## **GREAT TRUTHS EVERY CHILD NEEDS TO KNOW**

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>5</sup>Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup>These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 (NIV)

• Truth #1 – God created and owns everything, and He <u>MADE</u> us <u>UNIQUE</u> and <u>SPECIAL</u>.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:27 (NIV)

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

Truth #2 – There is only one God and He <u>LOVES US</u> with all of His heart.
 We know that God loves you, dear brothers and sisters, and that he chose you to be his own people.

1 Thessalonians 1:4 (NLT)

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup>neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39 (NIV)

• Truth #3 – All Truth is God's Truth, and we can <u>TRUST HIM</u> no matter what.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup>Seek his will in all you do, and he will direct your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

For the word of the Lord holds true, and everything he does is worthy of our trust.

Psalm 33:4 (NLT)

Truth #4 – God is always available for us, and we are <u>NEVER ALONE</u>.
 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9 (NIV)

"The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

Deuteronomy 31:8 (NIV)

• Truth #5 – God desires to <u>HEAR</u> from us and <u>SPEND TIME</u> with us.

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

1 John 5:14 (NIV)

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)

Truth #6 – God is willing to meet <u>EVERY NEED</u> in our life if we will let Him.
 "God will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern."

Matthew 6:33 (NLT)

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19 (NIV)

Truth #7 – The greatest need in our life is a <u>PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP</u> with Jesus.
 "What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Matthew 16:26 (NIV)

"The thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of."

John 10:10 (MSG)

Truth #8 – Life can be <u>HARD</u>, and we'll go through <u>DIFFICULT TIMES</u>, but not on our own.
 The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him.
 Nahum 1:7 (NIV)

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

Romans 8:15 (NIV)

Truth #9 – We were created to be a part of a <u>COMMUNITY</u>... let's not do it alone.
 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer... <sup>44</sup>All the believers were together and had everything in common."

Acts 2:42, 44 (NIV)

A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NLT)

• Truth #10 – Anything worthwhile is worth <u>WORKING FOR</u>... so learn to do your part. The desires of lazy people will be their ruin, for their hands refuse to work."

Proverbs 21:25 (NLT)

Even while we were with you, we gave you this rule: "Whoever does not work should not eat."

Closing Truth: The greatest gift you can give your child is to LIVE for JESUS.

Teach your children to choose the right path, and when they are older, they will remain upon it.

Proverbs 22:6 (NLT)

You have been taught the Holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 3:15 (NLT)