

BIG TRUTH: WE REJECT GOD'S RULE

Psalm 10:13; 146:3-4; 2 Kings 17:15; Amos 2:4; John 12:48; Romans 1:18-21

BIBLE VERSE: PSALM 2:1-2

"Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and against His Anointed."

BIG IDEAS

- In our sin we look for false saviors for rescue.
- In our sin we want to rule or be in charge.
- In our sin we reject the true Savior.

BIBLE STORY: 1 SAMUEL 8

God had always taken care of His people. He had done so in mighty and powerful ways, yet they cried out for an earthly king. Samuel explains to them all that the earthly king will do to them, yet they still cry for the king, rejecting the one, true King of all.

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

WE WANT TO RULE

Using crepe streamers and other art supplies, help your child decorate a chair as a throne. Talk to your child about the things we let rule our lives instead of God. God is the King of all and the better king.

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

1 Samuel 8

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

Samuel had served the Israelites, God's special people, for many years. His sons were now helping him serve them, but they were not obeying God or listening to God like Samuel always had. They were disobeying and treating the people unjustly. The people looked at the other nations around them and they saw kings ruling them. The Israelites cried out to Samuel to give them a king. They wanted an earthly king to protect them, fight for them, and rule over them. They wanted to be like the surrounding nations. Samuel was angry with the Israelites for wanting an earthly king because he knew God was already their King. God told Samuel to give the people an earthly king, but to first explain to them how the king would treat them. Samuel gathered the people together and told them how the king would take their freedom and use them for his gain. He told them that God was their true King, but the people still cried out for an earthly king. They rejected God's rule over them and chose an earthly, less powerful king to rule over them. We reject God's rule in our lives too. We look for other people or other things to rule us or watch out for us.

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

- What did Samuel's sons do that upset the people? (They treated them unjustly and disobeyed God.)
- What did the Israelites ask for? (They asked for an earthly king.)
- What did God say through Samuel to His people? (He told them how the king would treat them, yet they still asked for an earthly king.)



As a family memorize Psalm 2:1-2 by racing each other to a "base". The person who reaches base last gets to say the verses out loud.



Help your child make a crown out of cardstock. Help them decorate their crown and as you do, talk with them about what kind of King God is. Remind them that He is more powerful than any other being.



Create a False Saviors scavenger hunt for your child. Include pictures of different things that we see as saviors instead of Jesus, such as other people, money, friends, status, etc. Help your child complete the scavenger hunt. Once you find everything, talk with your child about how we reject God's rule and look for false saviors, but Jesus is the only true Savior.



Spend some time this week thanking God for being our King. Pray with your child thanking God for always protecting your family and providing for them.