

**BIG TRUTH: WE REJECT GOD'S TRUTH**

Genesis 3:1-6; Romans 1:18, 24-25; 2 Timothy 3:1-5

**BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 1:25**

*"Because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen."*

**BIG IDEAS**

- In our sin we deny the truth.
- In our sin we choose to believe lies.
- In our sin we put our hope in false saviors.
- In our sin we reject the true author of life.

**BIBLE STORY: ACTS 7**

Stephen addressed a group of religious men called the Sanhedrin. He spoke God's truth to them, but they rejected it. They became very angry with Stephen and they had him stoned to death. They believed lies instead of God's Truth and they placed their hope in false saviors.

**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

**A DENIAL OF TRUTH**

Fix your child a cup of water. Refer to the cup of water as a cup of milk. Ask your child to taste the "milk" and tell you if they like it. When your child tells you it's actually water, refuse to believe it. Continue to insist that it is milk. Take a sip of it yourself and say it is milk. When your child insists that it is actually water, talk with them about how our sin causes us to deny God's truth just like you were denying the truth about the water.

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

Acts 7

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

Stephen was God's servant. He had been sent out with other followers of Jesus to share the good news of Jesus with the world. When Stephen spoke, he shared God's truth with those who would listen. One day he was sharing the good news with people and a group of religious men known as the Sanhedrin became very angry with him. They tried to accuse him of blaspheming God, or saying untrue things. Stephen continued to speak the truth about God and Jesus and this made the Sanhedrin even angrier. They became so angry they had Stephen stoned to death. Stephen never turned away from God and the truth. The Sanhedrin had denied God's truth. They had believed lies instead of the truth. The sin in our hearts causes us to believe in lies instead of God's truth, too.

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

- What would Stephen preach to people? (He preach the truth about God and Jesus.)
- Whom did Stephen anger with his preaching? (The Sanhedrin.)
- What did the Sanhedrin do to Stephen? (They had him stoned to death.)



As a family memorize Romans 1:25 by playing a game of musical bean bag. The person holding the bean bag when the music stops gets to say the verse out loud.



As a family take a trip to your local park or go for a hike. As you walk through the park or hike, talk with your child about how even nature shows us God's truth.



Play a game of two truths and a lie with your child. Take turns saying two things that are true and one lie and guessing which is the lie. Remind your child that our sin causes us to believe lies when we reject God's truth.



Spend some time this week talking with your child about God's truth. Together with your child, brainstorm a list of things that are true about God. Pray with your child thanking God for showing Himself in creation.