

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

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

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

REVIEW

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.

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

Ephesians 2:1-5

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

God is the Creator of all things. He is the source of all life. He is the beginning of everything and has no end. He alone is perfect and holy. Because God is these things, our sin is a rejection of Him and rebellion against Him. We break His law and commands. Because we sin against Him, we owe Him a sin debt. The wage of our sin is death. We enter the world separated from God, and because God is the source of all life, being separated from Him means we are dead spiritually. We have no way of truly pleasing Him while we are still sinners. We seek our own sinful desires and follow our own plans and thoughts. We seek our glory instead of God's glory, which means we do not fulfill our created purpose. Our sin leads to our physical death and makes us spiritually dead. Our souls are not connected to God because of the sin that separates us. Our sin brings God's wrath upon us and rightly so. We have no way of saving ourselves, but God made a way for us to experience freedom from our sin. He sent His Son to pay our sin debt. Now that Jesus died on the cross and rose again, we have new life when we repent and believe in Jesus. We no longer have to be dead in our trespasses because we can have new life in Jesus.

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

- Against whom do we sin? (We sin against God.)
- Why is our sin against God? (God is the Creator of all things and the Ruler of all things.)
- Why are we spiritually dead in our sin? (God is the source of all life and our sin separates us from Him.)



As a family, memorize Ephesians 2:1-3 by writing the words of the verse on plastic cups and taking turns putting the words in order. When the verse is put together, take turns saying the verse out loud.



As a family, make a list of your Family Rules. Go over these rules with your child and talk about the ones that each family member may break at times. Remind your child that we all break God's rules or law. We are all sinful and in need of salvation. Our sin makes us dead.



Share with your child your own experience with receiving new life when you repented and believed in Jesus. Share with your child what it means to you to no longer be spiritually dead, but to be alive in Jesus.



Spend some time this week reading different Psalms as a family. Help your child see that God alone is righteous, and holy, and worthy of our praise.