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BIG TRUTH: SIN KILLS OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Genesis 3:23-24; Deuteronomy 31:17-18; Micah 3:4; Romans 1:18-21; Ephesians 2:12; 4:18; Colossians 1:21-22; Galatians 5:19-21

BIBLE VERSE: ISAIAH 59:2

"But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear."

BIG IDEAS

- Our sin separates us from God.
- We willingly choose rejection and rebellion.
- God is life which means separation from Him is death.

BIBLE STORY: EXODUS 32

God's people chose to sin against Him by creating a golden calf to worship while Moses was on the mountain. Their sin separated them from God because sin kills our relationship with God. They chose to worship a false god instead.

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

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THE GREAT SEPARATION

Spend some time as a family wearing a blindfold around your house. Ask your child to complete certain tasks or to do certain activities with you like watching TV. After each family has a turn wearing the blindfold, discuss as a family what it was like to not see. Talk about how being blindfolded separated you from the rest of the family because you couldn't see what was going on. Remind your child that our sin separates us from God. It kills our relationship with Him.

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

Exodus 32.

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

The Israelites had seen God do some pretty amazing things for them. He had brought them out of slavery in Egypt, parted the Red Sea, and provided for them. He had revealed Himself as the one true God, yet when they had to wait for their leader, Moses to return from talking with God on Mount Sinai, they grew restless and weary. Instead of remaining faithful to God, they turned away from Him and rejected Him. They asked Aaron, Moses' brother and helper to create gods for them. Aaron listened to the people and he took their gold jewelry and made a golden calf from it. The people worshiped the golden calf and sinned greatly against God. As Moses returned to the camp, he could hear the people worshiping and sinning against God. God's wrath was great against the people because they had rejected Him. The people's relationship with God was hindered. Their sin had killed it. Our sin kills our relationship with God, too. It separates us from Him and leads us to reject Him. Because we reject Him, we are really rejecting life. Our sinful state leads us to death because we rebel against and reject God who is life. It is only through His Son, Jesus that we can be given new life again when we repent and believe in Him.

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

- What did the Israelites grow weary in doing? (They grew weary in waiting for Moses to return from Mount Sinai.)
- How did the people reject God? (They turned away from Him and created a false god to worship.)
- How do we kill our relationship with God? (We sin against Him.)



KNOW

As a family, memorize Romans 1:25 by writing the words of the verse on cards and taping them to plastic cups. Take turns putting the words on the cups in order and saying the verse.



DO

Help your child make a list of truths about God. Place the list in a place it can easily be seen. Remind your child of these truths everyday.



FEEL

Go for a drive with your child. Ask your child to point out the different created things that people might worship instead of God. Help your child see that we choose to worship our jobs, houses, families, and activities instead of worshiping God.



WANT

Share with your child a time when you worshiped a created thing instead of the Creator. Remind your child that we are created to worship God with all of our heart.

Spend time this week praying and thanking God for creating us to worship Him.