

SIN LEADS TO DEATH, BUT GOD
RAISES THE DEAD TO LIFE**BIG TRUTH: SIN LEADS TO DEATH, BUT GOD RAISES THE DEAD TO LIFE**

Romans 5:10; Ephesians 2:1-5; Colossians 1:21-22; James 1:15

BIBLE VERSE: EPHESIANS 2:4-5A

But God... even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ

BIG IDEAS

- God is the author of life, and joy is found in Him alone.
- Adam and Eve chose to sin by rejecting and disobeying God.
- Sin leads to death, and everyone has sinned.
- God raises the dead to life through the promised Son.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 2 & 3

God, the author of all life, created man in His own image. The first man and woman, Adam and Eve, chose to trade the truth for a lie and sinned against God. This sin introduced a sin nature to all of mankind. Though man sinned against God, He made a way to save them. Though their sin introduced death into the world, God raises the dead to life through the promised Son.

FOUNDATION: GOD IS CREATOR—GOD GIVES LIFE

Everything that is and that has ever existed was created by God. All of creation He created from nothing. He created everything for the purpose of bringing glory to His name, and after He created all things, He declared everything He made to be good. Since God is creator, it is He who gives life to all things, including us. Our lives and the purpose for our lives is found in Him.

BIG AIMS**Every child should know that:**

- God is the creator of all things
- All life comes from God

**Every child should feel:**

- Awe that God made everything out of nothing

**Every child should be able to:**

- Point out things in their daily lives and acknowledge that they were created by God

**Every child should want:**

- To trust God their Creator

The Family Devotion on the next page is a weekly tool for the home. It is designed for you as family to gather for a few minutes on a set night of the week to unpack the Big Truth together. Use the model below and customize it to fit your family. As you continue to learn, love, and live out the Big Truth, some additional Hooks (next page) are provided that correspond to the Big Aims (see above). Use them to keep the conversation going throughout the week with your family.

**SIN LEADS TO DEATH, BUT GOD
RAISES THE DEAD TO LIFE****GOD RAISES THE DEAD THROUGH HIS PROMISED SON**

Gather together some dead leaves or find a plant that has died. Ask your child to bring it back to life. Ask your child what is required to bring the dead item back to life. God is the giver of life and He is also the one who raises the dead through His Son, Jesus Christ. A person can have life again through the life and death of Jesus Christ.

DISCOVER IT:

Read Genesis 3:15, 19-24.

THINK ABOUT IT:

Adam and Eve had a perfect, beautiful place to live and care for. God had created them and placed them in charge of His garden. He had a relationship with them, but they fell prey to Satan's lies. Satan tempted Adam and Eve with lies about God and the world He had created. He tempted them to question God's truthfulness. They chose to believe Satan's lies and disobeyed God by eating the fruit of the forbidden tree. When they did, sin entered their hearts and then the hearts of every person after them. Yet, God made a way for man to be with Him again. In His great mercy and love, He promised to send a rescuer to save them from their sin. He sent Adam and Eve from the garden because of their sin and because He didn't want them to live forever in their sinful state. He promised to bring them back to Him and He did when His Son came to earth and died on the cross for the sins of every man and woman.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- What lie did Adam and Eve believe? (They believed that they wouldn't die if they ate of the fruit.)
- What happened when they disobeyed God? (Sin entered their hearts.)
- Who did God promise would save them? (His Son, Jesus.)



Read John 5:28-29 with your child. As a family talk about what it means to be resurrected. Talk through how miraculous it is that someone is made alive again after they've died. Talk to them about how repentance and belief in Jesus means that when we die on this earth, we will live forever in heaven.



As a family, take your child to a park or a place where you have access to a walking bridge. One family member should stand at one end of the bridge and another family at the other end. Lead your child in a discussion of how our sin separates us from God like the two sides are separated from each other by the water or ravine or whatever is below. The bridge connects the two like Jesus brings us back to God through His sacrifice on the cross. It is only through Jesus (cross the bridge with your child) that we get to God.



Throughout the week, keep a list of ways each family member obeys God and disobeys God on a dry erase board. At the end of the week, lead your child in a discussion of how we all disobey because we have sin in our hearts, but those who have repented and believed in Jesus have those sins wiped away. Use an eraser to wipe the board clean.



Find two magnets that are polar opposites and will stick together. Also find a piece of cardboard to place between the magnets. The cardboard represents our sin. It separates us from God. We can't get to Him on our own. Remove the cardboard so the magnets will stick together. Tell them that only through Jesus can we be given new life that enables us to get to God.