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BIG TRUTH: WE REJECT GOD'S PLAN FOR OUR FAMILY

Deuteronomy 10:12-13; Ezekiel 2:3-5, 8; Romans 3:23; Colossians 3:18-21

BIBLE VERSE: PSALM 78:8

"And that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God."

BIG IDEAS

- The family exists to bring God glory.
- God wants my family to be faithful to Him.
- My family has rejected God in our sin.
- My family needs a new heart.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 12:10-20

Abram was worried that Pharaoh would kill him and take Sarai, so he told Sarai to lie and say she was only his sister. Abram's lie brought great affliction upon Pharaoh and caused Pharaoh to send Abram and Sarai away.

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

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A FAITHFUL FAMILY

Spend some time this week making a family crest. Use cardstock or a piece of cardboard to cut out a crest. Use different items that represent each family member to decorate the crest. Talk with your child about how the ways that your family can be faithful to God.

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

Genesis 12:10-20.

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

Abram and his wife, Sarai, were following God wherever He led them. They believed in God and sought to obey Him. A great famine plagued the land and Abram took his family to Egypt. Egypt was along the Nile River, which would offer them more food and water than where they were staying. Abram feared the Egyptian Pharaoh though, so he told Sarai to say she was Abram's sister. Sarai did what Abram told her to do even though it was not the whole truth. Pharaoh believed that Sarai was just Abram's sister so he brought Sarai into his palace. God protected Sarai from Pharaoh by causing many plagues to come upon Pharaoh and his palace. Pharaoh confronted Abram about his lie and then sent Abram and Sarai out of Egypt. God protected Abram even though Abram was not faithful to God. We are like Abram. We don't always follow God's plan. Our family rejects God's plan and is not faithful. God desires that our families be faithful to Him.

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

- Why did Abram go to Egypt? (There was a famine in the land.)
- What lie did Abram tell Sarai to tell? (He told her to say she was his sister.)
- How did God protect Sarai and Abram? (He caused plagues to come upon Pharaoh causing Pharaoh to send them away.)



As a family, memorize Psalm 78:8 by writing the word of each verse on a piece of paper and attaching it to a plastic cup. Take turns putting the verse in order and saying it out loud.



As a family make a batch of sugar cookies in the shape of people. Help your child to decorate the cookies and to label them with the names of your family. Talk with your child about how God desires for our families to be faithful to Him.



Ask your child to help you put together a puzzle. Place the puzzle pieces face down so that the actual puzzle part is hidden. Ask your child to help you put the puzzle together. Ask your child if it's easy to do it the "wrong" way? Lead your child in a discussion about how we rebel against God's way which is the right way.



Share with your child a time when you've not followed God's plan out of fear. Share with your child how God protected you like He protected Sarai and Abram. Remind him or her that we rebel against God's plan, but God's plan is best.

Spend some time as a family praying and thanking God for revealing His way to us.