

## Title: Basic Facts About the One True God

### I. Introduction

Today we are going to look at some basic facts about God that will help anybody through life. The earlier a person understands these basic facts about the Lord, the better off they will be in life. So it is important for young children to understand these truths.

### II. Basic Facts About the One True God

#### A. He is.

In Genesis 1:1 God does not take a lot of time to prove that He Himself exists.

**(Gen 1:1) In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.**

The reason is that He has made it pretty obvious that He does exist as long as we utilize our senses and the reasoning & conscience He has given mankind.

#### **Psa 19:1-4**

**(1) <To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.> The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.**

**(2) Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.**

**(3) *There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.***

**(4) Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,**

God is a Spirit, which cannot be seen; so He shows you His creation or His works that prove His existence.

Teach your child that God is real, and exists. The reason this is necessary is because schools and colleges will leave out the truth about God. Parent's have the responsibility to teach their children about the Lord.

#### **Isa 44:6,8**

**(6) Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.**

**(8) Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any.**

This one True Creator God has no competitors. The Bible tells us that there are other spirits, and some people may worship them as a god; however, they were created beings.

Application: We are never alone in life. There is a loving God who is near even through your trials.

B. He Is All Powerful (Omni= all; Potent = power)

Genesis chapter 1 shows us the tremendous power that God has, which He has revealed to mankind through Creation. (God created the sun, moon, stars, and the earth...)

Teach your children that there is nobody (or nothing) more powerful than God.

**(Rev 19:6) And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.**

Teach your children that there is nothing too difficult for God.

**(Jer 32:17) Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, *and* there is nothing too hard for thee:**

**(Jer 32:27) Behold, I *am* the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?**

(Note background of Jer. 32. Jerusalem is besieged, and Jeremiah's uncle wants to sell a piece of land to Jeremiah. Jeremiah buys it even though the enemy has come to capture it...)

Application: Since there is nothing too hard for God, there is no situation that we go through here on earth that He cannot help us with.

Knowing this principle will help to give you peace when going through life's trials and troubles.

C. He is All Knowing (Omniscient) ( from latin based on "scire" = to know)

This means that nothing is hidden from the Lord. He knows your problems before you tell Him about them. God knows your fears, your worries, and your cares.

**(1Ch 28:9) And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.**

The Lord knows your thoughts and my thoughts. (Children need to know that God knows every thought they think.)

Application: Since God is omniscient, that means that God is perfect in knowledge. That means he has perfect knowledge of you and I, and our unique situations.

**(Job 23:10) But he knoweth the way that I take: *when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.***

Application: God has perfect knowledge of the future. This means that He can guide your life with the future in mind.

Notice (v10) the way that God purges us from our impurities is through trials. (Just like fire purifies silver or gold...)

Things to remember about trials:

1. Trials are not intended for our hurt. (Though some trials do hurt...) In other words there is something more important that the trial produces than the pain it may bring about.
2. The trial has an expected end.
3. Trials improve you (make you better) and approve you to God.

(con't... God is omniscient)

**(Psa 94:11) The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they *are* vanity.**

**(1Jn 3:20) For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.**

D. He is Everywhere (Omnipresent)

**Psa 139:7-10**

**(7) Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?**

**(8) If I ascend up into heaven, thou *art* there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou *art there*.**

**(9) *If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;***

**(10) *Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.***

No matter where you are, God is there. In fact He is everywhere at the same time.

It is important to know, however, that God is not part of His creation; that is called Pantheism. (Pantheism states that God is identified with the universe or that the universe is a manifestation of God.) God is not the universe.

Notice in Psalms 139:8 the Bible says that the Lord is present in Hell. (An uncomfortable place to make a bed... there is no rest there!) In fact there is nothing hidden from God, even in Hell.

**(Job 26:6) *Hell is naked before him, and destruction hath no covering.***

God created all things, including hell.

**(Mat 25:41) *Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:***

The Bible does not go into a lot of detailed description, but God keeps hell under His care. In fact God has a powerful presence there since Satan will be there and so are many evil spirits.

Application: God's omnipresence should cause us to remember that we cannot hide from God. When we are doing good or bad, God is present. (... like a child wants to hide from his parents if doing wrong.) On the other hand, we can turn to God in any situation without having to move.

#### E. He Is In Control of All Things

Nothing can happen unless God causes it to happen or allows it to happen.

When we say that God is in Control of All Things, we mean that God has final control of all things. God causes some things to happen, and on the other hand, God permits some things to happen.

**(Pro 16:33) *The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD.***

Even Satan's actions are limited by God.

**Job 1:8-12**

**(8) And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?**

**(9) Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?**

**(10) Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.**

**(11) But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.**

**(12) And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath *is* in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.**

Sometimes God allows tragic events to happen to accomplish a purpose. Sometimes God even allows evil things to happen because it teaches us the consequences of wrong doing, but also teaches us that God can bring good out of bad.

God allows people to exercise their free will... including those that are evil. But God in his infinite wisdom will bring good out of evil to accomplish His purpose.

**(Isa 14:24) The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:**

**Isa 46:9-10**

**(9) Remember the former things of old: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else; I *am* God, and *there is* none like me,**

**(10) Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *the things* that are not *yet* done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:**

Do we naturally trust someone that we do not know? No; and so it is with God; as we get to know more about who God is, we are able to trust Him more and more with our lives. As we daily walk with God we begin to see that He has final control of everything. (Causing some things to happen, and in some cases permitting other things to happen...)

Application: Everything that comes into our lives, even things that we see as bad, God uses to benefit our lives.

- F. He is All Good So That He Will Bring Good Out Of Everything, No Matter How Difficult It May Appear

This is probably too hard for most of us to understand, yet it is true.

**(Rom 8:28) And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.**

God brings good out of our trials, out of our afflictions, even though we don't always see it that way at first.

**(Psa 119:67) Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.**

**(Psa 119:71) *It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.***

God can bring good out of what the devil intends for evil.

**(Job 42:12) So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses.**

God allows trials and tribulations to come into our lives... but God has a reason for these also.

**2Co 1:3-4**

**(3) Blessed *be* God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;**

**(4) Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.**

God designed us so that we will be a benefit to other people's lives. This is accomplished when God allows trials and tribulations to come into our lives. The experience we gain enables us to comfort other's in distress.

G. God Proved His Love For Us When He Sent His Son to Die On the Cross For Our Sins

**(Joh 3:16) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

**(Rom 5:8) But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

Jesus' death on the cross is evidence of Jesus' love for us; in fact Jesus died for even His enemies.

**(Rom 5:10) For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.**

We are the enemies of God because of sin... however, Jesus' death on the cross enables us to have peace with God, and to be His Friends.

**(1Jn 4:10) Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.**

**(1Jn 4:19) We love him, because he first loved us.**

People ask, how do I know God cares for me? Think about the fact that God became a man so that He could take the punishment for your sins and mine.

**(1Ti 3:16) And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.**

God hates sin and desires that all sinners come to repentance.

#### H. He Never Changes

Since God is perfect, He has no need to change.

**(Mal 3:6) For I *am* the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.**

#### I. Because of God's Goodness He can be Trusted Completely in Every Situation

**(Psa 18:30) *As for* God, his way *is* perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he *is* a buckler to all those that trust in him.**

Generally we would rather trust ourselves, than a God we cannot see. But the truth is... God's way is perfect. When we begin to turn our lives over to God, we begin to exercise our faith in God.

#### **Pro 3:5-6**

**(5) Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.**

**(6) In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.**

## V. Conclusion

- There is no greater love than the love God has shown us through His Son, Jesus Christ  
(John 15:13)
- There is no greater power than the power God has shown us through Creation (heaven & earth, and the things therein), and through the giving of life.  
(John 1:4, John 14:6)
- There is no greater mercy than the mercy God has shown us through forgiveness to all who repent of their sins.  
(I John 1:9)
- There is no greater trustworthiness than the trustworthiness of God who is sinless.  
(Proverbs 3:5-6)