

BIG TRUTH: GOD PROVIDES RECONCILIATION

2 Corinthians 5:18-19; Romans 5:10-11; Colossians 1:16-20

BIBLE VERSE: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:18

“All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation”

BIG IDEAS

- Our sin destroys our relationship with God.
- Sin ultimately separates us from God.
- We need reconciliation.
- The only way we can be reconciled to God is through Jesus.

BIBLE STORY: LUKE 17:11-17

On His way to Jerusalem, Jesus encountered ten lepers. They cried out to Him and He healed them. Only one leper, a Samaritan, turned back and praised Jesus for healing him. The Samaritan expressed his faith in Jesus and was healed from his sin, reconciled to God again through Jesus.

STORY: REDEMPTION

Thankfully, God does not just leave us in the broken world, but is repairing the brokenness through His Son. From the very beginning of time, God promised He would fix creation, and He kept His promise by sending Jesus to rescue us from our sin. Jesus came to live on the earth and willingly died on the cross so that sin's power over creation would be broken forever.

BIG AIMS**Every child should know that:**

- By grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, we can be reconciled to God.

**Every child should feel:**

- Thankful that God would send His Son so that we could be reconciled to Him

**Every child should:**

- Pursue reconciliation in their relationships with friends and family because God has made a way for them to be reconciled back to Him

**Every child should want:**

- To honor God and live in restored relationship with Him

THE GREAT RECONCILIATION

Set aside a time this week to have a peace circle. During the peace circle, allow each family member to share ways that they have felt encouraged by family members and ways that they may have been hurt by family members. Allow this to be a time of encouragement and peace making. Remind your child that our sin destroys our relationship with God and keeps us from having a right relationship with Him.

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

Luke 17:11-18.

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

Jesus was traveling to Jerusalem one day when He encountered ten lepers on the outside of town. The lepers saw Jesus and called out to Him to help them. He heard their cries and commanded them to go present themselves to the priest in the temple. The ten lepers did as Jesus commanded them and they were healed of their leprosy. One of the lepers was a Samaritan man. When he discovered that Jesus had healed him of his leprosy, he returned and found Jesus. He lifted his voice in praise to God and worshiped. Jesus marveled that this one man returned out of the ten and He not only healed the man of his physical illness, but of his spiritual sin as well. The lepers were separated from society because of their sin. Their relationships were not right because of their disease. When Jesus healed them, they were reconciled to society and could enter it again. Our sin separates us from God. It destroys our relationship with Him and the only way we can be reconciled to Him is through Jesus.

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

- What destroys our relationship with God? (Our sin separates us from God and destroys our relationship with Him.)
- How are we reconciled to God? (We are reconciled to through repentance and faith in Jesus.)



KNOW

As a family, memorize 2 Corinthians 5:18 by setting a timer and seeing who can write the verse as many times as possible before the timer goes off. Talk about how it is God who reconciles us to Himself through Christ.



DO

Blow up several balloons and hide them in your house. Set a timer and ask your child to find as many as he can before the timer goes off. When all the balloons are found, share with your child that the balloons are like our relationship with God. Next, use a pin to poke a hole in the balloons and let the air out. Tell your child that our sin destroys our relationship with God like the pin destroyed the balloon.



FEEL

Spend some time one evening looking up the definitions of “reconcile.” Help your child create a collage that shows what it means to be reconciled to something or someone. Talk with your child about how we need reconciliation with God. Remind him that we can only be reconciled to God through Jesus.



WANT

Set two jars on your counter. Each time your child disobeys or has a poor attitude, place a marble, pom pom, or button in one of the jars. At the end of the week show your child their jar and the empty jar. Tell your child that the empty jar represents Jesus' sin. Next, pour the contents of their jar into Jesus's jar. Show your child that Jesus took on our sin so that we might be reconciled to God.

Spend some time this week during the evenings praying and thanking God for reconciling us to Himself.