

**BIG TRUTH: WE REJECTED GOD'S PLAN**

Genesis 6:5-6; 2 Kings 17:15; Psalm 81:11-13; Jeremiah 10:1-15; Amos 2:4; Habakkuk 2:18-20; John 3:17-20; Romans 1:18-23; 3:23-24

**BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 1:18**

*"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth."*

**BIG IDEAS**

- God created us as image bearers designed to reflect His glory with our lives.
- Our sin is an intentional and willful rejection of God.
- Our sin is a suppression of the truth.
- We need a rescuer.

**BIBLE STORY: 1 SAMUEL 8**

God's people, called Israel, were not satisfied with God being their King. They wanted an earthly king and even though they were warned that the king would not be their savior, they still wanted a king.

**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

**TO BE THE KING**

Help your child create a crown using cardboard and aluminum foil. Using construction paper, cut out letters to spell Jesus. Use glue to attach the letters to the crown. Jesus is the one true King. We reject God's plan and seek to be our own king or to find another king.

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

1 Samuel 8.

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

Samuel was God's special messenger, or prophet. God placed Samuel in charge of judging and leading His people, the Israelites. As Samuel grew old, he placed his sons over the Israelites. Samuel's sons did not follow in their father's footsteps. The elders of Israel gathered with Samuel and asked that he appoint a king to rule over them. The Israelites wanted to be like the other nations in the land. Samuel was very angry that they wanted a king. He prayed to God, but God told Samuel to give them a king. God told Samuel that the Israelites weren't rejecting Samuel; they were rejecting God. God is the true King, but the Israelites wanted someone else. God told Samuel to give His people what they wanted, but first, Samuel was to warn the people of how the earthly king would treat them. Samuel did what God told him to do, but the people didn't care. They cried out for an earthly king so they would be like the other nations in the land. We are like the Israelites. We reject God's plan for our lives. We walk in disobedience and reject His truth. Instead, we seek a different king or desire to rule over our own lives. We are all in need of being rescued.

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

- What did the Israelites ask Samuel to do for them? (They asked him to appoint a king over them.)
- What did God say to the Israelites' request for an earthly king? (He said they were rejecting Him and He told Samuel to give them a king.)
- How are we like the Israelites? (We reject God's plan for our lives.)



As a family, memorize Romans 1:18 by copying the verse to a large piece of paper or poster board. Place the verse in a place where it is easily seen. Throughout the week, when someone walks past the verse, the first person to say it out loud gets a point. The person with the most points at the end of the week gets to plan a special surprise for the family.



Several times this week during mealtime, allow your child to accept or reject something nutritious that you put on his or her plate. At the end of the week, talk with your child about how we all reject God's truth.



Share with your child a time when you rejected God's truth or walked in disobedience. Choose something that is appropriate for your child to know. Share how we are all rebellious against God.



During meal times this week, spend some time talking about the ways that we suppress the truth about God. Ask your child to name some ways that people deny God exists, such as denying that He is the Creator of the world. Remind them that we all reject God's plan. We all rebel against His truth.

Take your child on a drive through your town. Ask your child to point out the different traffic signs you see. Talk with your child about what the roads would be like if everyone rebelled against the traffic signs. Remind them that we all rebel against God's plan.

Spend some time praying with your child and asking God to show your family the ways you reject God's plan for your lives.