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Unit 1: Comparative Worldview | Lesson 1

Question Covered

What is truth?

Truth Learned

Truth is what is real.

Why This Is Important

If we want our children to discern and follow truth, they must first understand what truth is.

Dinnertime Discussion

Read John 18:37. Discuss what we can learn about truth from the fact that Jesus came to earth to bear witness to the truth.

Truth is important to God.

Review the definition of truth.

Truth is what is real.

Have each family member share one or two truths they already know.

For example: There are 100 centimeters in a meter. Paris is the capital of France. Water is H2O. Most plants need water and sunlight to grow.

Have each family member share one or two things they would like to learn truths about.

For example: I would like to learn more truths about the rules in basketball. I would like to learn more truths about how cars work.

Spend time thanking God for giving us the ability to seek what is true.

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Unit 1: Comparative Worldview | Lesson 2

Question Covered

What is the relationship between truth and feelings?

Truth Learned

Truth is not controlled by our feelings.

Why This Is Important

The world constantly pushes the lie that truth changes from person to person and that feelings are the most reliable guide to reality. It is important for our children to understand that feelings, while important, do not always point us to the truth.

Dinnertime Discussion

Have everyone share one truth about a food on their plate.

For example: Broccoli is green. The pasta has tomato sauce on it. The chicken is fried.

Have each person share one feeling about a food on their plate.

For example: Broccoli is disgusting. There's too much pasta on this plate. Fried chicken is the best.

Discuss the difference between truths and feelings.

Truths are outside the control of our emotions and do not change from person to person. Feelings are inside of us and will change from person to person.

Have each family member share one truth they wish could be changed by their feelings.

For example: I wish my feelings could make school start at 10am instead of 8am. I wish my feelings could make broccoli taste like ice cream.

Review the truth that just because we wish our feelings could change the truth, it doesn't mean the truth is actually changed.

Spend time asking God to help you grow in your ability to discern truths from feelings.

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Question Covered

What is the relationship between God and truth?

Truth Learned

God is the source of truth.

Why This Is Important

It is important for our children to know that truth is essential to the Christian worldview. Christianity is not built on blind faith but evidence-based faith in the God who always speaks the truth.

Dinnertime Discussion

Read Psalm 119:160, Isaiah 45:19, and John 14:6. Discuss what each passage reveals about God and truth.

Psalm 119:160 - *The sum of God's word is truth.*

Isaiah 45:19 - *God always speaks the truth.*

John 14:6 - *Jesus is the true way to God.*

Review the relationship between God and truth.

God is the source of truth.

Discuss how God being the source of truth means that all truths we can learn will line up with the truths we learn in the Bible.

For example: *We do not learn about the law of gravity in the Bible. However, the constant nature of the law of gravity lines up with what the Bible reveals about God being a God of order who does not change. (Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 13:8)*

Spend time thanking God for being the source of truth and asking that He would help you to learn more truths through His Word and His world.

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Unit 1: Comparative Worldview | Lesson 4

Question Covered

Why should we care about truth?

Truth Learned

Not knowing and following the truth leads to consequences.

Why This Is Important

If we want our children to see through the lie that their feelings are the best guide to reality, we need to help them understand the unintended consequences related to not knowing and following the truth.

Dinnertime Discussion

Have each family member share one truth that is important for them to know.

For example: Soccer practice starts at 4:30pm every Wednesday. Raw chicken needs to be refrigerated. Teeth should be brushed twice each day to avoid cavities.

Review the truth that not knowing and following the truth leads to consequences.

Have one or two family members share about a time they did not know the truth about something, and it led to consequences.

For example: I didn't know the cookies only needed 8 minutes in the oven. I left them in for 20 and burned them.

Read Matthew 7:24-27. Discuss how Jesus explained that the consequence of knowing His words, but not putting them into practice, is having a life that is built on sinking sand.

Spend time thanking God that He has revealed truth to us in His Word and in His world. Ask that you would be diligent to learn what is true.

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Question Covered

What is the relationship between a worldview and truth?

Truth Learned

Only true worldview beliefs lead to flourishing.

Why This Is Important

It is important to help our children understand that many of the problems we find in our world stem from believing false worldview ideas that contradict God's design.

Dinnertime Discussion

Review the definition of a worldview.

A worldview is like a mental map of what you believe is true about life and the world around you. These beliefs affect the thoughts you think, the feelings you feel, the words you say, and the things you do.

Review the truth that only true worldview beliefs lead to flourishing.

Read through the true worldview beliefs below and have family members share a time they saw that belief lead to flourishing.

Humans need one another.
For example: *Our church family helped us clean up our yard after the storm.*

Humans should treat their bodies with care.
For example: *I went to bed on time all week, and I wasn't tired during the school day.*

Read Jeremiah 17:7-8. Discuss how the Bible teaches that those who trust in God will flourish.

Spend time thanking God for revealing the truth to us in His Word and His world. Ask that you would follow the truth, trust God, and be like the tree planted by streams of water.

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Question Covered

What is the relationship between a worldview and worship?

Truth Learned

Worship is the foundation of every worldview.

Why This Is Important

If our children are to understand what they believe (or what anyone believes), they must first understand that the object of their worship will direct each and every one of their beliefs.

Dinnertime Discussion

Review the definition of worship.

To bow before something or say, "You are more important than I."

Discuss how someone's thoughts, feelings, words, and actions might be affected by worshiping video games (or another activity).

For example: *Most of this person's money would be spent on purchasing new games. Most of their free time would be invested in playing video games, and they would probably think and talk about these games even when they weren't playing them.*

Read Matthew 4:8-10. Discuss how God designed us to worship Him.

Spend time thanking God for who He is and asking that He would strengthen you to worship Him alone.

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Unit 2: Comparative Worldview | Lesson 2

Question Covered

What is the object of worship in the Christian worldview?

Truth Learned

Christians worship the God of the Bible who is triune, spirit, transcendent, and immanent.

Why This Is Important

Our children most likely already know that we should worship God, but they need to know who God is to truly understand why He is worthy of worship. They also need to be equipped to discern true ideas about God from false ones.

Dinnertime Discussion

Read Matthew 28:18-20. Discuss the truth revealed about God and what this reveals about you.

God is triune–one God in three persons.
As God's image bearer, He designed you to be relational.

Read John 4:23-24. Discuss the truth revealed about God and what this reveals about you.

God is spirit.
Even though you cannot see God, you can still know He is real.

Read Romans 11:34-35. Discuss the truth revealed about God and what this reveals about you.

God is transcendent–He is above all things.
God can do what we cannot.

Read Psalm 139:1-5. Discuss the truth revealed about God and what this reveals about you.

God is immanent–He is near His creation.
God is always close.

Spend time thanking and praising God for who He is.

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Question Covered

What are the objects of worship in different worldviews?

Truth Learned

The object of worship in Naturalism is matter and in Islam is Allah.

Why This Is Important

It is important for our children to know what other worldviews worship in order to make sense of their teachings.

Dinnertime Discussion

Read the paragraphs explaining the object of worship in each worldview.

Naturalism: If you use the Naturalist map as your worldview map, you believe that the only things that are real are physical things. Physical things are what you can see, hear, taste, smell, and touch. Scientists call physical things matter. You believe that anything that is not made of matter, things that are spiritual, like God, cannot be real. Since only matter is real, matter is what is most important. Because you study matter through the scientific method, science is very important to you. You believe that science is the best way to learn truth.

Islam: If you use the Islamic map as your worldview map, you worship Allah. You believe Allah is the one and only God. He is not three persons in one God like the Christian God. Allah is simply one God in one person. Because Allah is one God in one person, his focus is not on having a relationship with humans but on humans submitting to him. In fact, the word Islam means submission. As a Muslim, you believe that a man named Mohammed was Allah's best and final prophet (messenger). You do not worship Mohammed, but you study the Quran, a book that Mohammed told others came from Allah. You believe that the Quran is the most reliable source of truth.

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Discuss how the object of worship in each worldview is different from the God of the Bible.

Christianity teaches that God is spirit. Naturalism teaches that only matter exists. Therefore, Naturalism teaches that God does not exist.

Christianity teaches that God is one God in three persons. Islam teaches that Allah is one God in one person. Therefore, the God of the Bible and Allah are vastly different.

Spend time thanking and praising God for who He is.

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Question Covered

What are the objects of worship in different worldviews?

Truth Learned

The object of worship in New Spirituality is yourself and in Postmodernism is community.

Why This Is Important

It is important for our children to know what other worldviews worship in order to make sense of their teachings.

Dinnertime Discussion

Read the paragraphs explaining the object of worship in each worldview.

New Spirituality: If you use the New Spiritualist map as your worldview map, you believe that spiritual things are what is real. You believe that physical things, everything we can see, hear, taste, smell, and touch, are just spiritual energy. You believe that everything spiritual is made up of God. That means that plants, animals, humans, and everything else in the universe is a part of God. Because everything is God, you are God, which makes you most important! When you want to know what is true, all you need to do is look to your heart, and it will guide you. Because you believe everything else in the universe is also a part of God, you believe it is important to try to harmonize or become one with everything. You may try to do this through meditation, yoga, or caring for the earth.

Postmodernism: If you use the Postmodern map as your worldview map, you think things are much too blurry to know what is true or even what is real. You do not think that it is important to know truth, but it frustrates you that other worldviews think they do. You believe it is arrogant for them to think that they know the truth, and that all they are really doing is trying to gain power over others. Because you believe that humans cannot really know what is true, you think every person just looks to their community to figure out what is true for them. Whatever someone's community believes, they will believe. So, community is what is most important. Different communities believe different things, and that is okay because you believe no human can really know what is true.

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Discuss how the object of worship in each worldview is different from the God of the Bible.

Christianity teaches that God is transcendent, outside of and above His creation. New Spirituality teaches that everything is God. Therefore, what Christianity and New Spirituality teach about God is the exact opposite.

Christianity teaches that God is the source of truth who is immanent, near His creation. Postmodernism teaches that humans cannot know truth, so they just look to what is immanent, their immediate community. Therefore, the teachings of Christianity and Postmodernism go against one another.

Spend time thanking and praising God for who He is.

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Question Covered

How is the God of the Bible different from the objects of worship in other worldviews?

Truth Learned

God is real, relational, above His creation, and the source of truth.

Why This Is Important

Part of helping our children understand the truth of the Christian worldview is helping them understand how the God of the Bible is more comprehensive than any other object of worship.

Dinnertime Discussion

Discuss how the God of the Bible is different from the objects of worship in every other worldview we have explored.

Naturalism teaches that nothing spiritual exists.
The Bible teaches that God is spirit.

Islam teaches that Allah is one being in one person and is focused on submission.
The Bible teaches that God is one being in three persons and is focused on love.

New Spirituality teaches that everything is God.
The Bible teaches that God is transcendent, above His creation, not part of it, and also immanent, near His creation.

Postmodernism teaches that we cannot know truth.
The Bible reveals that God is the source of truth.

Spend time thanking and praising God for who He is.

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Question Covered

What does Christianity teach about the origin of life?

Truth Learned

Christianity teaches that God purposefully created all life.

Why This Is Important

It is vital that our children understand the Christian teaching on origins is one of purposeful creation. This will equip them to discern how different this belief is from the belief in accidental, blind, unguided evolution.

Dinnertime Discussion

Review the definitions of purposeful (done with a plan) and accidental (done without a plan).

Have each family member give an example of something they did today and explain whether it was done purposefully or accidentally.

For example: I purposefully built a tower of LEGOs. I accidentally left a LEGO on the floor, then stepped on it, and it hurt my foot!

Read Genesis 1. Discuss the different parts of creation that God purposefully created each day.

Discuss what we learn from the truth that God purposefully created all living things.

This means that none of us is an accident. God created us purposefully and has a plan for each of us.

Spend time thanking God for purposefully creating all life.

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Question Covered

What do different worldviews teach about the origin of life?

Truth Learned

Naturalism, New Spirituality, and Postmodernism teach that life started accidentally. Islam teaches that life started purposefully.

Why This Is Important

It is important for our children to first know that many worldviews teach that life began accidentally before they can understand the implications of those beliefs.

Dinnertime- Discussion

Read the paragraphs explaining each worldview's beliefs on origins.

Naturalism: If you use the Naturalist map as your worldview map, you believe that only matter is real and matter is what is most important. There is nothing spiritual–no God or spiritual force–that created life. You believe that life began accidentally when different elements in Earth's ancient atmosphere combined. Over time, very small and simple forms of life evolved (changed) into bigger, more complicated forms of life through a process called natural selection.

Islam: If you use the Islamic map as your worldview map, you believe that Allah is the one and only God. Allah is one God in one person, not the triune God of the Bible. You believe the Quran, a book given by the Prophet Mohammed, is the most reliable source of truth. The Quran teaches that life started purposefully. Allah purposefully created all living things–plants, animals, and humans–out of water and he continues to keep them alive.

New Spirituality: If you use the New Spiritualist map as your worldview map, you believe that everything in the universe is spiritual energy. You believe that this spiritual energy is God, which means that all living things are part of God, including you. You believe that life started accidentally and got to where it is today through spiritual evolution. Spiritual evolution is not natural selection. It is the process of things being one with everything else.

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Postmodernism: If you use the Postmodern map as your worldview map, you believe that humans cannot know truth, so we just look to our communities. You do not believe that anyone can know the truth about the origin of life and that anyone who claims they do is just trying to gain power. However, since most people in your community believe life probably started accidentally and evolved through natural selection, you probably believe that as well.

Discuss how you might view parts of creation differently, based on whether you believed life is purposeful or accidental.

For example: *If I believed all humans were created purposefully, that would lead me to think that all humans have value. If I believed that humans got here accidentally, I might think that only the humans I like have value.*

Spend time thanking God for purposefully creating all life.

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Question Covered
Do the clues in life point to a purposeful or accidental start?

Truth Learned
(Not completely answered in this lesson) Living things have information in their DNA.

Why This Is Important
In the next lesson, we will learn that information always comes about purposefully from an intelligent source. We should want our children to see that the clues in life itself point to an intelligent designer.

Dinnertime Discussion

Review the three things all living things have in common.

1) Living things eat.

2) Living things grow.

3) Living things make more of themselves.

As a family, list as many living things as you can in 30 seconds. Then, list as many non-living things as you can in 30 seconds. If everyone is up for it, you can repeat this activity and try to beat your record.

Read the paragraphs below about DNA.

> DNA is found in every plant, animal, and human cell and contains the information each living being needs to grow into a healthy adult. For example, when an acorn is planted in the ground, its DNA contains all the information it needs to begin developing roots, a stem, leaves, and to grow into a mature oak tree.
>
> DNA also contains the information that plants, animals, and humans need to heal themselves when they get injured. For example, when you fall down and scrape your knee, your body knows how to form a scab that will eventually have new skin grow underneath. It is the information in your DNA that tells your body how to do this!

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DNA is also needed for plants, animals, and humans to make more of themselves. Plants produce seeds because of their DNA. Animals lay eggs or give birth to live babies because of DNA. It is the same with humans. A mother is able to grow a baby inside her womb because of the information in DNA.

Make a list of things your body can do without you thinking about it because of the information in your DNA.

For example: *My hair and fingernails grow longer every day. As a child, my body grows taller every year. My body heals itself when I scrape my knee.*

Spend time thanking God for wisely placing DNA in all living creatures.

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Question Covered

Do the clues in life point to a purposeful or accidental start?

Truth Learned

Information always comes about purposefully from an intelligent source.

Why This Is Important

We should want our children to see that the clues in life itself point to a purposeful start by an intelligent designer, exactly what the Bible teaches!

Dinnertime Discussion

Review that information is anything that communicates a **specific** and **complex** plan.

For example: *Alphabet noodles floating in a bowl of soup are complex. There are so many different shapes floating around! But they are not specific, they are random. However, alphabet noodles in a bowl of soup that spell out "THIS SOUP IS DELICIOUS" are complex (many shapes) and specific (spelling words that form a sentence).*

Discuss different objects in your house that give information (are specific and complex).

For example: *wall paintings, books, remote controls, keyboards, phones/tablets, user manuals, etc.*

Discuss how each of the objects with information was created on purpose by an intelligent source. Review the truth that information always comes about purposefully from an intelligent source.

Read Colossians 1:16-17. Discuss how this passage says that Jesus has created and sustains all living things.

Spend time thanking God for being our intelligent designer.

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Question Covered

Which worldview beliefs align with the clues in life?

Truth Learned

Worldviews that teach life began purposefully align with the clues in life.

Why This Is Important

We want to help our children see that Christianity is true–it describes the world as it really is.

Dinnertime Discussion

Review which worldviews teach that life started accidentally (Naturalism, New Spirituality, Postmodernism) and which teach that it started purposefully (Christianity and Islam).

Discuss if you have ever seen something that contained information that came about accidentally.

No. Information always comes about purposefully from an intelligent source.

Ask, "If information always comes about purposefully from an intelligent source, do the clues in life point to an accidental or purposeful source?"

They point directly to a purposeful, intelligent source!

Read Romans 1:20-24. Discuss how God's attributes are seen clearly in nature, but humans can be blinded to this by foolishly choosing to worship creation instead of the creator.

Spend time thanking God for being our creator and praying for the salvation of those you know who do not yet know God as their faithful creator and savior.

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Question Covered

What does Christianity teach about humans?

Truth Learned

Christianity teaches that God purposefully designed humans in His image as male or female, body and soul.

Why This Is Important

If we want our children to see through cultural lies about their identity, it is important for them to understand their true identity as human beings: image bearers of the holy God, purposefully designed as distinctly male or female, body and soul.

Dinnertime Discussion

Read Genesis 1:26-28 and Genesis 2:4-7. Review the truths revealed in these passages.

God purposefully designed humans in His image as male or female, body and soul.

Discuss how being created in God's image means that every human has inherent value, no matter their abilities, disabilities, strengths, or weaknesses.

Have each family member share a way they see God's image reflected in another member of the family.

For example: I see God's love reflected in Mom when she makes lunch for me every day. I see God's patience reflected in Dad when he teaches me new things. I see God's kindness reflected in my brother when he shares his bike with me.

Spend time thanking God for purposefully designing you in His image, as male or female, body and soul.

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Question Covered

What do different worldviews teach about humans?

Truth Learned

Every worldview must answer questions about whether humans are purposeful or accidental, physical or spiritual, and male or female.

Why This Is Important

It is important for our children to first know what other worldviews teach about humans before they can understand the implications of those beliefs.

Dinnertime Discussion

Read the paragraphs explaining each worldview's beliefs about humans.

Naturalism: If you use the Naturalist map as your worldview map, you believe that human life started accidentally, as other animals eventually evolved into humans. You believe humans are just bodies, not souls. Humans act on instinct like other animals and they do not have any purpose aside from the purposes they create for themselves. You believe that being male or female is important for making more humans, but it doesn't have inherent value.

Islam: If you use the Islamic map as your worldview map, you believe that Allah purposefully created humans. You believe that Allah created humans as bodies and souls and made them male or female on purpose. However, the Quran teaches that Allah made males to be superior to females. So you may believe that it is better to be a boy than a girl.

New Spirituality: If you use the New Spiritualist map as your worldview map, you believe that humans are spiritual energy. You believe humans are the accidental result of spiritual energy evolving. Since you believe that all life, including humans, is part of God, you believe that your heart will tell you the truth about your purpose and about whether you are male or female.

Postmodernism: If you use the Postmodern map as your worldview map, you believe that we cannot truly know what humans are. Most people just follow

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what their community teaches about whether humans are purposeful or accidental. You believe that each person gets to decide whether they are male or female. Anyone who claims that human bodies reveal the truth about being male or female is just seeking power.

Discuss how you might start thinking, feeling, speaking, or acting differently if you held a different worldview's beliefs about humans.

For example: *If I believed that humans were accidentally evolved animals, I might start to think that humans have the same value as animals. If I believed that my heart tells me the truth about whether I am a boy or a girl, I might think I was born in the wrong body if I liked things that many people of the opposite sex like.*

Spend time thanking God for purposefully designing you in His image as male or female, body and soul.

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Question Covered

What do the clues around us reveal about humans?

Truth Learned

Humans are purposefully designed and have inherent value.

Why This Is Important

Part of helping our children understand that Christianity is true is equipping them to see how other worldviews fail to align with reality.

Dinnertime Discussion

Have each family member name an object they used today that was designed with a purpose.

For example: A pen was designed to write. LEGOs were designed to build objects. A book was designed to be read.

Review the truth that any time we see something that was purposefully designed, that object was designed for a specific purpose. Ask what this says about us.

The information in our DNA points to humans being purposefully designed. This means that humans, too, were designed for a specific purpose.

Ask, "If a worldview teaches that humans came to be accidentally, what would that say about our value?

The only value humans would have if we came to be accidentally is the value we gave ourselves, and that value can easily be taken away.

Spend time thanking God for purposefully creating you in His image. Thank Him that your value can never be taken away by anyone or anything.

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Question Covered

What do the clues around us reveal about humans?

Truth Learned

Being male or female is biological. Humans are body and soul.

Why This Is Important

Part of helping our children understand that Christianity is true is equipping them to see how other worldviews fail to align with reality.

Dinnertime Discussion

Read the paragraphs below and discuss the truths they reveal.

Male and female humans have a lot in common. We are very similar! But we also have some important differences. You probably already know that males and females are born with different private parts. But did you know that it is not just these private parts that are different?

Your body is made up of trillions of tiny cells. Inside the nucleus of each cell are something called chromosomes. Your chromosomes are made up of DNA and different proteins. Your chromosomes are arranged in pairs (groups of two). There is one chromosome pair in every cell that reveals if you are a male or female. If you are male, you have the chromosome XY, and if you are female, you have the chromosome XX. This means that every single cell in your body shows whether you are a boy or a girl.

This is why it is important for a doctor to know whether you are male or female before they treat you. Male and female bodies respond differently to different sicknesses and treatments. For example, the mumps virus usually causes greater health problems in a boy's body than in a girl's body. So, when a doctor is treating the mumps, it is important for the doctor to know if they are treating mumps in a male or female patient.

No matter how you feel on the inside or look on the outside, your body reveals the truth about whether you are male or female. Even if you tried to change the

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way your body looks, you could never change the chromosomes you have in every cell. Being male or female is biological (that truth is revealed by your body).

Discuss which worldviews go against this evidence that being male or female is biological.

New Spirituality and Postmodernism.

Discuss how these worldviews do not teach the truth about being male or female, and they are leading people away from flourishing and into great harm.

Spend time thanking God for purposefully designing you as distinctly male or female.

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Question Covered

Which worldview beliefs about humans align with the clues around us?

Truth Learned

Christianity provides the best explanation of who humans are.

Why This Is Important

If we want our children to have a faith that lasts, they need to know that Christianity is not a blind faith. The evidence around us points to its truth.

Dinnertime Discussion

Review what each worldview teaches about humans:

Christianity teaches that God purposefully designed humans in His image, as male or female, body and soul.

Naturalism teaches that humans are the accidental product of evolution, just physical bodies, and being male or female is important for making more humans, but it doesn't have inherent value.

*Islam teaches that humans are the purposeful creation of Allah, body and soul, and being male or female is purposeful, but the Quran teaches that being male is better.**

New Spirituality teaches that humans are the accidental product of spiritual evolution, spiritual energy, and the heart reveals whether someone is male or female.

Postmodernism teaches that humans can't know what we are, but our community teaches that we are accidental, and every person gets to decide whether they are male or female.

Discuss how each alternate worldview fails to align with the evidence in at least one way–whether that be believing humans are accidental, that we are just physical, or that being male or female is not biological, or that males are superior.

Christianity is the only worldview that lines up with all the clues we find in the world around us.

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Spend time thanking God for purposefully designing you in His image as male or female, body and soul.

*Note to Parents- Many Muslims would argue that the Quran does not teach male superiority. However, we have summarized the Quran's teachings in this way because of the following passages:

- Surah 2.223 - Wives are compared to farmland, and husbands are told they may approach that land sexually whenever and however they please (so long as the woman is not on her period 2.222).
- Surah 4.3 - Men are given permission to marry up to four wives.
- Surah 4.34 - Men are described as more blessed than women. They are also described as the protectors and providers of women, but are given permission to punish their wives if those wives are not submissive.
- Surah 23:6, 33:50, and 70.30 - Men are allowed sexual rights over women whom their "right hand possesses" (women taken captive through war).

These verses and others, along with Islamic hadith, are the basis for the laws restricting females' rights in many Middle Eastern countries.

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Question Covered

What does Christianity teach about what's wrong with the world and how it can be fixed?

Truth Learned

Christianity teaches that humans rebelled against God. We are now sinful, guilty before God, and God cursed the ground. But Jesus came to pay the penalty for our sin and to reconcile us to God. He will one day return and make all things new.

Why This Is Important

Part of helping our children understand the truth of the Christian worldview is showing them how the solution that Christianity offers to the brokenness of our world is different from and superior to the solution offered by any other worldview.

Dinnertime Discussion

Read Genesis 2:16-17 and Genesis 3:1-24. Discuss what truths these passages reveal about what's wrong with the world.

Humans rebelled against God. We are now sinful, guilty before God, and God cursed the ground.

Read Romans 5:18-19 and Revelation 21:1-5. Discuss what truths these passages reveal about the solution to our main problem.

Jesus came to pay the penalty for our sin and to reconcile us to God. He will one day return and make all things new.

Spend time thanking God for sending Jesus to reconcile you to Himself and give you the hope of eternity with Him in the new heaven and new earth.

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Question Covered

What do different worldviews teach about what's wrong with the world and how it can be fixed?

Truth Learned

Every worldview answers this question differently.

Why This Is Important

The key to understanding much of the conflict in our world is recognizing that most people are striving to "fix" what they perceive as the main problem. However, different worldviews hold different beliefs about the main source of brokenness.

Dinnertime Discussion

Read the paragraphs explaining each worldview's beliefs about what's wrong with the world and how it can be fixed.

Naturalism: If you use the Naturalist map as your worldview map, you don't believe that anything is wrong with the world. You believe that all life, including humans, got here accidentally. So, there is no plan that has gone wrong. When humans feel like floods and fires and arguments and wars are wrong, that is just their survival instincts they got through evolution. The solution is for humans to realize this is just the way things are and to try to live in a way that makes life seem better for as many people as possible.

Islam: If you use the Islamic map as your worldview map, you believe that the main problem in our world is that people do not submit to Allah's will because they are ignorant (they do not know what Allah's will is) and they are weak and forgetful. Instead of submitting, they follow the temptations of Satan. The solution is for humans to learn the will of Allah through studying the Quran and submitting to Sharia–the law of Allah. As Islam spreads throughout the world, more people will learn the truth and will submit to Allah's will. In the end, Allah will judge people by their deeds and allow some to enter into paradise with him.

New Spirituality: If you use the New Spiritualist map as your worldview map, you believe that the main problem in the world is that people are not following

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their hearts and becoming one with everything else around them. Instead, people are untrue to themselves, which holds them back and keeps their spiritual energy from being united with the spiritual energy of everything else in the universe. The solution is for everyone to follow their hearts and work toward becoming one with everything else around them.

Postmodernism: If you use the Postmodern map as your worldview map, you believe that the main problem in the world is that some people think they know what is true. These people then try to gain power by forcing their truth on others. The way to solve this problem is to overthrow the control of those who are in power by helping everyone understand that humans cannot really know what is true. We only know what seems true to our community.

Discuss how you might spend your time differently if you held another worldview's beliefs about what's wrong with the world and how it can be fixed.

For example: If I believed the main problem in our world is that humans are ignorant of Allah's will, weak, and forgetful, I would probably spend most of my time studying and spreading Sharia. If I believed the main problem in our world is that some people try to gain power by forcing their truth on others, I would probably spend most of my time trying to overthrow that power.

Spend time thanking God for revealing the true problem and solution, and asking that you would help others to come to understand their sin and their need for Jesus.

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Question Covered

What do the clues around us reveal about what is wrong with the world?

Truth Learned

There is moral evil and natural evil.

Why This Is Important

If we want our children to see that Christianity is true, we need to help them see how the solution Christianity offers solves both the problems of natural and moral evil.

Dinnertime Discussion

As a family, come up with a list of natural evils and moral evils in our world. Then come up with a list of situations in which moral and natural evil are mixed.

Examples of natural evil: *hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, earthquakes, famine, cancer, stomach bugs, flus, colds, appendicitis, broken bones*

Examples of moral evil: *lying, stealing, coveting, murdering, complaining, having a bad attitude, making fun of others, disobeying parents*

Examples of a mixture of the two: *Someone becomes sick because they don't take good care of their body. A hurricane destroys an entire town because people foolishly built the town below sea level.*

Spend time thanking God for sending Jesus to break the power and penalty of moral evil. Thank Him for the promise that Jesus will one day return and get rid of moral and natural evil forever.

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Question Covered

What do the clues around us reveal about what is wrong with the world?

Truth Learned

The problem of moral evil is out in the world, but its source is the human heart.

Why This Is Important

In order to help our children understand that Christianity is true, they must see that Christianity correctly identifies the source of moral evil–the human heart.

Dinnertime Discussion

Read James 1:13-15, 1 John 2:15-16, and 1 Peter 5:8-9. Discuss what truth these passages reveal about moral evil.

Temptations to do evil begin in the human heart.

The world encourages us to do evil.

Satan encourages us toward evil.

Have each family member list one wrong thing you do not need to teach a baby or toddler to do.

For example: *Shout "No!" or "Mine!" Grab a toy from someone. Whine when they do not get their way.*

Discuss how these actions that babies naturally know how to do reveal that the source of moral evil is the human heart.

Spend time thanking God for sending Jesus to solve the problem of moral evil through his death, resurrection, and promised second coming.

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Which worldview beliefs about what's wrong with the world align with the clues around us?

Truth Learned

Christianity provides the best explanation of what is wrong with the world and how it can be fixed.

Why This Is Important

Our children must see that only Christianity solves the problem of moral evil from its source–the human heart.

Dinnertime Discussion

Review what Christianity teaches about what's wrong with the world and how it can be fixed.

Christianity teaches that humans rebelled against God. We are now sinful, guilty before God, and God cursed the ground. But Jesus came to pay the penalty for our sin and to reconcile us to God. He will one day return and make all things new.

Discuss how no other worldview addresses the source of moral evil–the heart.

Naturalism teaches that moral evil isn't real.

Islam teaches that we just need to try harder to know and submit to the will of Allah.

New Spirituality teaches that we just need to try harder to follow our hearts.

Postmodernism teaches that we need to overthrow power and realize we can't know what is true about moral evil.

Only Christianity addresses the true source of the problem–the heart.

Spend time thanking God for providing the only solution to moral evil–giving us a new heart through Jesus's work on the cross.

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What does Christianity teach about morality?

Truth Learned

Right and wrong are truths based on God's character and revealed in His Word. Humans are not able to live up to God's perfect standard, so God sent Jesus to pay the price for our sin.

Why This Is Important

It is important for our children to understand that Christianity isn't just a list of rules. It is the true story of God seeking to reconcile us to Himself. God's ways stem from His perfect character, and they always lead to flourishing.

Dinnertime Discussion

Read Leviticus 11:44-45 and 1 Peter 1:13-16. Discuss why God's people are called to be holy.

God is holy. Discuss how this reveals the truth that right and wrong aren't just some random list of rules. They are truths that stem from God's character.

Have each family member share one truth about right and wrong that shows that God's ways lead to flourishing.

For example: If everyone treated others the way they want to be treated, there would be no more disagreements. If everyone told the truth, we would be able to fully trust one another.

Then discuss how we can never perfectly follow God's standard.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. Discuss the truths this verse reveals.

Jesus took our sins on Himself on the cross so that we could be forgiven.

Spend time thanking God for His holiness and for sending Jesus.

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What do different worldviews teach about morality?

Truth Learned

Naturalism teaches that right and wrong are just feelings we get from our survival instincts. Islam teaches that right and wrong are truths that Allah has decided.

Why This Is Important

In order for our children to understand that Christianity is true, it is important for them to know the teachings of other worldviews and how they compare.

Dinnertime Discussion

Read the paragraphs explaining each worldview's beliefs about morality.

Naturalism: If you use the Naturalist map as your worldview map, you believe life began accidentally. This means that there is no purpose for humans and no right or wrong way to live. When humans value things like love and justice or punish things like stealing and murder, these are not moral truths. These are just our survival instincts (leftover from evolution) tricking us into feeling that something is right or wrong. Since there is no such thing as right or wrong, those in charge of a society (the government) get to decide the rules for that community. Different communities will have different rules, and that is okay.

Islam: If you use the Islamic map as your worldview map, you believe that right and wrong are truths that Allah has decided. All humans must submit to Sharia (Allah's law) by doing what is right and not doing what is wrong. However, most humans do not submit to Sharia because they do not know it, and they are weak and forgetful. To know Sharia, humans should read the Quran and learn more about the teachings of Mohammed. As Sharia spreads, more humans will know and remember what Allah has decided is right and wrong and will submit to him.

Highlight how Naturalism teaches that right and wrong are feelings, while Islam teaches that they are truths.

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Discuss how you might live differently if you believed right and wrong were feelings.

For example: *You might think that lashing out in anger was a good thing to do if you felt like it. You might believe that speaking the truth was wrong if someone didn't feel good about it.*

Spend time thanking God for revealing right and wrong to us in His Word.

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What do different worldviews teach about morality?

Truth Learned

New Spirituality teaches that right and wrong are feelings we learn from our hearts. Postmodernism teaches that right and wrong are feelings created by our community.

Why This Is Important

In order for our children to understand that Christianity is true, it is important for them to know the teachings of other worldviews and how they compare.

Dinnertime Discussion

Read the paragraphs explaining each worldview's beliefs about morality.

New Spirituality: If you use the New Spiritualist map as your worldview map, you believe that everyone has a part of God in them, so right and wrong are feelings found in our hearts. If someone wants to know what is right or wrong, they should look deep in their hearts. This means that right and wrong will be different for different people, and that is okay. You believe that if you follow your heart, you will spiritually evolve into a better person, and you will earn good karma–this means that good things will happen to you. If you do not follow your heart, you will not become a better person, and you will earn bad karma–this means bad things will happen to you.

Postmodernism: If you use the Postmodern map as your worldview map, you believe that humans cannot know truth. This means that we cannot know what is truly right or wrong. Anytime we believe something is right or wrong, those are feelings that have been created in us by our community. This means that right and wrong will not be the same for every person or every community, and that is okay. The only thing that is not okay is when one person or community claims that they know truth about right and wrong and forces those truths on others. When this happens, those people are just trying to gain power to control others.

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Highlight how New Spirituality and Postmodernism both teach that right and wrong are feelings.

Review how you might live differently if you believed right and wrong were feelings.

> ***For example:*** *You might think parents should never discipline their children if it makes the children sad. You might believe that it was good to tell small lies if you felt like it.*

Spend time thanking God for revealing right and wrong to us in His Word.

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What do the clues around us reveal about right and wrong?

Truth Learned

Right and wrong are truths, not feelings.

Why This Is Important

Understanding this truth is key to seeing the folly of almost every alternative view on morality.

Dinnertime Discussion

As a family, come up with a list of actions that are right and a list of actions that are wrong.

Look through the list and find any items that have almost always been considered right or wrong at different times and in different cultures.

For example: *Theft and murder have been viewed as wrong in almost all times and cultures.*

Discuss what truth is revealed by the fact that most cultures throughout history have had similar beliefs about right and wrong.

This reveals that right and wrong are truths that apply to everyone. They are not feelings that change from person to person or culture to culture.

Spend time thanking God for revealing right and wrong to us in His Word.

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Which worldview beliefs about morality align with the clues around us?

Truth Learned

Christianity provides the best explanation of morality.

Why This Is Important

The goal of this entire curriculum is to help our children see for themselves that Christianity is the only worldview that consistently aligns with the clues in the world around us.

Dinnertime Discussion

Discuss which worldviews teach that right and wrong are truths that humans can know.

Christianity and Islam.

Review the source of the problem of moral evil.

The heart.

Discuss which worldview provides a solution that offers a complete change of heart.

Christianity. While Islam and many other religions teach that humans can do what is good if they try hard enough, only Christianity teaches that our efforts can never be enough. That is why God the Father sent Jesus.

Read Matthew 11:28-30. Discuss how Jesus offers us true rest by reconciling us to God through paying the penalty for our sin.

Spend time thanking God for providing the true solution to the problem of humans doing moral evil–Jesus's life, death, and resurrection!

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