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Job 5:6-7; Psalm 38:3; Ecclesiastes 2:22-23; Mark 10:5-9; 14:1; Romans 5:12

BIBLE VERSE: GENESIS 3:17

“And to Adam He said, ‘Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life.”

BIG IDEAS

- Sickness is a result of sin.
- Death is a result of sin.
- Divorce is a result of sin.
- My family needs a rescuer.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 3:1-21

God made the first man and woman. He gave them everything they needed, yet they turned away from Him and sinned against Him. Because God made them male and female and created the first marriage and family, the consequence of their sin was felt by their entire family. Our sin affects everyone.

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:

- Be aware of the ways their sin affects their family



Every child should feel:

- Burdened at how sin breaks our families



Every child should want:

- Their family to be made new by Christ

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PAIN AND LOSS

Fill a box or suitcase with heavy objects. Ask your child to carry the box or suitcase to a designated spot in your house. When your child has difficulty or cannot, talk with your child about how our families suffer pain and loss because of sin. Our families are not what they could be because we are sinful.

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

Genesis 3:1-21.

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

When God created Adam and Eve, He created them without sin. They lived in the garden He prepared for them in harmony with God. God would visit with them daily and they did not lack anything. God set up guidelines and boundaries for Adam and Eve. He allowed them to eat the fruit of every tree except one. This commandment wasn't to hurt them, but to help them. Adam and Eve knew God's command, but they chose to believe the lie of Satan instead. They believed Satan when he told them that God had lied and they would not die if they ate of the fruit of the forbidden tree. God does not lie, though, and death entered the world when Adam and Eve ate the fruit. Not only did death and sin enter the world, but God's perfect creation broke. Because of the brokenness in the world now, everything is different and harder. Work is harder, relationships are harder, loving one another is harder. Our families are not what they could be because they are made up of sinful, broken people. Our families experience pain and loss because of our brokenness. Family members get sick and die. Other families separate because of divorce. There is arguing and strife in families all because of our sinful hearts. God didn't leave people in their sinful state though. He sent a Rescuer to save the world and our families need this Rescuer. The only person who can rescue us is Jesus. He is the perfect sacrifice for our sin and He alone can make things right again.

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

- How did God's perfect creation break? (Adam and Eve believed Satan's lie and disobeyed God.)
- What is the consequence of sin in the world? (There is death, strife, hardship and brokenness now.)
- How can this brokenness be fixed? (It can only be fixed through Jesus.)



As a family, memorize Genesis 3:17 by writing the words of the verse on small pieces of paper and placing them in a bag. Take turns as a family pulling a word from the bag and putting the verse in order. When it is in order, say it together.



As a family, gather together canned goods or clothing to take to your local shelter. Talk with your child about how families experience loss and difficulties because of sin in the world. Some families do not have enough food or clothing. We are all in need of rescuing by Jesus.



As a family, talk about your own family. Share with your child some of the difficult times your family has faced. Remind your child that our families all need to be rescued.



As a family, create care packages to take to your local nursing home or assisted living facility. Talk with your child as you deliver the packages about how families are not what they could be. Families experience loss and pain because of sin.

Spend time as a family praying and asking God to help your family live for His glory. Ask God to help your family in its brokenness.