

**BIG TRUTH: GOD IS FIXING US**

Ezekiel 11:19-20; 36:24-28; Romans 6:17-18; 8:9-11; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Ephesians 2:1-6

**BIBLE VERSE: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17**

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation."*

**BIG IDEAS**

- Our sin always leads to brokenness.
- God cares more about fixing our hearts than our circumstances.
- In His grace God can make us brand new.
- We can only be made new through Jesus.

**BIBLE STORY: JOHN 5**

Jesus encounters a man who had been lame for more than thirty years. The man had no hope of physical healing until Jesus arrived. Jesus did not simply heal the man's body. He revealed the truth of the man's heart to him and offered him true, eternal healing.

**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****Every child should know that:**

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

**Every child should feel:**

- Hope that God is fixing creation

**Every child should:**

- See Jesus as God's plan for our brokenness

**Every child should want:**

- To be made new through faith and hope in Jesus

**THE ONLY FIX**

Show your child different types of bandages, such as small band aids, large gauze pads, compression bandages, etc. Talk with your child about what each bandage is used for, such as a band aid is used for a small cut, but not for a cut inside of our bodies. Certain bandages can only fix certain things. Jesus is the only fix for our brokenness.

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

John 5.

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

We are all broken and sinful. Our hearts are broken because of our sin. There is nothing we can do to fix our brokenness. Jesus saw a lame man one day lying by a healing pool. This man had not been able to walk for more than thirty years. He had only lain by the pool on his mat hoping that someone would help him into the healing pool one day, but no one had. Jesus saw him and asked him if he wanted to be healed. The man did not understand who Jesus was and did not understand that Jesus was the one who could heal him. He told Jesus that there was no one to put him in the healing pool, but Jesus did not need the waters in the healing pool. He showed the man who He was by telling the man to get up and walk. Immediately, he picked up his mat and began to walk. The man was healed physically. He was no longer lame or broken. We are like the lame man. We are broken on the inside. Our hearts are broken and we need to be fixed. We cannot fix ourselves and no one else can fix us either. Only Jesus can fix our brokenness. Only Jesus can make us new people and change our hearts from sinful, broken ones to new, clean ones. Jesus fixes our brokenness.

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

- What was wrong with the lame man? (He could not walk.)
- How long had the man been lame? (He had been lame for 38 years.)
- Why had the man not gotten in the healing waters? (He had no one to put him in the waters.)
- What did Jesus do for the lame man? (He healed him.)
- What does Jesus do for us? (He fixes our brokenness.)



As a family memorize 2 Corinthians 5:17 by writing the words to the verse on separate index cards and hiding them throughout the house. Help your child go on a scavenger hunt and find all of the cards to the verse. After you've found all of the cards, sit down together and put them in order.



Help your child cut two hearts out of cardstock. Spend some time coloring both of the hearts. Once the hearts are colored, talk with your child about our sin nature. Remind them that our hearts are broken because of sin. Tear one of the colored hearts in two. Tell your child that sin broke our hearts just like you ripped the heart in two. Tell them that God doesn't just tape our broken hearts back together, but He gives us a new heart. Replace the ripped heart with the second heart.



Spend some time at bedtime talking with your child about the behaviors we do that show how broken our hearts are, such as talking rudely to others, being mean to our friends or siblings, not obeying our parents, or lying. Pray, thanking God for sending Jesus to fix our broken hearts.



As a family, create a first aid kit. Fold a piece of white cardstock paper in half and draw a red cross on the front of the paper. Staple the sides together. Next, help your child draw different bandages, ointments, gauze, etc. and cut them out. Place the items in the first aid kit. Talk with your child about how a first aid kit fixes cuts and injuries like Jesus fixes our Brokenness.