

SIN MAKES ME DEAD

REVIEW - FALL

BIG TRUTH: SIN MAKES ME DEAD

John 3:3; Romans 5:12, 21; 6:13, 23; 1 Corinthians 15:56; Ephesians 2:1; James 1:15

BIBLE VERSE: EPHESIANS 2:1-3

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BIG IDEAS

- We are dead in our sin.
- Sin kills our relationship with God.
- Sin kills our purpose.
- Sin kills our joy.
- Sin kills our peace.

BIBLE STORY: EPHESIANS 2:1-5

God is the source of all life. Our sin is a rejection of Him, and we are all separated from God because of our sin. We are separated from the God who gives all life, and so we are dead in our sin. We cannot do anything to make ourselves alive again, we need God to come and give us new life.

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 does not just made us bad, it makes us dead



Every child should feel:

- Sorrow over sin



Every child should:

- Talk about sin as something that kills us and our relationship with God



Every child should want:

- To repent of sin and be given new life in Christ

FAMILY DEVOTION

Guide 9 acts as a review for the preceding weeks. Use this guide and devotion to support, reinforce, and review concepts learned throughout the past weeks and to test your child's understanding and memory of these truths.

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We are all helpless without Christ.

- We enter the world spiritually dead.
- Being spiritually dead means we have no thoughts or actions toward God.
- We have no way of pleasing God because we are all sinful.
- We have trespassed, or sinned against God because He is the Creator of all things.
- We have no way of saving ourselves because we don't even recognize that we need to be saved without God first showing us.
- We also have no way of saving ourselves because we are all sinful.

We are spiritually dead because of our sinfulness.

- Our spiritual deadness is not something that just happens to us but something we are born into.
- We are sinful. We are born with a sin nature and we choose to sin against God.
- Adam and Eve chose to sin against God. They knew the truth about God, but they exchanged it for a lie and rebelled against God.
- No person is born perfect and sinless. We are born slaves to our sin.
- There is no person who is able to save himself or herself. We are all so set on our sinfulness that we give no thought to God.

We are all in need of salvation.

- We all need salvation.
- There is no one who is not in need of salvation.
- We are dead in our sins and cannot save ourselves.
- If we are not saved, our spiritual death will last for all of eternity as we live separated from God.
- Our need of salvation is very great. We are doomed to a life of spiritual death without the salvation of Jesus Christ.

BIBLE STORY: EPHESIANS 2:1-5**Opening Illustration:**

Write the words "Brokenness", "Separation", and "Sin" on separate sheets of paper. Place each paper in a box and then wrap the box up. Bring the three boxes to class and place them on a table for the children to see. Tell them that inside of each box is a truth about every person on earth. Ask the children to take turns guessing what is inside of each box by playing a game of beanbag toss. When a person hits the designated spot, he or she gets to guess what is inside of the box. Once the children have had a chance to take a guess, open the boxes and talk with them about how we are all broken and separated from God because of our sin. Only Jesus can fix our brokenness.

Guide 9 acts as a review for the preceding weeks. The Big Ideas in Guide 9 are the Big Truths that were learned in Guides 4-8. Use this week as an opportunity to review and reinforce these truths. For further study, information, or resources, refer back to Guides 4-8.

BIG IDEA: WE ARE DEAD IN OUR SIN.

BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 6:23

“But the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

See Guide 4 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: SIN KILLS OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

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.”

See Guide 5 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: SIN KILLS OUR PURPOSE.

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.”

See Guide 6 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: SIN KILLS OUR JOY.

BIBLE VERSE: PSALM 51:12

“Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.”

See Guide 7 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: SIN KILLS OUR PEACE.

BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 8:5-6

“For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.”

See Guide 8 for more information on this Big Idea.

HOOKS



KNOW

Sinful Repercussions

Bring in a large pot and drumstick. Ask the children to take turns holding the pot in their laps and hitting it with the drumstick. Make sure the children have their hand on the pot to feel the reverberations from hitting the pot. After each child has a chance to hit the pot with the drumstick and feel the reverberations, talk with them about how our sin has repercussions. Sin makes us dead.



DO

- When we sin, we are storing up wrath for ourselves.
- God is just and righteous, and when we sin, we sin against Him.
- Because we sin against Him, we deserve His wrath and judgment.
- Sin makes us dead.



FEEL

Lawless Living

Help the children make a list of as many laws as they can think of. Write the list of laws on the board where they can be seen. Next, help the children think of a list of God's commands and laws. Use the Ten Commandments as a starting place, but try to get beyond them to God's other commands, too. Next, ask the children to raise their hand if they've ever broken any of any of God's laws that you have listed. Lead them in a discussion about how we all break God's law because we are all sinful.



WANT

- There is no person who is without sin. We all sin against God.
- We are born with a sin nature that leads us to sin against God.
- When we sin against Him, we are breaking His law and living a life of lawlessness.
- We have no hope. Sin makes us dead.