

# WE SIN AGAINST GOD

## STORY: FALL

### BIG TRUTH: WE SIN AGAINST GOD

Genesis 1:27; 9:6; Leviticus 6:2-7; 2 Samuel 12:9, 13; 1 Kings 8:46; Romans 1:18-23

### BIBLE VERSE: PSALM 51:4

*“Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.”*

### BIG IDEAS

- Sin is pride.
- Sin is rebellion.
- I am prideful and rebellious.

### BIBLE STORY: 2 SAMUEL 12

David was a man whose heart was wholly given to the Lord. As a boy, he followed God and believed in God to help him slay the giant, Goliath. Even though David was known for his love for God, as king, even he fell to sin. He became prideful in all that he had accomplished and all that God had given him and he sinned. His sin was pride and his pride caused him to rebel against God’s law. His rebellion did not last though. He repented of his sin and turned his heart to God again.

### 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

### FAMILY DEVOTION: PRIDE LEADS US TO FALL

Pride is in the heart of every person. Pride causes us to think more of ourselves than we should and it leads us to fall to sin.

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**We are all in need of mercy.**

- The psalmist David knows he has sinned against God.
- His words in this Psalm show us his understanding of his own sin.
- David knew he was in need of God’s mercy.
- We are all like David and in need of God’s mercy.
- No one is without sin.
- We all sin against God.

**Our sin is against God.**

- When we sin, we sin against God.
- Our sin affects other people, but we are truly sinning against God.
- David understood that his sin was against God.
- Though our sin can hurt other people, we truly wrong God when we sin.

**God is our true judge.**

- Our sinful actions affect other people.
- Our sin hurts other people.
- Only God is truly righteous and good.
- Only God can truly judge us.
- Our sin is against Him.

**BIBLE STORY: 2 SAMUEL 12**

*David’s Sin and Repentance*

**Opening Illustration:**

Have the children make binoculars out of craft rolls (toilet paper rolls or paper towel rolls cut in half). Use glue or tape to connect the rolls, then give the children markers or crayons to decorate their binoculars. Attach yarn or string to make a strap for the binoculars. Then, on large pieces of paper write out the names of toys or items, such as a brand new car, a cool set of Legos, a new American Girl doll, paint set, etc. Tape these pieces of paper around the room. Ask the children to take turns using the binoculars to find an item that they would really like to have. After every child has a chance to find an item, talk with them about how sometimes we take pride in the stuff we have or the things we do and we rebel against God. Everything we have is from God, but we forget this truth because of the pride in our hearts which causes us to sin against Him.

**BIG IDEA: SIN IS PRIDE.<sup>1</sup>****Pride is finding satisfaction in ourselves or others.**

- When we feel great satisfaction in our accomplishments or someone else's, our focus is on us and not on God.
- Everything we have and everything we accomplish is because of God.<sup>1</sup>
- David had accomplished a lot.
- He was a mighty king and had won many battles.
- When he found great satisfaction in himself and his success, he focused on the wrong thing.
- When we focus on ourselves rather than God, we become prideful.
- Sin is a focus on the wrong thing and it is prideful.

**Our pride causes us to make wrong choices.**

- When we are prideful, we focus on ourselves and we make bad choices.
- We begin to think we are the reason we have success.
- Our hearts desire to please ourselves and not God.
- David's heart desired to please himself.
- He took something that belonged to someone else because he was prideful in his position as king. He disobeyed God when he did this.
- David confessed his sin of pride as we, too, should do.



Place a large piece of paper on the wall. Divide the children into two teams. Give each team a marker and ask the children to take turns writing an accomplishment on the paper, such as getting a good grade, making a goal, cleaning your room, etc. After each child has a chance to write something, talk with the children about how our hearts are prideful and we can sin against God when we think more of ourselves and our stuff than we do Him.

*How did David have pride? (He focused on himself and his own accomplishments.)*

*How do we have pride? (When we focus on ourselves rather than God.)*

1. 2 Peter 1:3: God gives us everything we need. Everything comes from Him. We can boast in nothing but Him.

**BIG IDEA: SIN IS REBELLION.<sup>2</sup>****Sin is not doing what God says to do.**

- David didn't follow God's way when he took Uriah's wife, Bathsheba.
- David rebelled against God when he sent Uriah into battle knowing he would be killed.
- Rebellion is a heart that doesn't listen or obey God.
- Every person has a heart that is rebellious.
- When we follow our hearts, we follow rebellion.



Play a game of "Follow the Leader" with the children. After you finish playing the game, talk with the children about how we are rebellious against God. Pride in ourselves causes us to not obey Him and His Word.

**Sin is rebellion against God.**

- When we sin, we disobey God.
- When we disobey God, we are saying that we don't think God's way is best.
- David sinned against God.
- David was rebellious against God because he did what he wanted instead of what God said was best.
- We rebel against God, too, when we do what we think is best instead of what God says is best.

*How did David rebel against God? (He didn't obey God; he took Uriah's wife and sent Uriah into battle.)*

*How do we rebel against God? (We don't obey God's Word.)*

2. Proverbs 17:11: Evil men seek out rebellion. Rebellion is sin against God.

**BIG IDEA: I AM PRIDEFUL AND REBELLIOUS.<sup>3</sup>****Everyone is prideful.**

- Just like David was prideful, Adam and Eve were prideful in the Garden.
- They chose to do what they wanted instead of what God said to do.
- Every person is like Adam and Eve and David.
- We find our satisfaction in ourselves and our own accomplishments and we don't recognize that God gives us everything.
- We take credit for all that God has and continues to do for us and in our lives.



Give each child a piece of paper and a marker. Ask the children to draw a picture of themselves. Ask the children to decorate their self-portraits with the activities or things that they take pride in. Remind the children that everything we have is from God. Pride in our hearts causes us to rebel against God.

**Everyone is rebellious.**

- No one seeks God or desires to do His will on their own.<sup>3</sup>
- We all want to please ourselves just like David did.
- We choose to not follow God's way and follow our own way instead.
- We rebel against what He tells us to do and how He tells us to live.
- David knew God's way was best, but he was blinded by his own accomplishments and a sense of entitlement. He took Uriah's wife when he should not have and it cost him the life of his own son.

*Does anyone seek God? (No one seeks God. We are all in rebellion against God.)*

3. Romans 3:11: *There is no one who seeks God. No one who is not in rebellion against God.*

## HOOKS

**Pride Versus Humility**

On small pieces of paper write down Bible verses about pride and humility. Place the pieces of paper in a small bowl or basket. Next, play a game of musical chairs with the children. The child who is left without a chair gets to choose a piece of paper from the basket. Ask him or her to read the verse out loud to the others. After every child has a chance to read a verse, talk with the children about how our pride is sin, and it causes us to be rebellious.



- Our pride in ourselves and our accomplishments causes us to rebel or disobey God's Word.
- When we think too much of ourselves instead of giving God the credit He deserves, we are prideful.
- God wants us to be humble and to not think too much of ourselves.

**Pride Leads To Rebellion**

On a large pieces of a paper write down several prideful behaviors, such as talking about how great we are, thinking we are better than others, etc. Tape these papers on the floor making a path to a box. In the box, place a piece of paper with the word "rebellion" on it. Ask the children to take turns following the path you made on the floor and opening the box when they reach it. Ask the children to not reveal what is in the box until every child has a chance to follow the path. Once every child has followed the path, lead the children in a discussion about how pride leads us to rebel.

- Our hearts are sinful and full of pride.
- When we take pride in ourselves, we are not honoring God.
- We think we know better than God and we choose to disobey Him.

