

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

For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope

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

REVIEW

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.

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

Acts 2:14-41

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

Jesus died on the cross for our sins and was buried. He didn't stay buried, though. He rose again on the third day and after being on the earth in His glorified body for some days, He ascended, or returned to heaven. Before He left, He promised to send His followers a helper, the Holy Spirit. One day after He had returned to heaven, the Holy Spirit came down and filled all of Jesus's followers. It was a big moment and it caused many people to gather together as they wondered what had happened. Peter, one of Jesus' disciples, used this moment to preach to the Jews who had gathered in Jerusalem after God sent the Holy Spirit. He reminded the Jews that Jesus was God and God's Son. He came to this earth as a baby and lived a sinless life. He was crucified on the cross for their sins, for the sins of every person. The Jews heard Peter speaking and even though they were the very people who had crucified Jesus on the cross, they knew they were sinful. They believed in Jesus on that day and were saved. Their sin debt was forgiven. Peter continued to remind them that Jesus didn't remain dead, but He rose again and is now in heaven. He has been made Christ and Lord by God. We are all like the Jews in Jerusalem. It is for our sin that Jesus died on the cross and we all need Him to fix our sinfulness and brokenness.

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

- What is sin?
- What are some of the things that we do that are sinful?
- What does sin affect in our lives? (Sin affects every person and the whole world)
- How can our brokenness be fixed? (We cannot fix ourselves, we need Jesus)

**KNOW**

As a family memorize Romans 8:20 by playing a game of Hangman with the verse

Go for a walk through your neighborhood and help your child point out all of the things that are living. As you point out the living things, ask your child what happens to all living things on earth. Remind him or her that all living things die because our sin brings death to life.

**DO**

Help your child sort through his or her toy box. Separate the broken or damaged toys from the undamaged toys. Show your child the broken toys and tell him or her that these toys are broken just like we are. Only Jesus can fix our brokenness.

**FEEL**

Plan a special time with your child. Go to the park or go for ice cream. Use this special time when you are alone to share your own salvation experience with your child. Talk with your child about how you were sinful and broken. Remind them that you couldn't fix your own brokenness, but you needed Jesus to fix it.

**WANT**

Spend some time this week at bedtime, praying and thanking God for sending Jesus to fix our brokenness.