

WE ARE SINNERS

STORY: FALL / YEAR: KINGDOM

BIG TRUTH: WE ARE SINNERS

Psalm 51:5; 130:3; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Isaiah 53:6; 64:6; Romans 3:10-12; 5:12; Ephesians 2:1-3; 1 John 1:8-10

BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 3:23

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

BIG IDEAS

- Sin is disobedience.
- Sin is rejection.
- I have disobeyed and rejected God.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 3

God prepared a home for Adam and Eve. He placed them in the Garden of Eden and gave them everything they needed to live. Because of His love for them, He gave them boundaries. They could eat anything in the Garden except for one thing. The only thing they could not eat was the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. God set this boundary to protect Adam and Eve, but Adam and Eve disobeyed God. When they ate the fruit, they chose to break away from God’s plan. Their disobedience was sin and their hearts became sinful. Every person born after them is born with a sinful heart. We are all disobedient.

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:

- We have broken God’s creation and our relationship with God by our sin



Every child should feel:

- Sorrow over breaking God’s creation



Every child should:

- Seek forgiveness for breaking God’s creation



Every child should want:

- To be forgiven for breaking God’s creation and their relationship with Him

FAMILY DEVOTION: I AM DISOBEDIENT

It’s easy for us to think of other people as sinful or disobedient, but God’s Word tells us that we all are sinful; we all are disobedient.

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No One Is Righteous.

- To be righteous means to be good or moral.
- No one is really good.
- Every person has a sin nature passed down to them from Adam and Eve.
- Because Adam and Eve sinned, every person born after them has a sinful heart.
- This sin keeps people from being righteous or good.

No One Seeks God.

- If people were good, they would naturally want what God wants and easily do what God wants, but they do not.
- Because of the sin nature we are born with, we seek to do what we want instead of what God says.
- Every person has a heart that seeks to please himself instead of God.

No One Does Good.

- No person truly does good without God.
- Every person has sinned because of his sin nature.
- Even the things people do that appear good aren't because they aren't done to glorify God.
- All people have sinned and no person is without sin.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 3

Adam and Eve Sin

Opening Illustration:

Give each child a piece of white heart-shaped piece of paper and a marker. Ask the children a series of questions about their behavior and ask them to make a mark on their heart for every behavior they have done. Use the following behaviors and add to them as needed:

- Have you used a wrong tone with your parents ever?
- Have you thought mean thoughts about someone?
- Have you always shared your toys or belongings with others?
- Have you listened to your parents every time they ask you to do something?

Lead the children in a discussion about how we are all sinners. Every single person sins because we are born with a sin nature.

BIG IDEA: SIN IS DISOBEDIENCE.

What is disobedience? (Disobedience is doing what you know not to do or not doing what you know to do.)

Sin is not doing what God says.

- When God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, He gave them instructions for how they were to live.
- He provided everything that they needed and told them to not eat the fruit from one tree.
- Adam and Eve didn't do what God said to do.
- They didn't follow His Word or listen to what He told them was best.
- Not doing what God says is sin.
- Adam and Eve sinned when they didn't listen.



Help the children make a list of behaviors and attitudes that are disobedient. Remind them that when we are disobedient we are sinful.

Sin is also knowing the right thing to do and not doing it.¹

- Adam and Eve knew what the right thing to do was.
- They knew the right way to live was the way God told them to live.
- They knew the boundaries that God set for them.
- They knew they weren't supposed to eat the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.
- When Satan lied to them, they believed his lie and chose to do the wrong thing.
- Sin is choosing to do what we know is wrong and choosing not to do what we know is right.

Adam's disobedience caused all people to have a sin nature.

- Sin entered the hearts of men through Adam.
- His disobedience caused all people after him to have a sin nature.
- He did the opposite of what God said to do, which is disobedience.
- Adam and Eve's sin meant that sin entered the heart of every person.
- We who are alive today have that same sin nature.

What caused sin to enter the hearts of men? (Adam and Eve's disobedience caused sin to enter the hearts of every person.)

1. James 4:17: When we know the right thing to do and we don't do it, it is sin for us.

BIG IDEA: SIN IS REJECTION.²

What does it mean to reject something? (It means that we don't accept it or we don't want it.)

God's way is the right way.

- When God created Adam and Eve, He created a way of life for them.
- He gave them guidelines, or instructions on how to live.
- His way was and still is the right way.
- His way is the best way.
- Adam and Eve didn't follow God's way.
- They rejected His way.
- They did what they thought was best instead of following God's way.



Bring in a bowl and a bean bag. Divide the children into two groups and have them take turns trying to toss the bean bag into the bowl. Tell the children that just like we don't always hit the bowl with the bean bag, we don't always do what God tells us to do. We disobey and sin.

Disobedience is rejecting the created way.

- When Adam and Eve disobeyed, their actions rejected God's way.
- He created the world to function and people to live a certain way.
- When Adam and Eve disobeyed, they showed they were rejecting His way.
- Sin is a rejection of God's instruction, of His created design.

Sin is a rejection of God.

- Adam and Eve had a perfect relationship with God before they disobeyed.
- Nothing separated them from Him.
- They could be with Him and not be ashamed.
- When they sinned, they rejected this relationship.
- Their sin broke the relationship and changed it.
- Their disobedience showed they had rejected God as their Lord.

What are we rejecting when we sin? (We are rejecting a relationship with God and His created way.)

2. John 12:48: When we sin, we reject God's way and Him.

BIG IDEA: I HAVE DISOBEYED AND REJECTED GOD.**No one is without sin.³**

- Because Adam and Eve were the first people, all people after them come from them.
- Eve is the mother of all people because she was the first mother.
- Because Adam and Eve disobeyed, sin entered their hearts.
- Because their hearts were sinful, every person after them is sinful.
- No one is born without a sin nature, or a heart that desires to sin.



Lead the children through a game of “Follow the Leader”. Ask the children to do exactly what you do. When someone doesn’t follow, have them sit out. Remind them that when we don’t obey God, we are sinning.

We all sin from a very young age.

- No one has to be taught to lie or to disobey.
- Even as young children, our hearts want to do our own thing.
- We all disobey our parents, even as young children.
- We all disobey God.
- There is no one who hasn’t sinned.

Our disobedience is a rejection of God.

- When we disobey God’s way, we are rejecting Him.
- God’s Word tells us how to live and how we can glorify Him.
- When we choose our own way of doing things, we are rejecting God’s way.
- We all have chosen our own way.

How have we disobeyed and rejected God? (We don’t obey God’s Word, We aren’t kind and loving. We lie. We disobey our parents.

3. Romans 3:23: Every person is sinful. There is no one who has not sinned.

HOOKS

**Disobedience Is Sin**

Draw and cut out two trees from paper and attach them to the wall. Place an X on both trees. Divide the children into two teams and give each team a bean bag. Ask the children to take turns tossing the bean bag aiming for the X. If a child misses the X, he or she must continue trying until the mark is hit. Tell the children that we all miss the mark because we all disobey and disobedience is sin.

**Sin Is Rejection**

Divide the children into small groups. Give each group several small pieces of paper and markers. Ask the groups to write down all of the things that God gave Adam and Eve in the Garden. Next, ask the groups to write down what God told Adam and Eve they couldn't have. Ask each group to "toss" away the things that Adam and Eve gave up, or rejected when they disobeyed God. They can "toss" them away by balling up the pieces of paper and tossing them across the room. Tell the children that we all reject the things of God. Just like Adam and Eve, we choose our own way instead of His.

**We All Sin**

On a piece of paper write the phrase "Our Heart" and fold the piece of paper. Before the children enter the room, hide the piece of paper somewhere. Tell the children that they are going to hunt for the hidden sin in the room. Give them clues of where to look and guide them to find the paper. Tell them to unfold the paper to reveal where the sin is. Lead them in a discussion about how we are all sinners. We all have sin in our hearts and we all sin against God.