

BIG TRUTH: WE SIN AGAINST GOD

Genesis 1:27; 9:6; Leviticus 6:2-7; 2 Samuel 12:9, 13; 1 Kings 8:46; Romans 1:18-23

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, even he fell to sin. He became prideful in all that he had accomplished and 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:**

- Our sin is a rejection of God's plans and purposes

**Every child should:**

- Repent of their rejection of God

**Every child should feel:**

- Sorrowful over their tendency to elevate their plans over God's plans

**Every child should want:**

- To faithfully follow God's plan and purposes for their lives

MY SINFUL HEART

Spend some time this week talking with your child about all the many material things that your family has. Ask your child to identify some of the really important things that your family owns, such as a television, gaming system, food, nice clothing, several pairs of shoes, etc. Ask your child how your family acquired all of it. Remind your child that everything you have is from God. Our sinful hearts like to think that we are the reason we have things or accomplish things, but God is the giver of all good gifts.

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. He had been promoted to king of Israel and even protected 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 had 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)*

- How had God blessed David? (He had protected him and made him king.)
- How did David sin against God? (He took another man's wife for himself and disobeyed God's Word.)



Help your child memorize Psalm 51:4 by dividing the verse into sections and repeating each section until you have memorized it. Talk about how ultimately, our sins are against God.



Help your child count the number of clothes he or she has. Next, ask him or her to count the number of toys or gadgets that he or she has. Talk with your child about how everything we have comes from God. David had a lot and he became prideful. His pride caused him to sin, just like pride causes us to sin.



Do a word study of the word "pride" in the Bible. Use a dictionary to define the word, then look for verses that talk about pride in the Bible. Remind your child that we are all prideful because we are all sinful.



Assign your child a few chores to do around your house. Give your child a small amount of money for each chore. After your child finishes earning the money, talk with your child about how he or she earned the money. Remind them that even though he or she worked for it, their ability to work for it was given to them from God. God is the only person we can boast in or be prideful of because He gives us everything.

Spend a few moments at bedtime helping your child name some of the things he or she is thankful for, such as a special toy, food, friends, etc. Remind your child that everything we have comes from God. We can only be prideful of Him because He gives us everything.