

# PARENT GUIDE

## Lesson 7.4: Truth

JOURNEY

IDENTITY

### ► SCRIPTURE READING

- » Acts 26
- » Acts 27–28
- » Romans 15
- » 2 John

### SUMMARY:

God's truth played an important role in Paul's life; it plays an important role in the life of all Christians. Paul knew he would experience trials because of His faith (Acts 9:16). Several times he was literally put on trial for preaching the Gospel. One of those instances was before King Agrippa. Despite the nerve-rattling situation, the truth of the Gospel anchored Paul and helped him share his testimony with the king.

While sailing to Rome, Paul trusted that because God always tells the truth, he would arrive safely to his destination no matter what difficulties he faced at sea — and he faced plenty!

In Romans 15, Paul wrote that the truth allows us to embrace the identity God gives us.

Finally, in 2 John, John illuminated the special relationship love and truth have with each other and how those virtues impact a Christian's identity and keep us from falling prey to false teachers.

The truth is an essential part of the Christian life; it comes from God and God alone (John 14:6; John 17:17). His truth is revealed to us in His Word. *Sola Scriptura*.

### ► MEMORY VERSE OPTIONS

- » 2 Thessalonians 2:13\*
- » Romans 15:14
- » 2 John 1:4

### ► IDENTITY INSIGHT

God always has and always will tell the truth. His truth has changed my life. My identity in Christ is secure, and I am empowered to love obediently and live boldly in His name.

### ► IMPORTANT IDEAS:

#### ABSOLUTE OR ULTIMATE TRUTH:

the body of real things, events and facts related to God and all He has created; the property of being in accord with the reality that He is the source of what we know as true (Romans 1:18–20)

**GENTILES:** non-Jews; a person of a non-Jewish nation or faith

**BLASPHEMY:** thoughts, acts and words that willingly insult, show contempt for or a lack of reverence for God

**HERESY:** a religious opinion or doctrine contrary to the truth<sup>5</sup>