

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.

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 makes us dead

**Every child should feel:**

- Broken over sin and its effects on the world and our lives

**Every child should:**

- Look around and acknowledge the ways that sin kills us and the world around us

**Every child should want:**

- To experience new life in Christ

ALL HAVE SINNED

Give your child a bag of balloons to blow up. Before you give the balloons to your child, take a pin and poke a hole in all the balloons you give your child. As your child struggles to blow the balloons up, show him or her that they all have a hole in them. The balloons are like the world. We are all sinful and all have disobeyed God.

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

Genesis 3.

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

When God created Adam and Eve, they were perfect. He did not create them with sin in their hearts. Their hearts were perfect and good. God gave Adam and Eve every thing they would need, and placed them in their home, the Garden of Eden. God also provided boundaries for Adam and Eve when He placed them in the Garden of Eden. He told them not to eat the fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. God knew what was best for Adam and Eve, yet they chose to reject Him and His command. Instead of listening to Him and choosing not to eat the fruit, they chose to eat it. Their choice to eat the fruit, even though God told them not to, was a rejection of God Himself. Their hearts immediately became sinful and every person born after them is born with a sinful heart. Their choice was disobedient to God and every person born after them is born with a heart of disobedience. We are naturally disobedient. We begin disobeying our parents whom God has placed in authority over us in His Word very early. Our hearts are sinful and seek our own way instead of following after God.

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

- What did God tell Adam and Eve they could eat? (They could eat the fruit from any tree except the forbidden tree.)
- Did Adam and Eve obey God? (They did not obey Him.)
- How did Adam and Eve sin? (They disobeyed God.)
- What entered the heart of every person because of Adam and Eve's sin? (Every person is born with a sinful heart because of Adam and Eve's disobedience.)

**KNOW**

As a family, memorize Romans 3:23 by writing the verse on a strip of paper and placing it somewhere it can be easily seen. Take turns saying the verse out loud throughout the week.

**DO**

Share a time with your child when you realized that you were a sinner. Share what made you realize that you were living in disobedience to God. Remind him or her that we are all sinners and we all disobey.

**FEEL**

As a family, look up the number of people living in each state in the United States. Next, look up the number of people in each country, continent, and then the entire world. Talk with your child about how every single person is born a sinner and in need of Jesus.

**WANT**

Set aside a special time to spend with your child. Share with him or her a time when you were not obedient and explain the consequences. (Choose an appropriate story for your child's age.) Talk with him or her about how when we disobey God, we are sinning, just like Adam and Eve's disobedience was sin against God.

As a family, spend some time singing praises to God for sending His Son to pay our sin debt because of our disobedience.