

Puggles

BIG
TRUTHS
FOR KIDS TO KNOW

Teaching Cards

Puggles: Your MOPS Kids Program

Welcome to Puggles: Big Truths for Kids to Know!

You are holding a customized set of everything you need to run an amazing teaching time for the young children in your MOPS Kids program. MOPS International, the global leader in encouraging and equipping moms, is partnering with Awana®, the global leader in child discipleship to provide this resource to you!

Puggles® is a program to introduce young children to what they need to know most about God and His love! It communicates the four Big Truths from the Bible that form a strong first impression of God, His love for us, and our response to His love. Children will learn the Big Truths and the Bible verses that go with them. This year in MOPS Kids you will be using Units 2 and 4 to focus on Big Truths 2 and 4.

Puggles Big Truths for Kids to Know

Big Truth 1: God Made Everything! (Acts 17:24)

Big Truth 2: God Is Great! (Psalm 48:1)

Big Truth 3: God Loves Us! (1 John 4:16)

Big Truth 4: We Give Thanks! (Psalm 107:1)



Puggles Teaching Cards

These cards are the tool to teach your weekly lesson to the children in your Puggles program. Each of the teaching cards contains different sections that you can combine to meet the needs of your group. You can choose which ones to do with your particular group of kids, based on what you know about their age and attention span. For younger children, you can simplify your teaching time to include only these sections: Introduce the Lesson, Bible Story, and Pray Together.

Lesson Sections on Each Puggles Teaching Card

Big Truth — The truth from Scripture for the children to know

Big Verse — The Bible verse that the children can memorize

Items Needed — The list of supplies that you need for the lesson

Introduce the Lesson — The way to start your lesson that connects the picture on the front of the teaching card with the topic of each lesson

Bible Story — A story from the Bible that relates to the lesson topic

Hands-On Experience — A way to help children connect to the lesson by engaging their senses and using objects they can touch

Questions to Ask — Two questions about the lesson

Pray Together — A short closing prayer to end your lesson

Don't Forget to Use the Puggles Teaching Plans

Your teaching cards only cover the main teaching time in your Puggles program. The rest of your plan for how to structure your weekly class is in the *Puggles Teaching Plans*, including printable crafts, songs, games, centers, and more. These plans are available to MOPS Kids leaders as part of your Group Experience Kit. Go to leaders.mops.org/mopskids-curriculum to download the *Puggles Teaching Plans* to see how these can help you!

Additional Puggles Resources

There are also many other resources that set you up for success in your Puggles program, including music, puppets, coloring books, shirts, and sticker attendance charts. There are also resources for parents to use at home to deepen the discipleship experience for kids. You can order Puggles products online — go to awana.org/store to order what you need.



God Is
ALWAYS WITH ME



2.1 God Is Always With Me!

God's Promise to Abraham (Genesis 22:15-18)

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Big Truth 2: God is great!

Big Verse 2: *Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise. (Psalm 48:1)*

Items Needed: Large (12" x 18") piece of black construction paper, star stickers

Introduce the Lesson

Seat children in a circle on the floor. Sing a song to help quiet their hearts and hands. Hold up this teaching card and point to the picture on the front.

Have you ever looked up at the stars at night and wondered how many there are? God promised His friend, Abraham, that he would have more people in his family than there are stars in the sky. God did just what He said. God also promises to always be with us. Today we are learning that God is with us!

Bible Story

God created so many stars that we can't count them all. God promised His friend, Abraham, that He would give him a family with more people in it than there are stars in the sky! God blessed Abraham's family, and eventually, there really were more people in his family than you could count. God kept His promise to Abraham.

Optional: Read Genesis 22:15-18 out loud to the children.

The Bible tells us that God was always there for Abraham. God did what He said He would and gave Abraham a son named Isaac. And Isaac had children named Jacob and Esau. They had many children and became a large group of people who were called the Israelites. God continued to keep His promises and blessed them so that they could bless others. God is always there for us too. He even sent His son, Jesus, to be with us so we can see how faithful God is. God keeps His promises to us too. Next time you look at the stars, remember that God is always with you. Just like Abraham, you are never alone.

Hands-On Experience

While the kids are still seated, bring out the paper and stickers. **Let's all work together to create a beautiful starry night sky to help us remember that God is always with us.**

Give the children a star sticker or two and help them place it on the black paper. Make sure their star doesn't overlap other children's stars and that each child gets a turn to help fill the "sky" with stars. **We had fun putting lots of beautiful stars on our paper. Each one can remind you of how much God loves you and promises to be with you. God is great because He is always with us!**

Questions to Ask

Does God always keep His promises? Help the children understand that God always keeps His promises.

What does God promise us? Help the children understand that God promises to always be with us.

Pray Together

Thank you, God, that You love us. You are so amazing and great! Thank you for promising to always be with us. Amen.

But wait, there's more!

Would you like a fun nature activity to do or send home? Use this free printable to get kids outside and thinking about God's creation! Go to Nature Walk Bingo at awana.org/puggles2-1 to download this free resource.

