

BIG TRUTH: WE ARE SINNERS

Psalm 51:5; 130:3; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Isaiah 53:6; 64:6; Romans 3:10-12; 5:12; Ephesians 2:1-3; 1 John 1:8-10

BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 3:23

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

BIG IDEAS

- Sin is disobedience.
- Sin is rejection.
- I have disobeyed and rejected God.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 3

God prepared a home for Adam and Eve. He placed them in the Garden of Eden and gave them everything they needed to live. Because of His love for them, He gave them boundaries. They could eat anything in the Garden except for one thing. The only thing they could not eat was the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. God set this boundary to protect Adam and Eve, but Adam and Eve disobeyed God. When they ate the fruit, they chose to break away from God’s plan. Their disobedience was sin and their hearts became sinful. Every person born after them is born with a sinful heart. We are all disobedient.

STORY: FALL

Everything was perfect in the world until we broke it. When humanity chose to sin, the world that was once perfect became messed up and broken. Sin is ultimately a rejection of God Himself. Because of sin bad things happen, we experience all types of pain, and death has come into the world. All of creation groans and wishes that the world could be perfect and good like it was before.

BIG AIMS**Every child should know that:**

- Our sin is a rejection of God that separates us from Him

**Every child should feel:**

- A need to have a right relationship with God

**Every child should:**

- Trust what God tells us about the depth of our sin and brokenness

**Every child should want:**

- A restored relationship with God

DISOBEDIENCE IS SIN

Play a game of “Mother May I” with your children. After you finish playing, talk with them about how we all should obey God and when we don’t obey Him, we are sinning.

DISCOVER IT: *(Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)*

Genesis 3

THINK ABOUT IT: *(Use the commentary to reinforce the Big Truth.)*

Most of the time we like to have our own way. We don’t like it when someone is always telling us what to do. Sometimes we even decide not to listen when someone is telling us what we can or cannot do. Adam and Eve had everything they could ever need or want, really in the Garden God had prepared for them. They had rules, too. Their rules were not hard to follow, but soon Adam and Eve chose not to follow God’s rules. They disobeyed Him by eating fruit from the one tree in the Garden He told them to not eat from. Sin immediately entered their hearts and the heart of every person after them. We are just like Adam and Eve. We all disobey. Even if we don’t disobey with our actions, our thoughts and attitude can be disobedient. We can get mad or upset that someone is telling us what to do. When we disobey God, we are sinning.

TALK ABOUT IT: *(Use the questions to discuss the Big Truth)*

- What did God tell Adam and Eve not to eat? (He told them not to eat fruit from the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.)
- What did Adam and Eve eat from? (They ate from the one tree God told them not to eat from.)
- What do we all do? (We all disobey and are sinful.)



As a family memorize Romans 3:23 by saying a small section of the verse at a time and having your child repeat what you say.



As a family take a drive through town. Make sure to drive on different roads with different speed limits. Point out the stop signs, speed limit signs, and traffic lights. Talk with your child about how these are rules that are often broken even though everyone knows why they are there. Talk with your child about how we all break God’s rules, we all sin and disobey Him.



Spend some time at bedtime talking with your child about his or her behavior that day. Praise him or her for good behavior and talk about how the disobedient behavior is sin. Share with your child how even you are disobedient at times.



Play a game of reverse hide and seek with your child. Tell your child to stay hidden until you call for them to come to you. Vary the length of time you wait to call them each time you play. Talk with them about how sometimes it was hard for them to wait for you, to listen to you and that’s how it is for us. We are like Adam and Eve and we disobey God.

As a family spend some time praying and asking God to help you know when you disobey and thanking Him for sending His Son, Jesus.