

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:**

- Our sin is a rejection of God’s plans and purposes

**Every child should feel:**

- Sorrowful over their tendency to elevate their plans over God’s plans

**Every child should:**

- Repent of their rejection of God

**Every child should want:**

- To faithfully follow God’s plan and purposes for their lives

I AM A SINNER

Hide pictures of your family in the house. Ask your child to hunt for the pictures of sinners in your house. Make sure you include a picture of your child. When your child finds the pictures, talk with your child about how he or she is a sinner. We are all sinners.

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 naturally are disobedient. We begin very early disobeying our parents whom God has placed in authority over us in His Word. Our hearts are sinful and seek our own way instead of following after God. There is no one who has not sinned and rejected God. We have all sinned against 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. Talk about how we are all sinners.

**DO**

Ask your child to help you prepare a meal for the family this week. As you prepare the meal, ask your child to use the wrong utensils and equipment to make the meal. When your child struggles to do so, talk with him or her about how when we disobey God, we are rejecting His commands, which is sin.

**FEEL**

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.

**WANT**

Spend time with your child talking about his or her behavior. Ask your child to name some of his or her behaviors that bring God glory. Next, ask your child to name some of his or her behaviors that are sinful. Talk with your child about how we are all sinners.

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