

**BIG TRUTH: SIN KILLS OUR PURPOSE**

Jeremiah 2:1-8; 10:1-16; Romans 1:21-25; 3:10-12, 14-18; Isaiah 44:9-20; Ephesians 4:17-18

**BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 1:25**

*“Because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.”*

**BIG IDEAS**

- We were created to worship God with all our heart.
- We were created to worship God in all of life.
- Sin lies to us and causes us to doubt the truth.
- In our sin, we choose to worship the creature instead of the Creator.

**BIBLE STORY: 1 KINGS 11:1-11**

Solomon was ruler of God’s people, yet he didn’t always follow God’s ways. Solomon had many wives and concubines. His wives and concubines worshiped false gods and idols. Solomon was influenced by his wives and concubines, and began worshiping their false gods and idols. Solomon missed his created purpose, which is to glorify God and worship Him alone.

**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

**CREATED TO WORSHIP**

Gather together the lyrics to different worship songs. Ask your child to choose some and then create a poster that showcases the worship lyrics. You can use markers and stickers to decorate the poster. We are created to worship God with all of our heart and in all of our life.

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

1 Kings 11:1-11.

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

God prepared His people, the Israelites, for life in the Promised Land by giving them laws and rules. Before they entered, God told His people not to marry any of the foreigners living in the Promised Land because they would lead His people away to worship false gods. When Solomon became king, God warned him not to marry any foreign women. Solomon didn't listen to God's two warnings. Instead, he married many, many foreign women and had many foreign concubines. These wives and concubines worshiped false gods and idols. Solomon began worshiping his wives' and concubines' false gods and idols. His heart turned away from God. Solomon exchanged the truth about God for lies, and he turned away from God. Because of Solomon's sin, God separated the kingdom into two parts, leaving Solomon's family to rule Judah, only because of His promise to Solomon's father, David. One of Solomon's servants would then begin rule over the Northern tribes of Israel. We are like Solomon. We know the truth, yet we choose to believe a lie about God instead. When we believe lies, we begin to worship created things instead of the Creator.

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

- What did God warn Solomon not to do? (He warned him not to marry foreign wives.)
- How did Solomon sin against God? (Solomon began worshiping false gods and idols.)
- What happens when we believe lies? (We begin to worship created things instead of worshiping the Creator.)

**KNOW**

As a family, memorize Psalm 51:12 by writing the verse on a piece of paper and then using watercolors to decorate it. As you paint, take turns saying the verse out loud.

**DO**

Spend some time as a family talking through the things you love the most. Set a time to have a family gathering or meeting and ask each member to bring one thing that he or she really loves. Share these items and then talk with your child about how easy it is for us to love other things more than God, but that only God can give us true joy.

**FEEL**

Take your child for a walk through your neighborhood. Point out the different material things that you see. Tell your child that when we love these things more than God, we are creating idols. Tell your child that only a relationship with Jesus can bring us true joy.

**WANT**

Spend some time as a family praying for one another. Ask God to help you as a family identify the idols you have in your hearts and to repent of them.