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BIG TRUTH: WE CANNOT FIX OUR BROKENNESS

John 1:1-18; Romans 3:21-26; 4:3-6; Ephesians 2:1-6; 4:21-24

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."

BIG IDEAS

- In our sin we look to false saviors to rescue us.
- In our sin we try to become our own savior.
- In our sin we reject the true Savior.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 11

After the flood, God commanded Noah and his family to populate the entire earth since it had all been destroyed by the flood. Many years after they received this command, the people living on the earth disobeyed God. They settled in one place and began building a tower that would take them to heaven. They disobeyed God and rejected God's plan for salvation.

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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OUR BROKENNESS**A TOWER OF DISOBEDIENCE**

Gather together a bag of marshmallows and a box of toothpicks. Help your child create a marshmallow tower using toothpicks. Remind your child that we look for other ways to receive salvation just like the people building the tower of Babel. The people were disobedient when they built the tower and we are disobedient when we look for other saviors.

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

Genesis 11

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

After Noah and his family survived the great flood that God sent to destroy the wicked world, they were given a command by God. They were commanded to populate the entire world again because everyone else besides Noah and his family had died in the flood. God had a plan for the world even after the flood. He told Noah and his children to repopulate the world and they began to do that. The world began to have more people and more people. All of the people spoke the same language and could talk to each other easily. Many years after the flood, the people on the earth turned away from God's plan and they decided to settle together in one city called Shinar. They gathered in this city and decided that they would work together to build a tower that would take them all the way to Heaven. They didn't consider or think about what God had commanded them to do. They didn't think about God's plan for them. Instead, they decided to find a way to heaven on their own without God. God saw what they were doing and He knew their hearts were disobedient. He knew they had rejected Him in their hearts and that they were looking for a false savior. God stopped them from building the tower by causing the people to speak different languages. They no longer spoke the same language and they began to scatter throughout the world. The people looked for something else to save them besides God. They rejected His plan for them. We reject God's plan for us because of our sinful hearts. We look for other things and people to save us and reject the true Savior, Jesus.

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

- What did God command Noah and his family to do after the flood? (They were to populate the entire earth.)
- What did people decide to do once some of the world was populated? (They decided to settle in one city and to build a tower that would reach Heaven.)
- How did the people reject God? (They began building a tower to take them to Heaven instead of following God's plan.)



As a family, memorize Ephesians 2:8-9 by playing a game of beanbag toss. Every time the beanbag gets tossed to another person, they say the next word of the verse. Do this several times to help your child learn the verse.

Take a walk with your child through a park or your yard. Help your child gather together as many fallen leaves as he or she can. Next, ask your child to put the leaves back on the trees they fell from. When your child can't, remind your child that we can't fix our brokenness either. We need Jesus to save us.

Spend some time this week sharing with your child about how Jesus saved you. Talk with him or her about your own salvation experience and then pray together, thanking God for sending Jesus to be our Savior.

Give your child a half sheet of paper. Ask him or her to draw a picture of someone or something that could be used to save them if they were in danger. Talk with them about how these things are helpful and can save our lives, but they cannot give us salvation like Jesus can.