



FAMILY STUDY

What's the Truth?

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Truth: Is it Relative?

Your Truth, My Truth and God's Truth

"It's all relative." You've probably heard people say this before, and it is an increasingly popular viewpoint; the truth is dependent upon each person's point of view. The idea of 'relative truth' essentially encourages each person to develop his own reality and his own morality. But, if there is no standard to which all men are held accountable, then the idea of truth is irrelevant.

However, whether we believe it or not, God's Word is the standard of Truth that all are held to. Truth is truth whether we choose to believe it or not. People cannot make their own 'truth,' because their so-called 'truth' will invariably conflict with someone else's 'truth.' Real truth can never be at odds with itself. Even the term 'relative truth' is an oxymoron. For example, we know that $2 + 2 = 4$. That is truth, but if we use the same concept in math as some use to define 'truth,' $2 + 2$ could equal 15, 5, or 163, depending on what someone wants to be true. Imagine building a skyscraper using engineering principles based on 'relative truth.' As we can see, that would be absurd, not to mention disastrous.

God is God Over All—Believers AND Unbelievers

Perhaps the most important truth we should all be aware of is the fact that God is God over all, whether we believe in Him or not. The Bible makes no allowance for other faiths or gods. These Scripture passages illustrate this important point.

Deuteronomy 32:39	Acts 4:12
Isaiah 45:21-23	Romans 14:11
John 14:6	Philippians 2:10-11

The God of Truth

God is called the 'God of Truth' throughout the Scriptures. Indeed, as the Creator of our world, all truth was authored by God and is still today upheld by God. Aside from the numerous Biblical references to God as the 'God of Truth,' these Scripture passages further emphasize the fact that God is the God of Truth.

2 Samuel 7:28	John 18:37
John 1:14	Romans 3:3-4
John 14:6	Hebrews 6:18

God's Truth Remains The Same

Matthew 5:17-19—Even though believers in Jesus Christ are not under the Old Testament Law, it is not because Jesus did away with the old Law. Rather, Christ fulfilled the requirements of the Old Testament Law for us. The truths laid out in the old Law remain true today. Hebrews 13:8 tells us that God never changes, and if God never changes, then neither does His Truth.

All of Man is Sinful—No Exceptions

Perhaps the primary reason for the worldly concept of 'relative truth' is that it removes our accountability to God. Nobody likes to think of himself as a sinner. So, rather than acknowledging the sin of the world, the world has simply tried to redefine 'right and wrong' by making it relative from

person to person. After all, sin is no longer sin if our own personal 'truth' tells us so, right? Wrong. There can be no mistake that God sees every one of us as sinners, regardless of whether we acknowledge this truth or not. As far as God's Word is concerned, this is a non-negotiable, black-and-white, undeniable truth which applies to EVERYONE. These Scripture passages leave no room for doubt.

Genesis 6:5	Isaiah 53:6
1 Kings 8:46	Isaiah 64:6
Psalms 53:3	Romans 3:23
Proverbs 20:9	1 John 1:8

Different Convictions, Same Truth (A Discussion about First Corinthians Chapter 8)

Some people might say that a 'black and white' view of the truth is too simplistic. "What about the grey areas?" they might ask. While it is true that there are cases in which certain man-made rules may not be best applied universally, creating the illusion of a 'grey area,' the Truth of God remains black and white—to God and to us. Our human eyes simply don't see it sometimes.

For example, the Apostle Paul teaches us in First Corinthians chapter 8 that personal convictions can cause someone to regard certain activities as sinful, even though God's Word may not prohibit the activity in so many words. One person may have a conviction that dancing is sinful, and so for that person, it is truly sinful. Another person may believe that dancing is not sinful, and therefore, as long as the Scriptures agree, and as long as we do not cause others to sin, it is not sinful.

This is not relative truth, however. It is important to note that personal convictions should always be compliant with God's Law—never at odds with it. The black and white truth remains.

Results of Turning Away From Truth (A Discussion about Romans 1:18-32)

In this Scripture passage, the Apostle Paul describes to the Roman church the results for turning away from the Truth of God. Some of the points made in the passage are:

- God's wrath is revealed against the wickedness of men who suppress the truth (verse 18).
- The truth has been suppressed by the wickedness of men (verse 18).
- God has made the truth plain to us (verse 19).
- The existence and qualities of God have been clearly revealed in God's creation (verse 20).
- There is no excuse before God for not following the truth (verse 20).
- Those who have suppressed the truth knew God, but didn't glorify Him or give thanks to Him (verse 21).
- The hearts and thoughts of those who suppress the truth become dark and foolish (verses 21-22).
- The truth of God has been exchanged for a lie (verse 25).
- Those who have not valued God's Truth have been given over to depraved minds, becoming filled with great wickedness (verses 28-29).
- This is a list of qualities that result by being given over to depraved minds by turning away from the Truth. Do you recognize these in our society (verse 29-32)?



TAKE HOME WORKSHEET

LEVEL 1
For Preschool Children

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Color this picture to remind you of what you learned today!

**LEARN 'N
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God's Truth is true for EVERYONE!



Memory Verse:



John 14:6a

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life.

PARENTS!

Help your child to memorize this Bible verse. Each day this week, twice a day, act out this week's Memory Verse with your child using the motions below:

MEMORY VERSE MOTIONS:

John 14:6a

Jesus saith unto him,

'I am the way'

'the truth'

'and the life.'

(March in place.)

(Point to your mouth.)

(Point to heaven.)

(Make a Bible with your hands.)

(Put both hands on your heart.)



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LEVEL 2
For Grades K-5 - 1st Grade

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2.

MEMORIZE this verse

John 14:6

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.



3.

ANSWER these questions

Who is the Truth (Hint: Look at your Memory Verse!)

Does truth stop being true just because someone doesn't believe it?

Does God's Truth ever change? (hint: God never changes!)

4.

Where can we find God's Truth written down for us?

APPLICATION Challenge:

Put a yellow crayon in a paper lunch bag and seal it closed. Ask three different people to guess what color the crayon in the bag is. Was everyone right? Did the color of the crayon change when people believed it was other colors? The truth is the same way. It doesn't change just because people believe different things.

5.

With your PARENTS, READ from the Bible and PRAY EVERY DAY.

(If your parents can't read to you every day, you can at least PRAY every day!)



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My Child's Name: _____



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For 2nd and 3rd Graders

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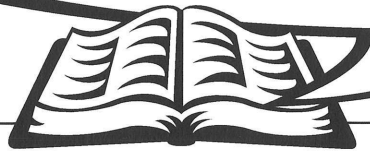


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this verse

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3.

ANSWER
these
questions

Does truth come from God, or from the world? Where is God's Truth found?

Is God's Truth the same for everyone, or is it different for different people?

If someone believes it's okay to disobey God, does that mean it's okay?

4.

Does God's Truth ever change? (hint: Hebrews 13:8)

APPLICATION Challenge:

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5.

READ your BIBLE and PRAY EVERY DAY!

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For 4th Grade thru Pre-teen

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3.

ANSWER these questions

Where does Truth come from? Where is it written?

Does truth stop being true if someone doesn't believe it?

Why can't the truth be different for different people?

4.

Does God's Truth ever change? How do you know? (Hebrews 13:8)

APPLICATION Challenge:

Make a list of ten things that some people believe in that AREN'T true. Talk with your parents about why it's dangerous to accept things that aren't true and how people can be hurt by believing untrue things.

5.

READ your BIBLE and PRAY EVERY DAY!

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