

WE SIN AGAINST GOD

STORY: FALL / YEAR: KINGDOM

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

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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:

- 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: PRIDEFUL HEARTS

Our hearts are full of pride. We take pride in ourselves and in the things that we have. This pride in our hearts is sin and leads us to rebellion against God

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We are all in need of mercy.

- The psalmist David knows he has sinned against God.
- His words in this Psalm show us his understanding of his own sin.
- David knew he was in need of God’s mercy.
- We are all like David and in need of God’s mercy.
- No one is without sin.
- We all sin against God.

Our sin is against God.

- When we sin, we sin against God.
- Our sin affects other people, but we are truly sinning against God.
- David understood that his sin was against God.
- Though our sin can hurt other people, we truly wrong God when we sin.

God is our true judge.

- Our sinful actions affect other people.
- Our sin hurts other people.
- Only God is truly righteous and good.
- Only God can truly judge us.
- Our sin is against Him.

BIBLE STORY: 2 SAMUEL 12

David’s Sin and Repentance

Opening Illustration:

Have the children make binoculars out of craft rolls (toilet paper rolls or paper towel rolls cut in half). Use glue or tape to connect the rolls, then give the children markers or crayons to decorate their binoculars. Attach yarn or string to make a strap for the binoculars. Then, on large pieces of paper write out the names of toys or items, such as a brand new car, a cool set of Legos, a new American Girl doll, paint set, etc. Tape these pieces of paper around the room. Ask the children to take turns using the binoculars to find an item that they would really like to have. After every child has a chance to find an item, talk with them about how sometimes we take pride in the stuff we have or the things we do and we rebel against God. Everything we have is from God, but we forget this truth because of the pride in our hearts which causes us to sin against Him.

BIG IDEA: SIN IS PRIDE.**Pride is finding satisfaction in ourselves or others.**

- When we feel great satisfaction in our accomplishments or someone else's, our focus is on us and not on God.
- Everything we have and everything we accomplish is because of God.¹
- David had accomplished a lot.
- He was a mighty king and had won many battles.
- When he found great satisfaction in himself and his success, he focused on the wrong thing.
- When we focus on ourselves rather than God, we become prideful.
- Pride is a focus on the wrong thing and it is sinful.

Our pride causes us to make wrong choices.

- When we are prideful, we focus on ourselves and we make bad choices.
- We begin to think we are the reason we have success.
- Our hearts desire to please ourselves and not God.
- David's heart desired to please himself.
- He took something that belonged to someone else because he was prideful in his position as king. He disobeyed God when he did this.
- David confessed his sin of pride as we, too, should do.



Play a game of beanbag toss with the children. Use a medium sized bowl as the target for the beanbag. Begin the game with the bowl close to the child and then gradually move it farther away. Give each child a chance to toss the beanbag in the bowl at each distance. When every child has had a chance, talk with them about how we feel pride when we are able to toss the beanbag at the farthest distance. Explain that pride can be sin when we think more of ourselves than of God because all things, even our abilities, come from God.

How did David have pride? (He focused on himself and his own accomplishments.)

How do we have pride? (When we focus on ourselves rather than God.)

1. 2 Peter 1:3: God gives us everything we need. Everything comes from Him. We can boast in nothing but Him.

BIG IDEA: SIN IS REBELLION.**Sin is not doing what God says to do.**

- David didn't follow God's way when he took Uriah's wife, Bathsheba.
- David rebelled against God when he sent Uriah into battle knowing he would be killed.
- Rebellion is a heart that doesn't listen or obey God.
- Every person has a heart that is rebellious.
- When we follow our hearts, we follow rebellion.



Write down rebellious behaviors or attitudes on pieces of paper and hide them throughout the classroom. Divide the children into teams and ask them to find all of the hidden pieces of paper. Once they find them all, read them out loud and ask the children if the behavior is rebellious or not. Talk with them about how sin is rebellion.

Sin is rebellion against God.²

- When we sin, we disobey God.
- When we disobey God, we are saying that we don't think God's way is best.
- David sinned against God.
- David was rebellious against God because he did what he wanted instead of what God said was best.
- We rebel against God, too, when we do what we think is best instead of what God says is best.

How did David rebel against God? (He didn't obey God; he took Uriah's wife and sent Uriah into battle.)

How do we rebel against God? (We don't obey God's Word.)

2. Proverbs 17:11: Evil men seek out rebellion. Rebellion is sin against God.

BIG IDEA: I AM PRIDEFUL AND REBELLIOUS.**Everyone is prideful.**

- Just like David was prideful, Adam and Eve were prideful in the Garden.
- They chose to do what they wanted instead of what God said to do.
- Every person is like Adam and Eve and David.
- We find our satisfaction in ourselves and our own accomplishments and we don't recognize that God gives us everything.
- We take credit for all that God has and continues to do for us and in our lives.

Everyone is rebellious.

- No one seeks God or desires to do His will on their own.³
- We all want to please ourselves just like David did.
- We choose to not follow God's way and follow our own way instead.
- We rebel against what He tells us to do and how He tells us to live.
- David knew God's way was best, but he was blinded by his own accomplishments and a sense of entitlement. He took Uriah's wife when he should not have and it cost him the life of his own son.

Does anyone seek God? (No one seeks God. We are all in rebellion against God.)



Bring in a handheld mirror. Have the children sit in a circle on the floor. Ask them to explain what it means to be prideful and rebellious. Next, tell the children that you are going to show them a person who is prideful and rebellious. Hold the mirror up in front of each child so that he or she sees himself or herself. Explain that we are all prideful and rebellious against God and are in need of forgiveness. Teach them to see God's creation and God's goodness when they see themselves in the mirror. Tell them to look into the mirror again and instead of thinking about themselves and how good they look, to think about how good God is to them

3. Romans 3:11: *There is no one who seeks God. No one who is not in rebellion against God.*

HOOKS

**The Two Paths**

Before class, lay out two paths in the classroom. One path should lead to rebellion and the other should lead to obedience. On construction paper, write out different behaviors that are prideful or rebellious, such as jumping in front of someone, taking someone's toy, not thanking God for our blessings, etc. These papers will become your path to rebellion. On other pieces of paper, write out behaviors that are humble, such as putting others first, sharing your toys, giving the biggest piece of dessert to someone else, etc. These will be your path to obedience. Tell the children that they can choose a path to follow and at the end of the path are prizes. Make the paths intersect each other giving the children opportunities to switch paths if they want. After each child has a chance to walk one of the paths, talk with the class about pride and how it leads us to rebel against God.

**Pride Makes Us Stumble**

Bring in several long pieces of rope. Ask the children to sit in a circle on the floor and then ask for a volunteer. Ask the children to name some behaviors or attitudes that are prideful, such as thinking we are better than others. Every time the children name a prideful behavior, wrap the rope loosely around the volunteer's legs. Do this several times so that it is impossible for the volunteer to walk. Show the children how the volunteer can't walk without falling due to the rope. The rope represents pride, and pride causes us to fall and to rebel against God.

