

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 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

A PRIDEFUL HEART

Spend some time painting with watercolors with your child. Ask your child to help you create a large heart using the watercolors. Use colored pencils or markers to write down different things that cause you to have pride after the watercolors are dry. We all have pride in our hearts because sin is pride. We all rebel against God because of our sin.

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

2 Samuel 12.

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

David had received many things from God. God made him king of Israel and even protected David from his enemies many, many times. God had blessed David a lot. David knew the right way to please God, but one day, he made a bad choice. He chose to stay home instead of going to battle with his men. While he was home, he saw a beautiful woman who was the wife of another man named Uriah. David felt pride in his heart because he was king and he forgot that it was God who had given him all that he had. He took Uriah's wife even when he knew he shouldn't. In order to hide his sin, he had to send Uriah into battle knowing that Uriah would be killed. David thought he had hidden his sin and that all would be well, but God sent Nathan to confront David. When Nathan showed David that he had sinned against God, David immediately repented. His heart was very sad and sorrowful. He prayed and asked God to forgive him, and God did. David's pride caused him to rebel against God. We, too, have prideful hearts that cause us to rebel against God.

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

- What did David take that wasn't his? (He took Uriah's wife.)
- How was David prideful? (He became prideful about being king and he thought he could take whatever he wanted.)
- How do we become prideful? (Answers may vary—we think we deserve things; we get upset when we aren't noticed or when we don't receive something.)

**KNOW**

Help your child memorize Psalm 51:4 by dividing the verse into sections and repeating each section until you have memorized it.

**DO**

Play a game of hide-n-seek with your child. Write down different examples of pride and rebellion and hide them around your house or outside. Help your child hunt for them. Read the examples together and remind your child that sin is pride and rebellion.

**FEEL**

Spend some time this week talking with your child at mealtimes about his or her behavior. Talk with him or her about what it means to rebel. Explain to your child that rebellion is sin. When a child rebels against his parents, he is really rebelling against God.

**WANT**

Play a board game or card game with your child. Explain the rules and how to play to your child, but when you begin playing, do not follow the rules. Talk with your child about how sin is rebellion and about how we rebel against God. Just like you rebelled against the rules of the game, our hearts rebel against God.

Spend some time with your child this week praying and thanking God for overcoming our pride and rebellion through Jesus.