

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

REVIEW

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.

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

2 Kings 15:8-31

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

When Israel asked for a king, God warned them of all the evil that the earthly king would do. The people of Israel disregarded God's warning and asked again for a king. God gave His people what they wanted, and the kings of Israel did just as God said they would. The earthly kings became increasingly wicked. They rejected God by not following His law. They chose to follow their own hearts and sought to please themselves. Their wickedness darkened their hearts even more and they did terrible things to their families and the people around them. They became very wicked and many, many generations lived in rebellion to God. Our sin hurts our families. We cannot sin in our family without it hurting the people in our family. Our families are made up of broken people and this keeps us from serving God. There is strife and arguing in our families because of our sin. Our sin keeps us from advancing the gospel because we are sinful. Each of our families needs a Rescuer and Jesus is the only person who can rescue us.

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

- What happened when one generation did not follow the Lord? (The next generation did not follow the Lord either, each generation was increasingly more evil)
- Why are our families broken? (Sin wrecks our families)
- What are some examples of how sin breaks our families? (Children disobey their parents, families fight, families experience loss, etc.)



As a family, memorize Hosea 4:6 by playing a game of hangman using the verse as the phrase to guess. Say the verse several times out loud together.



Spend time as a family writing down a plan to help your family advance the gospel as God commands. Brainstorm ways that your family can share the gospel and live out the gospel as God commands this week.



Create a family tree using a poster board, markers and other craft supplies. Help your child include each family member and talk about each one with your child. After you've created your family tree, ask your child if there are any family members who have not sinned. Remind your child that every person has sinned and that means our families are made up of sinful people.



As a family, spend some time praying and asking God to rescue your family and help you advance the gospel as God commands.