

BIG TRUTH: WE REJECT RIGHT WORSHIP

Isaiah 28; 15; 29:13-16; 44:19-20; Jeremiah 10:12-160; Ezekiel 20:8; Amos 2:4; Habakkuk 2:18-2

BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 1:24-25

"Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, 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."

BIG IDEAS

- God created us for worship.
- Sin is an intentional and willful rejection of right worship.
- In our sin, we follow our heart instead of aiming our heart.
- We worship the creature instead of the Creator.

BIBLE STORY: ISAIAH 44:6-20

There is no God like God. He is the only true God, yet people reject Him and make false gods and idols to worship. Those who worship false gods will be put to shame because there is only one God. Our sinful hearts lead us to make idols, and we, too, will be put to shame for worshiping anything other than the true God.

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:**

- All people are broken in sin and suffer consequences because of sin.

**Every child should feel:**

- Burdened by the reality of sin.

**Every child should:**

- View sin as disobedience against God and His plan.

**Every child should want:**

- To be rescued from a life of sin and brokenness.

A HEART OF WORSHIP

Help your child create a collage that shows different ways that he or she can worship God. Point out the different ways that we are created to worship God through obedience, song, prayer, study, etc. Help your child see that our sin leads us to worship the created things instead of God.

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

Isaiah 44:6-20.

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

God has revealed Himself through His creation. There are visible and invisible characteristics of God visible in His creation. We can recognize that there is a higher power and a divine design when we study ourselves and the world around us. Our hearts are very sinful and they lead us to reject God. We exchange what we know is true about Him for a lie. We suppress the knowledge of Him that creation declares to us and we choose instead to create false gods. We worship idols instead of worshiping God. This means that we worship the created things instead of worshiping the actual Creator. God created us to worship Him and if we are not worshiping Him, we will worship someone or something. Our sin leads us farther away from God and toward our own idols and false gods. This idol worship is destructive and leads us to death and unhappiness.

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

- What causes us to reject the truth about God? (Our sinful hearts leads us to reject God and His truth.)
- What do we worship if we are not worshiping God? (We worship the created things instead of worshiping God.)



As a family memorize Romans 1:24-25 by writing the words to the verses on plastic cups and taking turns seeing who can put them in order the fastest. Say the verses together several times. Practice saying all of the verses that you have learned from Romans 1.



As a family, create an Idol Chart. Spend some time talking about the different idols that your family may struggle with or the things that can easily become idols to your family. Place the chart in a place where it is easily seen and talk about it throughout the week. Remind your child that our hearts lead us to worship idols.



As a family, spend some time studying God's characteristics. Go over several of the things that can be known about God through His creation, such as His power, creativity, majesty, etc. Remind your child that we exchange this truth about God for a lie and worship the created things instead of creation.



Play a game of musical beanbag as a family. When the music stops, the person holding the beanbag gets to name something that he or she would never want to lose or give away. Talk with your child about how we all struggle with loving and worshipping things over God.

Spend time as a family praying and thanking God for revealing Himself through Creation.