

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

“Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.”

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

PRIDEFUL HEARTS

Gather together a bag of dry beans and an empty jar. Talk with your child about the times when he or she has wanted something that someone else has, such as a toy or an article of clothing. For every time your child has wanted something that someone else has, place a bean in the jar. Talk with your child about how our pride causes us to think we have the right to other people's things. Sometimes we may even try to take their things and this causes us to sin against God.

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

2 Samuel 12

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

David had received many things from God. He had been promoted to king of Israel and even protected from his enemies many, many times. God had blessed David a lot. David knew the right way to please God, but one day, he made a bad choice. He chose to stay home instead of going to battle with his men. While he was home, he saw a beautiful woman who was the wife of another man named Uriah. David felt pride in his heart because he was king and he forgot that it was God who had given him all that he had. He took Uriah's wife even when he knew he shouldn't. In order to hide his sin, he had to send Uriah into battle knowing that Uriah would be killed. David thought he had hidden his sin and that all would be well, but God sent Nathan to confront David. When Nathan showed David that he had sinned against God, David immediately repented. His heart was very sad and sorrowful. He prayed and asked God to forgive him and God did. David's pride caused him to rebel against God. We, too, have prideful hearts that cause us to rebel against God.

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

- How had God blessed David? (He had protected him and made him king.)
- How did David sin against God? (He took another man's wife for himself and disobeyed God's Word.)



KNOW

Help your child memorize Psalm 51:4 by dividing the verse into sections and repeating each section until you have memorized it.



DO

As a family, take a trip to the mall or a department store in your area. As you walk through the different stores, talk with your child about the merchandise that you see and how it would be wrong to just take it without buying it. Talk with your child about how everything you see is from God and we can't take credit for it because it is God who gives us the ability to make things and create things.



FEEL

Play a game of catch, color a picture, or participate in one of your child's favorite activities. Choose something that your child is good at doing. As you play the game or participate in the activity, talk with your child about how we often take pride in our own abilities. Sometimes this pride gets out of control and we rebel against God. Remind your child that everything we have is from God, even our abilities.



WANT

Spend some time with your child at bedtime asking God to help you not be prideful and rebellious. Pray, thanking God for His forgiveness.

Assign your child a few chores to do around your house. Give your child a small amount of money for each chore. Remind them that even though he or she worked for it, their ability to work for it was given to them from God. God is the only person we can boast in or be prideful of because He gives us everything.