

# WE SIN AGAINST GOD

## STORY: FALL

### BIG TRUTH: WE SIN AGAINST GOD

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: PSALM 51:4

*Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.*

### BIG IDEAS

- Sin is pride.
- Sin is rebellion.
- I am prideful and rebellious.

### BIBLE STORY: 2 SAMUEL 12

David was a man whose heart was wholly given to the Lord. As a boy, he followed God and believed in God to help him slay the giant, Goliath. Even though David was known for his love for God, as king, he fell into sin. He became prideful in all that he had accomplished and in all that God had given him, and he sinned. His sin was pride, and his pride caused him to rebel against God's law. His rebellion did not last though. He repented of his sin and turned his heart to God again.

### 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:**

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



**Every child should feel:**

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



**Every child should want:**

- To experience new life in Christ

### FAMILY DEVOTION: A PRIDEFUL HEART

We are all born with sinful hearts that are full of pride and rebellion. When we rebel against God and His Word, we are sinning. David rebelled against God because of His pride and he sinned greatly.

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**We are all in need of mercy.**

- The psalmist David knows he sinned against God.
- His words in this Psalm show us his understanding of his own sin.
- David knew he was in need of God's mercy.
- We are all like David and in need of God's mercy.
- No one is without sin.
- We all sin against God.

**Our sin is against God.**

- When we sin, we sin against God.
- Our sin affects other people, but we are truly sinning against God.
- David understood that his sin was against God.
- Though our sin can hurt other people, we truly wrong God when we sin.

**God is our true judge.**

- Our sinful actions affect other people.
- Our sin hurts other people.
- Only God is truly righteous and good.
- Only God can truly judge us.
- Our sin is against Him.

**BIBLE STORY: 2 SAMUEL 12**

*David's Sin and Repentance*

**Opening Illustration:**

Have the children make binoculars out of craft rolls (toilet paper rolls or paper towel rolls cut in half). Use glue or tape to connect the rolls, then give the children markers or crayons to decorate their binoculars. Attach yarn or string to make a strap for the binoculars. Then, on large pieces of paper write out the names of toys or items, such as: a brand new car, a cool set of Legos, a new American Girl doll, a paint set, etc. Tape these pieces of paper around the room. Ask the children to take turns using the binoculars to find an item that they would really like to have. After every child has a chance to find an item, talk with them about how sometimes we take pride in the stuff we have or the things we do and we rebel against God. Everything we have is from God, but we forget this truth because of the pride in our hearts which causes us to sin against Him.

**BIG IDEA: SIN IS PRIDE.<sup>1</sup>****Pride is finding satisfaction in ourselves or others.**

- When we feel great satisfaction in our accomplishments or someone else's, our focus is on ourselves and not on God.
- Everything we have and everything we accomplish is because of God.
- David had accomplished a lot.
- He was a mighty king and had won many battles.
- When he found great satisfaction in himself and his success, he focused on the wrong thing.
- When we focus on ourselves rather than God, we become prideful.
- Pride is a focus on the wrong thing and it is sinful.



Write down different things that we find pride in on small cards. Place the cards in a bag or bowl. Have the children take turns drawing a card out of the bag and reading it out loud. Talk with the children about each of the things on the cards and how sin is pride.

**Our pride causes us to make wrong choices.**

- When we are prideful, we focus on ourselves and we make bad choices.
- We begin to think we are the reason we have success.
- Our hearts desire to please ourselves and not God.
- David's heart desired to please himself.
- He took something that belonged to someone else because he was prideful in his position as king. He disobeyed God when he did this.
- David confessed his sin of pride as we, too, should do.

*How did David have pride? (He focused on himself and his own accomplishments.)*

*How do we have pride? (When we focus on ourselves rather than God.)*

1. 2 Peter 1:3: God has given us a revelation about Himself, yet we reject this.

**BIG IDEA: SIN IS REBELLION.<sup>2</sup>****Sin is not doing what God says to do.**

- David didn't follow God's way when he took Uriah's wife, Bathsheba.
- David rebelled against God when he sent Uriah into battle knowing he would be killed.
- Rebellion is a heart that doesn't listen or obey God.
- Every person has a heart that is rebellious.
- When we follow our hearts, we follow rebellion.



Play a game of musical beanbag with the children. The child left holding the beanbag when the music stops, get to name one way that we rebel against God. Remind the children that we all rebel because sin is rebellion.

**Sin is rebellion against God.**

- When we sin, we disobey God.
- When we disobey God, we are saying that we don't think God's way is best.
- David sinned against God.
- David was rebellious against God because he did what he wanted instead of what God said was best.
- We also rebel against God when we do what we think is best instead of what God says is best.

*How did David rebel against God? (He didn't obey God; he took Uriah's wife and sent Uriah into battle.)*

*How do we rebel against God? (We don't obey God's Word.)*

2. Proverbs 17:11: We choose to live in rebellion because we are evil.

**BIG IDEA: I AM PRIDEFUL AND REBELLIOUS.<sup>3</sup>****Everyone is prideful.**

- Just like David was prideful, Adam and Eve were prideful in the Garden.
- They chose to do what they wanted instead of what God said to do.
- Every person is like Adam, Eve, and David.
- We find our satisfaction in ourselves and our own accomplishments and we don't recognize that God gives us everything.
- We take credit for all that God has and continues to do for us and in our lives.



Write Psalm 51:4 on the board. Replace "I" with a blank. Ask the children to copy the verse onto a piece of paper and complete the blank with their name. Remind the children that we are all sinful and prideful. We all rebel against God.

**Everyone is rebellious.**

- No one seeks God or desires to do His will on their own.
- We all want to please ourselves just like David did.
- We choose not to follow God's way, and follow our own way instead.
- We rebel against what He tells us to do and how He tells us to live.
- David knew God's way was best, but he was blinded by his own accomplishments and had a sense of entitlement. He took Uriah's wife when he should not have, and it cost him the life of his own son.

*Does anyone seek God? (No one seeks God. We are all in rebellion against God.)*

3. Romans 3:11: No one seeks God. We are all seeking to please ourselves.

## HOOKS

**Prideful Hearts**

Have the children look up and read the following verses from Proverbs: Proverbs 11:2, Proverbs 16:18, Proverbs 14:3, Proverbs 8:13, and Proverbs 15:25. Lead the children in a discussion about what these verses say about pride. Write the word “pride” on the board and write their responses to what each verse says underneath the word. Remind the children that pride is sin, and that we are all born sinful.

**A Collage Of Pride**

Give the children old magazines and newspapers. Ask the children to make a collage of the things they take pride in. Allow the children to share their collages. Lead them in a discussion about how sin is pride.



- Sin is pride. We take pride in ourselves and think we are greater or better than God.
- David had pride in his accomplishments and his pride led him to sin against God.
- We sin against God when we have pride.

