

SIN WRECKS MY FAMILY

REVIEW - FALL

BIG TRUTH: SIN WRECKS MY FAMILY

Exodus 20:5; Numbers 14:18; Numbers 32:13; Deuteronomy 1:35; Judges 2:10; Jeremiah 3:14; Micah 2:3; Zechariah 12:12

BIBLE VERSE: HOSEA 4:6

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

BIG IDEAS

- We are a broken family.
- We reject God's plan for our family.
- We put ourselves first.
- We disobey our parents.
- We experience pain and loss as a family.

BIBLE STORY: 2 KINGS 15:8-31

Israel wanted a king, even though God warned them that an earthly king would do much evil. The people of Israel did not pay attention to God's warnings, and instead kept insisting that God give them a king. These kings became increasingly more evil with every generation, and they continually rejected God. Their sin harmed the people around them and hurt many entire generations.

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:

- Our sin does not just affect us, but it affects our family too



Every child should feel:

- Sorrow over sin



Every child should:

- Talk about the effects of sin in our families



Every child should want:

- To see our families be made new in Jesus

FAMILY DEVOTION

Guide 9 acts as a review for the preceding weeks. Use this guide and devotion to support, reinforce, and review concepts learned throughout the past weeks and to test your child's understanding and memory of these truths.

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God's people were unfaithful to Him.

- The Israelites did not follow God. They disobeyed Him and rejected His commands.
- After years of rejecting Him, they forgot His law.
- The priests who were instructed to teach God's people His law were not teaching His law.
- Because the priests did not teach the law, the people did know the law and how to obey it.
- Their unfaithfulness led them down a path of destruction and incurred God's wrath toward them.

God's people were being destroyed because of their lack of knowledge of God and His law.

- Even though it was the priests who were not teaching the law, the people were still accountable.
- They were accountable to know God's law and obey it.
- The priests did not follow God's commands. They did not teach the people what God required and they did not obey God's Law themselves.

God's people and their children suffered because of their unfaithfulness.

- Our choices affect our families.
- The priests' choices to reject God's law had a potential effect on their children and their children's children.
- Because the priests had rejected God, He warned that He would forget their children.
- Sin is not an isolated thing. It permeates every part of our lives and it affects everyone we are involved with.
- Our sin especially affects our children and families.

BIBLE STORY: 2 KINGS 15:8-31**Opening Illustration:**

Write the words "Brokenness", "Separation", and "Sin" on separate sheets of paper. Place each paper in a box and then wrap the box up. Bring the three boxes to class and place them on a table for the children to see. Tell them that inside of each box is a truth about every person on earth. Ask the children to take turns guessing what is inside of each box by playing a game of beanbag toss. When a person hits the designated spot, he or she gets to guess what is inside of the box. Once the children have had a chance to take a guess, open the boxes and talk with them about how we are all broken and separated from God because of our sin. Only Jesus can fix our brokenness.

Guide 9 acts as a review for the preceding weeks. The Big Ideas in Guide 9 are the Big Truths that were learned in Guides 4-8. Use this week as an opportunity to review and reinforce these truths. For further study, information, or resources, refer back to Guides 4-8.

BIG IDEA: WE ARE A BROKEN FAMILY.

BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 3:23

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"

See Guide 4 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: WE REJECT GOD'S PLAN FOR OUR FAMILY.

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."

See Guide 5 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: WE PUT OURSELVES FIRST.

BIBLE VERSE: PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4

"Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

See Guide 6 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: WE DISOBEY OUR PARENTS.

BIBLE VERSE: EPHESIANS 6:1-2

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise)"

See Guide 7 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: WE EXPERIENCE PAIN AND LOSS AS A FAMILY.

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."

See Guide 8 for more information on this Big Idea.

HOOKS

**Rescue Relay**

Have the children write down the different ways that our families are broken. Help them think of the different ways we sin against our families, such as not sharing, disobeying parents, fighting, separating, etc. Place these ideas on the floor on one side of the room. Divide the children into two groups and have the groups race one another to see who can collect, or rescue the most ideas and return them to their group. Tell the children that our families need to be rescued from their sinfulness.



- We are all sinful and that means our families are made up of sinful people.
- Our families need to be rescued but we cannot rescue ourselves.
- We need to be rescued by Jesus, who is the only person who can rescue us.

**Advance No More**

Bring in small ropes or pieces of cloth to use as ties. Choose several students to act as a family unit. Use the ropes to connect the children acting in the family unit together. Next, ask the “family unit” to go out and tell others about the gospel, but as the unit tries to go, hold onto the hand of one of the members of the unit. Prevent the unit from going. Allow several students to pretend to be a family unit and then lead the children in a discussion about how our sin keeps our families from advancing the gospel.



- Just like each unit couldn't go out because it was being held back, our sin holds our families back.
- Our brokenness keeps our families from advancing the gospel as they should.
- We are focused on ourselves and are caught up in our sin instead of advancing the gospel.