

WE SIN AGAINST GOD

STORY: FALL / YEAR: VALUE

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 be perfect and good like it was before.

BIG AIMS



Every child should know that:

- all people are broken in sin and suffer consequences because of sin.



Every child should:

- sin as disobedience against God and His plan.



Every child should feel:

- burdened by the the reality of sin.



Every child should want:

- to be rescued from a life of sin and brokenness.

FAMILY DEVOTION: WE ARE PRIDEFUL AND REBELLIOUS

Sin is pride in ourselves. We forget who God is and we fail to thank Him for all that He gives and does to and for us. Our pride leads us to rebel against Him.

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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.**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.¹
- 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.
- Pride is a focus on the wrong thing and it is sinful.



Lead the children to define the word “pride” and the word “rebellion”. Ask them to make a list of behaviors or attitudes that show pride and rebellion. Next ask them to explain how our pride and rebellion is really sin against God. Lead them in a discussion about how all of our sin is really against God even though it may hurt others.

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.

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.**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.



Divide the children into two teams. Gather together two puzzles. Switch the puzzle pieces from one box to a box that doesn't match the puzzle. Give each team a puzzle in the wrong box to put together. Give them a few minutes to put it together and then talk with them about how pride leads us to rebel against God, which causes us to make bad choices. Our rebellion is like trying to put the puzzle together with the wrong picture to help us.

Sin is rebellion against God.²

- 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.

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BIG IDEA: I AM PRIDEFUL AND REBELLIOUS.**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.



Write the words "Pride" and "Rebellion" on the board or a large piece of paper. Ask the children to name attitudes or behaviors that are prideful and/or rebellious. Lead them in a discussion about how we are all prideful and rebellious against God.

Everyone is rebellious.

- No one seeks God or desires to do His will on their own.³
- 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.*

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HOOKS

**Pride Versus Humility**

On small pieces of paper write down Bible verses about pride and humility. Place the verses in a basket and have the children take turns choosing a verse. Once they choose the verse, give them a few minutes to find the verse in their Bibles and to read it out loud. Once every verse has been found and read, lead the children in a discussion about the differences between pride and humility.



- Pride is thinking more of ourselves and our accomplishments than we should.
- Pride is also taking credit for everything we have and everything we do.
- Humility is not thinking less of ourselves, but not thinking about ourselves.
- Humility is thinking of others more than ourselves and giving credit to God for all that we have and are able to do.

**Pride Leads To Rebellion**

Read Psalm 51 with the children. Divide the children into small groups and ask them to answer the following questions about Psalm 51:

- Who is asking God to forgive him? (David is asking for forgiveness.)
- Against whom has David sinned? (David has sinned against God.)

Allow the children to share their answers to the questions and then lead them in a discussion about how we all have sinned against God. Ask them to name some ways that each of them have sinned against God. Remind them that God is faithful to forgive anyone who asks for forgiveness.