

WE BROKE OUR RELATIONSHIP
WITH GOD**BIG TRUTH: WE BROKE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

Genesis 3:8-9; Psalm 81:11-13; Isaiah 1:1-4; 59:2; Jeremiah 4:22; Romans 3:23

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."

BIG IDEAS

- Our sin causes us to doubt God's goodness.
- Our sin causes us to choose fear instead of faith.
- Our sin causes us to disobey God's commands.

BIBLE STORY: NUMBERS 13-14

The Israelites were God's chosen people. He set them apart to be His children, yet they disobeyed Him and turned away from. For many years, God's law was lost because they did not seek Him or follow Him. When Josiah became king, the Law was found and read to the people. The Israelites had broken God's law. They had turned away from Him.

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

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Using an empty paper towel roll, help you child create a trust stick by using a marker to write ways we can trust God on the roll. Help your child decorate the trust stick using markers, stickers, glitter, and other craft supplies. God can be trusted even when we can't see Him working.

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

Numbers 13-14

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

The Israelites were God's chosen people. He had promised them a special land that would be their home, but they would have to trust Him to get them there. He did mighty miracles to set them free from the Egyptian people who were enslaving them. Once they left Egypt, God did more miracles as they made their way towards the Promised Land. They saw God part the Red Sea, defeat their enemies and provide for them. Once they made it to the Promised Land, they sent in men to check out the land. The spies went into the land and secretly checked it out. What they saw made them very afraid. They saw lots and lots of people in the land and even giants. When they returned to camp, they told the rest of the Israelites that the land was beautiful and full of lots of food just like God had said, but it was also full of people and giants. The people were very afraid and began to grumble and complain. They stopped trusting God and believing in Him. They made a choice to disobey Him and instead of going into the Promised Land, they turned away from it. Their sinful hearts caused them to reject God and their relationship with Him.

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

- What had God promised to the Israelites? (He had promised them a special land to call their home.)
- What had the Israelites seen God do for them in the desert? (They had seen Him do miracles and defeat their enemies by parting the Red Sea.)
- What did the Israelites choose over trusting God? (They chose to fear and disobey.)

**KNOW**

As a family, memorize Jeremiah 2:13 by playing freeze tag. The person who is frozen gets to say the verse out loud.

**DO**

Take a trust walk as a family. Take turns wearing a blindfold and walk around your yard or through your neighborhood. The person not wearing the blindfold should guide the person wearing the blindfold.

**FEEL**

Help your child create a trust book. Use half sheets of paper, string, small pieces of cloth for clothing, markers, and stickers. Ask your child to draw a picture of someone he or she can trust on each page. On the first page he or she should draw a picture of Jesus. Use the materials to decorate the people. Talk with your child about how we can always trust God and we don't have to fear.

**WANT**

Share a time with your child that you trusted God even when you couldn't see Him working. Pray with your child, thanking God for always taking care of you.