

BIG TRUTH: WE ARE SINNERS

Psalm 51:5; 130:3; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Isaiah 53:6; 64:6; Romans 3:10-12; 5:12; Ephesians 2:1-3; 1 John 1:8-10

BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 3:23

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

BIG IDEAS

- Sin is disobedience.
- Sin is rejection.
- I have disobeyed and rejected God.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 3

God prepared a home for Adam and Eve. He placed them in the Garden of Eden and gave them everything they needed to live. Because of His love for them, He gave them boundaries. They could eat anything in the Garden except for one thing. The only thing they could not eat was the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. God set this boundary to protect Adam and Eve, but Adam and Eve disobeyed God. When they ate the fruit, they chose to break away from God’s plan. Their disobedience was sin and their hearts became sinful. Every person born after them is born with a sinful heart. We are all disobedient.

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:**

- Sin has broken our families

**Every child should feel:**

- Burdened at how sin breaks our families

**Every child should:**

- Be aware of the ways their sin affects their family

**Every child should want:**

- Their family to be made new by Christ

A HEART OF DISOBEDIENCE

Create a list of things for your child to do this week. Write these things on small paper hearts. Place two empty containers or jars on a counter in your house. Every time your child does one of the things you have written on the hearts, place the heart in one of the jars that is labeled Obedient. When your child doesn't do one of the things written on the hearts, place it in the jar labeled Disobedient. Include things on the hearts that are difficult for us, such as loving our siblings, or cleaning our rooms, etc. We are all born with a heart of disobedience. We are all sinful.

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

Genesis 3

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

When God created Adam and Eve, they were perfect. He did not create them with sin in their hearts. Their hearts were perfect and good. God gave Adam and Eve every thing they would need and placed them in their home, the Garden of Eden. God also provided boundaries for Adam and Eve when He placed them in the Garden of Eden. He told them not to eat the fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. God knew what was best for Adam and Eve, yet they chose to reject Him and His command. Instead of listening to Him and choosing not to eat the fruit, they chose to eat it. Their choice to eat the fruit, even though God told them not to, was a rejection of God Himself. Their hearts immediately became sinful and every person born after them is born with a sinful heart. Their choice was disobedient to God and every person born after them is born with a heart of disobedience. We naturally are disobedient. Our parents have been given authority over us, yet we begin disobeying them at a young age. Our hearts are sinful and seek our own way instead of following after God.

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

- What did God tell Adam and Eve they could eat? (They could eat the fruit from any tree except the forbidden tree.)
- Did Adam and Eve obey God? (They did not obey Him.)
- How did Adam and Eve sin? (They disobeyed God.)



As a family, memorize Romans 3:23 by writing the verse on a strip of paper and placing it somewhere it can be easily seen. Take turns saying the verse out loud throughout the week.



Take a trip to your local mall. Walk with your child through the mall and ask your child to keep track of the many different people that he or she sees. After you leave the mall, spend some time talking with your child about how there are many different people in the world, but we are all sinners. Every person is born with a sin nature.



Spend some time at bedtime talking with your child about his or her behavior that day. Praise him or her for good behavior and talk about how the disobedient behavior is sin. Share with your child how you are even disobedient at times.



Create a scavenger hunt for your child where your child has to look for broken things. Once he or she finishes the scavenger hunt, talk with him or her about how brokenness is a result of sin. We are all broken and sinful because we are born with sinful hearts.

As a family, spend some time singing praises to God for sending His Son to pay our sin debt because of our disobedience.