

BIG TRUTH: GOD IS FIXING CREATION

Isaiah 43:18; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Romans 8:19-22; Colossians 1:17; Hebrews 1:3; 2 Peter 3:7

BIBLE VERSE: REVELATION 21:5A

“And He who was seated on the throne said, ‘Behold, I am making all things new.’”

BIG IDEAS

- Our sin has broken the good world that God created.
- God is greater than the brokenness of creation.
- God is fixing all of creation through Jesus.

BIBLE STORY: MATTHEW 14:22-33

Jesus revealed His power in many ways during His earthly ministry. In this story, He shows His power over creation when He walks on the water and calms the wind and the waves. Our sin has broken creation, but God is fixing it.

STORY: REDEMPTION

Thankfully, God does not just leave us in the broken world, but is repairing the brokenness through His Son. From the very beginning of time, God promised He would fix creation, and He kept His promise by sending Jesus to rescue us from our sin. Jesus came to live on the earth and willingly died on the cross so that sin's power over creation would be broken forever.

BIG AIMS**KNOW****Every child should know that:**

- God fixes our relationships with Him and with others through Jesus

**FEEL****Every child should feel:**

- Hope that God is fixing creation

**DO****Every child should:**

- See Jesus as God's plan for our brokenness

**WANT****Every child should want:**

- To be made new through faith and hope in Jesus

GOD IS GREATER

Use a sponge, toothpicks and sails cut from white paper to create a boat. Float the boat in a bowl of water, create waves by blowing on the water or stirring the water in a circular motion. Watch how the boat gets tossed around by the water and talk with your child about how Jesus was more powerful than the stormy wind and waves. God is greater than anything and anyone, even a broken creation.

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

Matthew 14:22-33.

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

Jesus taught His disciples many things. He showed them how powerful He is and He helped them learn to trust Him. His disciples were in a boat trying to cross a large lake when the wind and waves became choppy and rough. The disciples fought against the wind and waves, but they were not having any success in overcoming them. They were struggling against stormy winds and waves. Jesus saw them in trouble and He went to them but He didn't use a boat. Instead, He used His power over creation by walking to them on the water. He wasn't walking on calm water; He was walking on stormy water. The waves were choppy and the wind was strong and blowing the boat around. When the disciples saw a figure walking to them, they did not immediately recognize it as Jesus. They were afraid of the storm and of the figure coming towards them. When Jesus was close to them, He called out to them and they knew it was Him. Peter got out of the boat and began to walk to Jesus on top of the water, but He took His eyes off of Jesus and quickly began to sink. Jesus saved Peter from sinking and He calmed the wind and the waves. He and Peter got in the boat and Jesus caused the boat to be at the other shore instantly. Jesus showed His disciples His power over everything. Even though the winds and waves were stormy, Jesus overpowered them. Even though Peter was sinking, Jesus overpowered him. God's creation is broken. There are storms in life and bad things happen. We are all sinful and make bad choices. Things in creation don't work like they are supposed to. Animals fight each other, people fight each other, and all of creation cries out to be made new. God is greater than anything bad or in this world. There is nothing that is greater than God. God is fixing our creation. He sent Jesus to pay the sin debt of man and one day when Jesus returns, He will make a new heaven and a new earth. All things will be new.

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

- What happened to the disciples when they were in the boat? (The waves and wind became stormy.)
- How did the disciples make it to the other shore? (Jesus walked to them and calmed the storm and then made the boat be at the shore instantly.)
- Who is greater than any broken or bad thing in this world? (God is greater than everything.)



As a family, memorize Revelation 21:5a by making a puzzle out of the verse. Write the verse on a piece of paper and then cut it up to make a puzzle. As a family take turns putting the puzzle together and saying the verse.



As a family, go through the toys in your house and gather up some of the broken ones. Talk with your child about how our world is broken like the toys are, but God is fixing our brokenness through Jesus.

Roleplay the story of the disciples in the boat on the stormy lake. Take turns pretending to be different people, such as Peter or Jesus. Talk with your child about how the disciples were afraid, but Jesus is more powerful than the storm and He is more powerful than our broken world.

Spend some time this week identifying some of the broken things in our world, such as sickness, dying things, etc. Remind them that God is greater than our brokenness