

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:**

- 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 REBELLIOUS HEART

Use a rope or string to tie your foot to your child's. Tell your child that you are going to walk together to the end of your driveway or to a designated spot. When your child begins to walk towards the designated spot, pull in the opposite direction. Rebellion is turning away from God and His way. Our hearts are born rebellious. We sin against Him and reject Him.

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

2 Samuel 12.

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

David had received many things from God. God made him king of Israel and even protected David from his enemies many, many times. God had blessed David a lot. David knew the right way to please God, but one day, he made a bad choice. He chose to stay home instead of going to battle with his men. While he was home, he saw a beautiful woman who was the wife of another man named Uriah. David felt pride in his heart because he was king and he forgot that it was God who had given him all that he had. He took Uriah's wife even when he knew he shouldn't. In order to hide his sin, he had to send Uriah into battle knowing that Uriah would be killed. David thought he had hidden his sin and that all would be well, but God sent Nathan to confront David. When Nathan showed David that he had sinned against God, David immediately repented. His heart was very sad and sorrowful. He prayed and asked God to forgive him and God did. David's pride caused him to rebel against God. We, too, have prideful hearts that cause us to rebel against God.

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

- What did David take that wasn't his? (He took Uriah's wife.)
- How was David prideful? (He became prideful about being king and he thought he could take whatever he wanted.)
- How do we become prideful? (Answers may vary—we think we deserve things; we get upset when we aren't noticed or we don't receive something.)



KNOW

Help your child memorize Psalm 51:4 by dividing the verse into sections and repeating each section until you have memorized it.



DO

Assign your child chores for this week. Make a list of the chores and place it somewhere you both can see. Once a day, remind your child to do his or her chores, but do not say any more. At the end of the week, go over the list of chores and see which ones your child did and which ones he or she didn't do. Remind your child that our hearts are rebellious and we don't do what God tells us to do.



FEEL

Plan to make rice crispy treats or cookies with your child. Show your child the recipe for the treat. Ask your child to read the recipe to you. Choose to do the opposite of something your child reads to you from the recipe. Remind your child that when rebel against God, we sin.



WANT

Spend some time with your child this week praying and thanking God for forgiving us for our sin and our pride.