

STORY: FALL**WE HURT OURSELVES****BIG TRUTH: WE HURT OURSELVES***Proverbs 1; 7:14-16; Galatians 6:7-8; Romans 1:18-23***BIBLE VERSE: PROVERBS 5:22***"The iniquities of the wicked ensnare him, and he is held fast in the cords of his sin."***BIG IDEAS**

- Our sin causes us to want what we should not possess.
- Our sin is always a rejection of joy.
- Our sin always leads to our hurt.

BIBLE STORY: 1 SAMUEL 15

Saul was the king of the Israelites, but he did not always obey God. God had given Saul specific instructions through Samuel, God's prophet, but Saul did not obey those instructions. His sin led to his loss of the kingdom and God's rejection of him. Our sin leads to our hurt.

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:**

- Seek forgiveness for breaking God's creation

**Every child should feel:**

- Sorrow over breaking God's creation

**Every child should want:**

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

SIN LEADS TO HURT

Using a large piece of poster board or a roll of paper, draw an outline of your child and cut it out. Draw a heart where your child's heart would be and place the outline of your child on the wall. Use a box of band-aids and a bandana to play a version of "Pin The Tail On The Donkey" except call it "Pin The Hurt On The Sin". Ask your child to name a sin that he or she has committed, such as hit a brother or sister. Once they name a sin, blindfold them, give them a band-aid and ask them to try and put the band-aid on the heart. Remind them that our sin leads to hurt.

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

1 Samuel 15

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

God had chosen King Saul to be His special people's king, but Saul had not always obeyed God. Saul wanted to follow his own way and he didn't always listen to God. God used Samuel, His special prophet to speak to Saul. One day Samuel told Saul to attack the people known as the Amalekites because they had mistreated the Israelites. God had given Samuel very specific instructions about how Saul was to defeat the Amalekites. Samuel passed these instructions on to Saul and told him to completely destroy the Amalekites and not to take any of their livestock or other things for himself. Saul gathered his army and fought against the Amalekites. He defeated them, but he didn't follow God's command. Instead of destroying everyone and everything, he kept the king of the Amalekites alive and he took the very best livestock of the Amalekites. This made God angry with Saul. He told Samuel that He would no longer allow a king to come from Saul's family. God rejected Saul as king because Saul disobeyed God. Saul's heart led him to believe that he knew better than God and it caused him great hurt. Our sinful hearts make us believe we know better than God, too. Our sin leads us to hurt and causes us to reject God and His joy.

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

- What did God command Saul to do with the Amalekites? (He was supposed to completely destroy them.)
- What did Saul do instead of listening to God? (Saul kept the king alive and took the best livestock for himself.)
- What does our sin lead us to? (It leads us to hurt.)



As a family, memorize Proverbs 5:22 by playing freeze tag. The person who is frozen gets to say the verse out loud.



Spend some time talking through the ways that we can be obedient to God.



Hide a Bible somewhere in your house or outside around your house. Set up a scavenger hunt with clues, and tell your child that the clues will lead them to the source of joy and happiness. When they find the hidden Bible, tell your child that following God's Word and obeying Him is how we have true joy.



Ask your child to help you put together a set of Legos. Begin by following the instructions included with the Lego set, but halfway through say you are going to stop following the instructions. Begin building the set however you want. When you finish, ask your child if what you built looks like the instructions. Talk with your child about how our sinful hearts will cause us to not follow God's instructions and that will lead us to hurt.



Spend some time as a family singing worship songs and thanking God for His joy that we can experience when we obey Him.