The 7 Basic Truths are the theological framework for Kids Ministry at The Austin Stone, and they sum up the entire gospel message in kid-friendly language. As your children grow up in Kids Ministry, we hope they don’t just memorize these statements, but believe them, apply them to their lives, and use them to share the gospel with their friends.

God made everything, including me.

God is the creator and sustainer of all life. God made humans in His image and for His glory, and He made each of us to reflect Him uniquely. He loves His creation!

Genesis 1:1, Genesis 1:27, Psalm 139:14a

God is King of everything, including me.

God created everything, so He is in charge as King. When happy things happen, we can thank and praise God! And when sad things happen, we know God can help and will use it for His glory and our good.

Psalm 22:28, Jeremiah 32:27, Joshua 1:9

God is good and is the greatest treasure in the world.

God and His Word can always be trusted. He is perfect and always does what is right.

Psalm 145:8-9a, James 1:17a, Psalm 119:68a
I'm born a sinner, and I need a Rescuer.

Every person is a sinner. Sin is going against God’s will or Word in any way. Our sin keeps us from having a relationship with God, and we cannot fix that problem ourselves. We need God’s help.

Romans 3:23, Psalm 51:5, Psalm 71:2

Jesus is the Rescuer who can bring me to the greatest treasure in the world.

Jesus is the only way back to God. He came to pay the price for sin and came back to life, proving His power over sin and death! Anyone who trusts in Jesus is rescued from their sin, and their relationship with God is restored.

Romans 5:8, John 17:3, Acts 4:12

God gives us the Holy Spirit who helps us remember and obey what Jesus taught.

Jesus has taught us all that we need to know to live a life pleasing to God. But sometimes we forget and we can’t obey God in our own strength, so God gives us His Holy Spirit to remind us of what Jesus taught and to help us obey Him.

Galatians 4:6, John 14:15-16, John 16:13-14

Tell the world that Jesus is the Rescuer.

This basic truth reminds us that God gave us a mission: to show and tell the world about Jesus through the Holy Spirit’s power. We want more people to know, love, and trust Jesus, so we want to tell as many people as possible about Him.

Psalm 96:3, Philippians 2:11, Isaiah 6:8