

SIN REJECTS THE  
RULE OF GOD

REVIEW - FALL

**BIG TRUTH: SIN REJECTS THE RULE OF GOD***Psalms 33:10; Isaiah 14:27; Jeremiah 15:6; Hosea 4:6; Romans 1:18-32; 8:5-8; Ephesians 2:1-2; Colossians 1:21***BIBLE VERSE: COLOSSIANS 1:21***And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds***BIG IDEAS**

- We are separated from God.
- We reject God's rule.
- We reject God's truth.
- We reject God's law.
- We reject God's joy.

**BIBLE STORY: LUKE 15:11-24 (THE PRODIGAL SON)**

The story of the Prodigal Son reveals our rejection of God. It tells the story of a father who has two sons. The younger son decides that he wants his inheritance early, and when he gets it he takes it and runs away. He didn't truly love his father, he only wanted the money that the father would leave to him. This parable reveals that even though we reject God, God is merciful and gracious to us.

**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:**

- When we do not submit our lives to God's rule over us, that is sin

**Every child should feel:**

- Sorrow over sin

**Every child should:**

- Recognize examples of ways that they reject God's rule in their lives

**Every child should want:**

- To live under God's rule

**FAMILY DEVOTION:**

Guide 9 acts as a review for the preceding weeks. Use this guide and devotion to support, reinforce, and review concepts learned throughout the past weeks and to test your child's understanding and memory of these truths.

**BIBLE VERSE: COLOSSIANS 1:21**

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**We sin when we do evil things that are against God.**

- Sin is when we do things that are against God.
- God created the world, so He gets to make the rules for how the world works.
- When we go against God's design for creation, we sin against Him.
- Our sin is a rejection of God and His rule over the world.

**Our sin alienates us from God.**

- We are separated from God by our sin.
- To be alienated means to be separated.
- Our sin separates us from a Holy God because our hearts turn away from Him.
- Our sin causes us to do evil things that are displeasing to God.
- Our sinful hearts do not follow after God.
- This sinfulness separates and pulls us away from God.

**Our sin makes us hostile toward God.**

- Because our hearts are sinful, our minds fight against God.
- We don't seek to please God or glorify Him.
- Our thoughts are for ourselves and not how we can please God.
- Our thoughts become actions that are sinful and against God.
- This continues to separate us from God.

**BIBLE STORY: LUKE 15:8-10**

*The Prodigal Son*

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**Opening Illustration:**

Write the words "Brokenness", "Separation", and "Sin" on separate sheets of paper. Place each paper in a box and then wrap the box. Bring the three boxes to class and place them on a table for the children to see. Tell them that inside of each box is a truth about every person on earth. Ask the children to take turns guessing what is inside of each box by playing a game of beanbag toss. When a person hits the designated spot, he or she gets to guess what is inside of the box. Once the children have had a chance to take a guess, open the boxes and talk with them about how we are all broken and separated from God because of our sin. Only Jesus can fix our brokenness.

Guide 9 acts as a review for the preceding weeks. The Big Ideas in Guide 9 are the Big Truths that were learned in Guides 4-8. Use this week as an opportunity to review and reinforce these truths. For further study, information, or resources, refer back to Guides 4-8.

### **BIG IDEA: WE ARE SEPARATED FROM GOD.**

BIBLE VERSE: EPHESIANS 2:12

*"Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ."*

See Guide 4 for more information on this Big Idea.

### **BIG IDEA: WE REJECT GOD'S RULE.**

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."*

See Guide 5 for more information on this Big Idea.

### **BIG IDEA: WE REJECT GOD'S TRUTH.**

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."*

See Guide 6 for more information on this Big Idea.

### **BIG IDEA: WE REJECT GOD'S LAW.**

BIBLE VERSE: PSALM 78:10-11

*"They did not keep God's covenant, but refused to walk according to His law. They forgot His works and the wonders that He had shown them."*

See Guide 7 for more information on this Big Idea.

### **BIG IDEA: WE REJECT GOD'S JOY.**

BIBLE VERSE: JEREMIAH 2:13

*"For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water."*

See Guide 8 for more information on this Big Idea.

## HOOKS

**Lost and Found**

Bring in a box labeled "Lost and Found". Inside of the box place several items that children might lose, such as a shoe, light jacket, pencil or crayon, small toy, etc. Gather the children around the box and pull the items one at a time from the box. Talk with the children about each item and how a person might lose them. Once you've talked about each item, lead them in a discussion about how our sin separates us from God like the items are separated from their owners.

**Simon Didn't Say**

Have the children play several rounds of the game Simon Says. Instruct one child not to follow Simon's instructions, but to do something different instead. Talk about how they aren't really playing the game, because they aren't following the rules of the leader. This is like how in our sin, we reject God's rule for our lives. When we reject God's rule, we cannot experience full joy in life.

