

# SIN BROKE GOD'S CREATION

STORY: FALL / YEAR: KINGDOM

## BIG TRUTH: SIN BROKE GOD'S CREATION

Genesis 3:18; Psalm 81:11-13; Ecclesiastes 1:7-8; Isaiah 53:6; Jeremiah 4:23, 27

## BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 8:20

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## BIG IDEAS

- We broke God's creation.
- We broke our relationship with God.
- We hurt ourselves.
- We hurt others.
- We cannot fix our brokenness.

## BIBLE STORY: ACTS 2:14-41

After Jesus' death on the cross and His resurrection, He ascended into heaven. One day after this, the Holy Spirit came down and filled all of Jesus' followers. Jesus had promised that this would happen, and when it happened, Peter preached reminding the people of who Jesus was and what their response to the gospel should be. It is important for us to remember that it was for our sins that Jesus died on the cross, and we need Him to fix our brokenness!

## 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:

- When we do, think, or say things that are not honoring to God, that is sin



### Every child should:

- Recognize examples of things in their life that are sinful



### Every child should feel:

- Sorrow over sin



### Every child should want:

- To be forgiven for their sin

## FAMILY DEVOTION

Guide 9 acts as a review for the preceding weeks. Use this guide and devotion to support, reinforce, and review concepts learned throughout the past weeks and to test your child's understanding and memory of these truths.

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**Creation is broken by our sin.**

- Our sin has real effects.
- We cannot sin and reject God and expect that there will be no consequences.
- Sin has not just affected humans but it has affected the world around us.

**All of the world is broken and twisted because of sin.**

- There is nothing in the world that has not been broken by sin.
- Sin continues to grow and spread throughout the world.
- The world is continually dying because of sin's effects.

**There is hope for creation.**

- Even though sin has broken God's good creation, there is hope for it to be restored.
- God is over all things and is in control of all things, and He has not let creation be broken without any hope.
- Because God is at work in the world, there is hope that creation will one day be set free and will be made new again.

**BIBLE STORY: ACTS 2:14-41****Opening Illustration:**

Write the words "Brokenness", "Separation", and "Sin" on separate sheets of paper. Place each paper in a box and then wrap the box up. Bring the three boxes to class and place them on a table for the children to see. Tell them that inside of each box is a truth about every person on earth. Ask the children to take turns guessing what is inside of each box by playing a game of beanbag toss. When a person hits the designated spot, he or she gets to guess what is inside of the box. Once the children have all had a chance to take a guess, open the boxes and talk with them about how we are all broken and separated from God because of our sin. Only Jesus can fix our brokenness.

Guide 9 acts as a review for the preceding weeks. The Big Ideas in Guide 9 are the Big Truths that were learned in Guides 4-8. Use this week as an opportunity to review and reinforce these truths. For further study, information, or resources, refer back to Guides 4-8.

### **BIG IDEA: WE BROKE GOD'S CREATION**

BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 8:22

*"For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now."*

See Guide 4 for more information on this Big Idea.

### **BIG IDEA: WE BROKE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

BIBLE VERSE: JEREMIAH 2:13

*"For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns that can hold no water."*

See Guide 5 for more information on this Big Idea.

### **BIG IDEA: WE HURT OURSELVES**

BIBLE VERSE: PROVERBS 5:22

*"The iniquities of the wicked ensnare him, and he is held fast in the cords of his sin."*

See Guide 6 for more information on this Big Idea.

### **BIG IDEA: WE HURT OTHERS**

BIBLE VERSE: 1 JOHN 3:10

*"By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother."*

See Guide 7 for more information on this Big Idea.

### **BIG IDEA: WE CANNOT FIX OUR BROKENNESS**

BIBLE VERSE: EPHESIANS 2:8-9

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."*

See Guide 8 for more information on this Big Idea.

## HOOKS

**Death To Life**

Divide the children into small groups or pairs. Give each group a blank sheet of paper and a set of markers. Ask the groups to draw a picture of or write everything that dies on the earth, such as people, trees, flowers, animals, etc. Allow the groups to share their lists. Lead the children in a discussion about how our sin brought death into this world.



- When God first created the world, there was no death.
- The world was perfect when God first created it.
- What broke the world? (Sin broke the world.)
- When Adam and Eve sinned, death entered the world.
- We all have a sinful heart and our sinful hearts bring death into this world.

**Only Jesus**

Help the children make their own binoculars out of empty toilet paper rolls, tape and string. Write the names of different people on small pieces of paper, including the name of Jesus on one piece of paper. Place these pieces of paper around the room and then ask the children to use their binoculars to find the one person who can fix our brokenness. Once they find the paper with Jesus' name on it, lead them in a discussion about how only Jesus can fix our brokenness.



- We may look for other Saviors, but only Jesus can fix our brokenness.
- Jesus is the only sinless, perfect person, so He is the only one who can pay for our sins.
- Jesus took on our sins and died on the cross to pay our sin debt.