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2022 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE

**MY GOD
is SO
BIG!**

**Helping kids discover
all the character of God**

The link to watch all the videos is: vimeo.com/showcase/9554879

PROGRAM

Each segment is a separate video, allowing you to choose what you watch and in which order. If you would like to watch the whole program as it was planned, a sample program is:

- 9.00am **Bible Talk: Psalm 29** – *Kit Barker*
- 9.55am **Presentation** – *Quiz Worx*
- 10.10am **Break/Morning tea**
- 10.45am **Talk: My God Is So Big** – *Bruce Linton*
- 11.45am **Prayer for Children's Ministry** – *Fiona Singline*
- 11.50am **Song: God is Crazy Big** – *Josh Goscombe*
- 12.00pm **Break/Lunch**
- 12.50pm **Seminar: Seeing My Big God** – *Naomi de Vries*
- 2.00pm **Break/Afternoon Tea**
- 2.25pm **Seminar: Showing and Telling My Big God** – *Adam Jolliffe*
- 3.40pm **Finish**

PSALM 29 – A psalm of David.

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

² Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

³ The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.

⁴ The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is majestic.

⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,
Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷ The voice of the Lord strikes
with flashes of lightning.

⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the desert;
the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.

⁹ The voice of the Lord twists the oaks
and strips the forests bare.
And in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord is enthroned as King forever.

¹¹ The Lord gives strength to his people;
the Lord blesses his people with peace.

(NIV)

BIBLE TALK

PSALM 29 - *Kit Barker*

BIBLE TALK

Our Great Big God is....

10 kids' talk scripts on the
character of God



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FREE from
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PRESENTATION

Quiz Worx

TALK

MY GOD IS SO BIG - *Bruce Linton*

WHY?

“Once you become aware that the main business that you are here for is to know God, most of life’s problems fall into place of their own accord.”

“Our aim in studying the Godhead must be to know God himself the better.”

“We must seek, in studying God, to be led to God. It was for this purpose that revelation was given, and it is to this use that we must put it.”

– J.I. Packer, ‘Knowing God’

WHAT?

Dangers

1.

2.

3.

TALK

Two Profound Truths:

1.

2.

Two Frameworks:

Simple

Long

TALK

Two Comforting Truths:

1.

2.

HOW?

All the time

Keep God at the centre

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BIG!



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SEMINAR 1

SEEING MY BIG GOD - *Naomi de Vries*

Stories capture our hearts as well as our minds. Stories make the invisible qualities of God visible for children. In this seminar we will explore how to use and tell biblical stories well, creative ways to tell stories and tips on how to use stories to help children see and delight in their great God.

Seminar Aims:

- 1.** to equip you with a passion to use biblical stories as their main teaching tool
 - 2.** to equip you with the skills to tell engaging, well applied biblical stories
 - 3.** to equip you with ideas, resources and tools for creative storytelling
- Remember you never grow too old for a story!

1. Welcome

- What was your favorite story as a child? Why?

2. The importance of stories

- Stories in our culture

- Stories in our childhood

- Stories in our faith

- Stories in our tool box

SEMINAR 1

Activity:

Brainstorm a biblical story to illustrate these attributes or aspects of God’s character

ATTRIBUTE OF GOD	BIBLE STORIES
loving	
all powerful	
patient/kind	
good	
eternal	
just/judging	
all knowing/wise	
always present/infinite/ timeless	

SEMINAR 1

ATTRIBUTE OF GOD	BIBLE STORIES
faithful	
compassionate/gracious	
perfect/holy	
forgiving/merciful	
incomprehensible	
self existent	
righteous/angry	
triune	

SEMINAR 1

We know someone's character, what someone is like, through their relationships, the way they talk, act and behave towards other people. God shows us what he is like in the way he interacts and relates to people. **God's character is clearly visible to the children we are teaching in the stories we tell about God and his people.**

3. Preparing to tell biblical stories well

- Read

- Reflect

- Respond

- Rehearse and Retell

Activity: workshop a story together

SEMINAR 1

4. Creative Storytelling - Tools, Tips and Ideas

- Scenes and Playworlds
- Shadow Puppets
- Chalk
- Felt
- Other quick tips and ideas

5. Questions and Wrap Up

the bridge



NEW RELATIONSHIPS

Develop new friendships and sharpen one another. Bridge into new circles with people from other cultures, missionaries, mission organisations, lecturers and para-church ministries.



PURPOSEFUL LEARNING

Gain a greater understanding of God's character and purpose with deep and relevant study of the Old Testament, New Testament and mission. Be transformed by God's word.



PRACTICAL SKILLS

Get a 'tool box' of very practical life and ministry skills. Learn how to give a Bible talk, cook for a crowd, brew a great cup of coffee, drive safely, give first aid and lots lots more!



SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Grow in Christ-likeness through Bible-centred learning, mission activities, reflection and prayer. Be mentored and develop a greater confidence in sharing the gospel.



GLOBAL MISSION

Be part of God's global mission! Get into hands-on weekly activities centred on mission, mission lectures plus a three week Mission Study Tour.

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SEMINAR 2

SHOWING AND TELLING MY BIG GOD - *Adam Jolliffe*

Aims

1. How to come up with ways to show who God is to children.
2. How to show what this means for children?

Activity (Think, Pair, Share)

What do you wonder about God?

What do children ask you about God?

Can we know God?

- *Since the creation of the world, God's invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature - have been clearly seen.* Romans 1:20
- *I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.* Exodus 20:2
- *You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life: it is these that testify about Me.* John 5:29
- *No-one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.* John 1:18

SEMINAR 2

Object lesson: Look in the mirror

God's attributes and application

- Communicable / Incommunicable
Application:

- Within the story to save
Application:

Recognise the limitations

- of Illustrations
- of developing minds

Help with our challenges

- The value of illustrations
- God communicates his attributes

SEMINAR 2

Activity:

Choose an attribute of God, brainstorm ways to teach it and how it applies to children

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Reflect: What’s one thing that you could put into practise in the next two weeks as a result of this seminar?

**Whether you want to prepare
for cross-cultural mission
or pastoral ministry,
or simply want to
know God and his
word better
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flexible study
options at SMBC**



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