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WE ARE SINNERS

STORY: FALL / YEAR: ETERNITY

BIG TRUTH: WE ARE SINNERS

Psalm 51:5; 130:3; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Isaiah 53:6; 64:6; Romans 3:10-12; 5:12; Ephesians 2:1-3; 1 John 1:8-10

BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 3:23

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

BIG IDEAS

- Sin is disobedience.
- Sin is rejection.
- I have disobeyed and rejected God.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 3

God prepared a home for Adam and Eve. He placed them in the Garden of Eden and gave them everything they needed to live. Because of His love for them, He gave them boundaries. They could eat anything in the Garden except for one thing. The only thing they could not eat was the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. God set this boundary to protect Adam and Eve, but Adam and Eve disobeyed God. When they ate the fruit, they chose to break away from God's plan. Their disobedience was sin and their hearts became sinful. Every person born after them is born with a sinful heart. We are all disobedient.

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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

KNOW

Every child should know that:
- Sin makes us dead

FEEL

Every child should feel:
- Broken over sin and its effects on the world and our lives

DO

Every child should:
- Look around and acknowledge the ways that sin kills us and the world around us

WANT

Every child should want:
- To experience new life in Christ

FAMILY DEVOTION: ALL HAVE SINNED

Sin entered the heart of man when Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden. Every person is born with a sinful heart. We all disobey and sin against a holy God and are in need of salvation.

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No One Is Righteous.

- To be righteous means to be good or moral.
- No one is really good.
- Every person has a sin nature passed down to them from Adam and Eve.
- Because Adam and Eve sinned, every person born after them has a sinful heart.
- This sin keeps people from being righteous or good.

No One Seeks God.

- If people were good, they would naturally want what God wants and easily do what God wants, , but they do not.
- Because of the sin nature we are born with, we seek to do what we want instead of what God says.
- Every person has a heart that seeks to please himself instead of God.

No One Does Good.

- No person truly does good without God.
- Every person has sinned because of his sin nature.
- Even the things people do that appear good aren't because they aren't done to glorify God.
- All people have sinned and no person is without sin.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 3

Adam and Eve Sin

Opening Illustration:
Give each child a piece of white heart-shaped piece of paper and a marker. Ask the children a series of questions about their behavior and ask them to make a mark on their heart for every behavior they have done. Use the following behaviors and add to them as needed:

- Have you used a wrong tone with your parents ever?
- Have you thought mean thoughts about someone?
- Have you always shared your toys or belongings with others?
- Have you listened to your parents every time they ask you to do something?

Lead the children in a discussion about how we are all sinners. Every single person sins because we are born with a sin nature.

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BIG IDEA: SIN IS DISOBEDIENCE.

What is disobedience? (Disobedience is doing what you know not to do or not doing what you know to do.)

KNOW

Have a Bible Drill with the children asking them to look up verses about mankind's sinfulness. Remind the children that we are all sinners. We all disobey God and turn against Him.

Sin is not doing what God says.

- When God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, He gave them instructions for how they were to live.
- He provided everything that they needed and told them to not eat the fruit from one tree.
- Adam and Eve didn't do what God said to do.
- They didn't follow His Word or listen to what He told them was best.
- Not doing what God says is sin.
- Adam and Eve sinned when they didn't listen.

Sin is also knowing the right thing to do and not doing it.[1]

- Adam and Eve knew what the right thing to do was.
- They knew the right way to live was the way God told them to live.
- They knew the boundaries that God set for them.
- They knew they weren't supposed to eat the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.
- When Satan lied to them, they believed his lie and chose to do the wrong thing.
- Sin is choosing to do what we know is wrong and choosing not to do what we know is right.

Adam's disobedience caused all people to have a sin nature.

- Sin entered the hearts of men through Adam.
- His disobedience caused all people after him to have a sin nature.
- He did the opposite of what God said to do, which is disobedience.
- Adam and Eve's sin meant that sin entered the heart of every person.
- We who are alive today have that same sin nature.

What caused sin to enter the hearts of men? (Adam and Eve's disobedience caused sin to enter the hearts of every person.)

1. *James 4:17: When we know the right thing to do and we don't do it, it is sin for us.*

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BIG IDEA: SIN IS REJECTION.[2]

What does it mean to reject something? (It means that we don't accept it or we don't want it.)

God's way is the right way.

- When God created Adam and Eve, He created a way of life for them.
- He gave them guidelines, or instructions on how to live.
- His way was and still is the right way.
- His way is the best way.
- Adam and Eve didn't follow God's way.
- They rejected His way.
- They did what they thought was best instead of following God's way.

Disobedience is rejecting the created way.

- When Adam and Eve disobeyed, their actions rejected God's way.
- He created the world to function and people to live a certain way.
- When Adam and Eve disobeyed, they showed they were rejecting His way.
- Sin is a rejection of God's instruction, of His created design.

Sin is a rejection of God.

- Adam and Eve had a perfect relationship with God before they disobeyed.
- Nothing separated them from Him.
- They could be with Him and not be ashamed.
- When they sinned, they rejected this relationship.
- Their sin broke the relationship and changed it.
- Their disobedience showed they had rejected God as their Lord.

What are we rejecting when we sin? (We are rejecting a relationship with God and His created way.)

FEEL

Play a game of Pin the Apple On The Tree with the children. Use a bandana as a blindfold. Give each child a paper apple and ask him or her to write down one way he or she has rejected God through disobedience this week. Some ways might be disobeying parents, not showing love to siblings, not showing patience or kindness, etc. Remind the children that sin is a rejection of God Himself.

2. *John 12:48: When we sin, we reject God's way and Him.*

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BIG IDEA: I HAVE DISOBEYED AND REJECTED GOD.

No one is without sin.[3]

- Because Adam and Eve were the first people, all people after them come from them.
- Eve is the mother of all people because she was the first mother.
- Because Adam and Eve disobeyed, sin entered their hearts.
- Because their hearts were sinful, every person after them is sinful.
- No one is born without a sin nature, or a heart that desires to sin.

KNOW

Write Romans 3:23 on the board. Replace the word "all" with a blank. Have the children copy the verse onto a piece of paper and complete the blank with their name. Remind the children that every person has sinned. We have all fallen short of the glory of God.

We all sin from a very young age.

- No one has to be taught to lie or to disobey.
- Even as young children, our hearts want to do our own thing.
- We all disobey our parents, even as young children.
- We all disobey God.
- There is no one who hasn't sinned.

Our disobedience is a rejection of God.

- When we disobey God's way, we are rejecting Him.
- God's Word tells us how to live and how we can glorify Him.
- When we choose our own way of doing things, we are rejecting God's way.
- We all have chosen our own way.

How have we disobeyed and rejected God? (We don't obey God's Word, We aren't kind and loving. We lie. We disobey our parents.

3. *Romans 3:23: Every person is sinful. There is no one who has not sinned.*

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HOOKS

KNOW

What Is Sin?

Write the question "What is sin?" on the board. Ask the children to write down their answer to this question on a piece of paper you give them. Next, ask the children to share their answers with the class. After the children share their answers, spend some time looking at Genesis 3. Read the passage with the children and talk about how Adam and Eve's sin was a rejection of God through a disobedience to His command. Remind the children that we are all born with a heart that rejects Him and disobeys His Word.

DO

FEEL

Every Person

Write down the name of each child in the class on a small slip of paper. Place the names in a small bag or bowl. Ask the children to take turns drawing a name from the bag and reading the name out loud. When the name is read out loud, ask the class to identify the person named as a sinner or not a sinner. Include the name Jesus in the bag. Once every name has been drawn and identified, talk with the children about how we are all sinners. We are all born sinful and in need of salvation.

WANT