thought they were good at something, and it turned out they weren't. (answers will vary)
- What are some things you're really good at? (answers will vary)
- How can you serve God and serve others with the things you're good at? (answers will vary)

LEADER NOTE: "True self" language can be used by some as their way of expressing their gender or sexuality choices. We reject this thinking. From creation, we see God's design for men, women, and marriage. The "true self" that you are focusing on from 1 Corinthians 12 is the way God created, called, and gifted you to serve Him. If issues of gender choice or sexuality come up as a part of the "true you" conversation, ask if that can be talked about after the group with a church leader.

Pray

- Ask kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
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"God, please help us learn our place in Your Church and serve others with the things you made us good at. In Jesus name, Amen!"

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