

BIG TRUTH: WE BROKE GOD'S CREATION

Genesis 3:17-19; Isaiah 59:2; Romans 1:22-23; 3:23; 5:12; 8:18-22; James 1:15

BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 8:22

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

BIG IDEAS

- Our sin is a rejection of God.
- Our sin is a rejection of God's good world.
- Our sin has broken the good things that God created.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 3

The world that God created was perfect and good. He created man and woman, Adam and Eve, and they were good and perfect. He gave them the Garden of Eden to be their home and provided them with everything they would ever need. Even though what they had was perfection, they disobeyed God. They chose to believe Satan's lies and they ate the forbidden fruit. This broke God's creation and caused every person born after them to have a sin nature.

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

A BROKEN WORLD

Help your child create a diorama of the Garden of Eden. Gather supplies such as construction paper, artificial grass, toy animals, etc. Talk about how beautiful the Garden of Eden was and remind your child that God's creation was perfect when He created it. Man's sin broke God's creation.

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

Genesis 3

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

God's creation was perfect and good until sin entered it. Adam and Eve had a close relationship with God before they disobeyed Him. They could talk to Him and be with Him without anything stopping them. God had given them everything they would ever need in their home. They even had a job of taking care of their home and all of the animals who lived in it. Before they disobeyed, none of the animals were afraid of them. This good and perfect life did not last. One day Satan, God's enemy, tempted Eve to doubt God's goodness. She believed Satan and began to think that God and all that He had given them was not enough. Adam believed the lie too and both he and Eve disobeyed God by eating the forbidden fruit. As soon as they ate the fruit, sin entered their hearts and the perfect and good world God created was broken. They no longer had a close relationship with God. The animals were now afraid of them. Their home had changed and now it wasn't good and perfect anymore. God sent them away from the Garden of Eden. Before He sent them away, He promised to give them a way to ask for forgiveness and to have their sin forgiven. He was going to send His Son, Jesus, to pay their sin debt and the sin debt of all the people everywhere.

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

- What was the world like when God first created it? (It was perfect and good.)
- What kind of relationship did Adam and Eve have with God? (They had a close relationship.)
- What broke God's creation? (Sin broke the good and perfect world He created.)



As a family, memorize Romans 8:22 by singing the verse to the tune of "London Bridge Is Falling Down."



Spend some time this week praying with your child thanking God for giving us a way to ask for forgiveness for breaking His good creation



As a family, play a game of Pin the Fruit on the Tree. Trace a tree from brown packing paper and tape it to the wall. Cut out round circles from construction paper. Use a bandana as a blindfold and take turns trying to place the "fruit" on the tree and not the wall. Talk with your child about how sin broke the world that God had created.



Help your child plan a special day at the end of the week. Write the plan for the day on paper and post it somewhere it is visible. As you plan the special day, tell your child that the day can happen only if he or she is obedient all of the time every day this week. Throughout the week keep track of your child's obedience and disobedience. For every time he or she disobeys make a mark on the Special Day plan. At the end of the week, talk with your child about how his or her sin has "broken" the special day, but you are going to show grace just like God showed grace to us by sending Jesus to pay our sin debt.

Spend some time this week during meals naming the ways our world is now broken. Pray, thanking God for providing a way for our sins to be forgiven.