

# SIN IS A REJECTION OF GOD

## THE STORY: FALL

### BIG TRUTH: SIN IS A REJECTION OF GOD

Genesis 6:5; Isaiah 44:9-20, 53:6; 2 Kings 17:15; Jeremiah 10:1-15

### BIBLE VERSE: GENESIS 3:6

*So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.*

### BIG IDEAS

- Sin leads us to doubt God's goodness.
- Sin leads us to believe the lie that God is not enough.
- Sin leads us to reject God's rule and reign.

### BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 3:1-7

God's creation was perfect and good until man's sin. When Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, they disobeyed God's rule. They rejected Him and their relationship with Him. Man's sin separated him from God and introduced death into the world. Our relationships with God, ourselves, and one another are broken because of our sin.

### THE STORY

The Story is the good news of the gospel. All of Scripture tells the Story of God the Father's work to redeem a people from the power of sin through God the Son so that they might live for His glory through the power of the Holy Spirit. During this series we will explore the four main movements of the Story of God, and our response to the life-altering Gospel Story!

### BIG AIMS



#### Every child should know that:

- God is the author, subject, and hero of the gospel story
- Salvation comes by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone



#### Every child should feel:

- Brokenness over the depth of our sin against God
- Joy in Jesus, our Savior and King



#### Every child should strive to:

- Describe the gospel message through Creation, Fall, Redemption, and New Creation
- Memorize the Bible verse each week



#### Every child should want:

- To study the Bible so that they can better understand God's story of redemption
- To share the gospel story with those who are separated from God in their sin

### FAMILY DEVOTION: A LIE BELIEVED

When Satan approached Eve, he sought to lead her away from God. He lied to her his lies introduced doubt into Eve's mind and heart. Adam and Eve chose to believe the lies about God rather than the truth. Their disobedience was a rejection of God.

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### **BIBLE VERSE: GENESIS 3:6**

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#### **The first sin was a rejection of God as Father.**

*“She took of its fruit and ate, and she gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.”*

- Adam and Eve had everything they would ever need in their home, the Garden of Eden. God had given them everything as their heavenly Father. Their home and life were perfect. God had established boundaries for their protection, allowing them to eat the fruit of any tree, except for one tree in the middle of the Garden of Eden. This one tree held the power to give Adam and Eve a knowledge of good and evil.
- It was for their good that God withheld this knowledge from them, but they rejected this. When they chose to eat the fruit of this tree, they were rejecting God as their Father and protector.

#### **The first sin was a blatant disobedience of God’s Word.**

*“So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit...”*

- When God created the heavens and earth, He established His order in the world. When He created man and woman, He gave order to their lives when He placed them in the Garden and gave them work and purpose. He also gave them guidelines when He set up boundaries for them.
- When Adam and Eve ate the fruit from the forbidden tree, they purposefully disobeyed God’s Word. They rejected His rule and order and chose their own way instead.

#### **The first sin was a desire for self-glory and not God’s glory.**

*“...and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise...”*

- Satan convinced Adam and Eve that God was withholding something good from them. They believed the lie that they needed their own wisdom and that God’s provision and protection of them was not enough.
- They sought wisdom for themselves because they desired their own glory. It wasn’t enough that God was wise and guiding them; they wanted their own wisdom for their own glory.

### **BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 3:1-7**

*Disobedience in the Garden of Eden*

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#### **Opening Illustration:**

Divide the children into small groups and supply each group with a poster board and markers. Ask each group to make two lists: one list is of all the good things that God has done and does for the world, the other list is about all the things we do for ourselves. Allow the groups to share their lists and then help the children see that everything really comes from God and He is all we need. Remind them that our sin leads us to reject God and His provision for us.

**BIG IDEA: SIN LEADS US TO DOUBT GOD'S GOODNESS.<sup>1</sup>****Sin leads us to doubt God's Word.**

- When Satan appeared to Eve in the Garden of Eden, he began immediately lying to her. In Genesis 3:1 when he asked if God actually said they couldn't eat the fruit of any tree in the Garden, he was beginning his deception. Eve began right then to doubt God's Word, that what He had said was actually true. She began to add commands to God's original warning that he gave to Adam in Genesis 2:16-17.
- Sin leads us to doubt God's Word. Because of our sinful hearts, we doubt that His Word is true. We begin to think that we know better than God and we reject Him.



Have the children look up verses about God's goodness. Here are a few they can look up: Psalm 84:11, Psalm 34:8, Psalm 31:19, James 1:17, and Psalm 145:9. Have the children read the verses and then remind them that God is always good. Our sin leads us to doubt His goodness.

**Sin leads us to doubt God's provision and protection.**

- When Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit, they rejected God's provision for them. He had given them everything they would ever need. The boundaries that He had established for them were for their benefit, yet they rejected them.
- Our sin leads us to believe that the good things God gives us are not good. We, too, reject His provision and protection of us. We see His boundaries as bad. We see God as withholding good things from us.

**Sin leads us to believe God is not good.**

- Just as Adam and Eve were deceived into believing that God was not good, we believe the same lie. Our sinful hearts so deceive us that we begin to believe that God is bad and His plans for us are not for our good.
- This sin leads us to reject God because we believe He is not good. We doubt His goodness, though He is always good no matter our circumstances.

*How did Adam and Eve doubt God's goodness? (They believed that He was keeping a good thing from them.)*

1. Genesis 3:4: Satan's lies led Eve to doubt God's goodness.

**BIG IDEA: SIN LEADS US TO BELIEVE THE LIE THAT GOD IS NOT ENOUGH.<sup>2</sup>****Sin leads us to believe God doesn't care for us.**

- In Genesis 3:5, Satan tempts Eve with the idea that God doesn't really care for her. He introduces the lie that God's boundaries are not for her good, but to keep something good from her. Eve believed the lie that God didn't really care about them when she ate the fruit.
- Our sin leads us to believe the same lie that God doesn't really care about us. We believe that He isn't involved in our lives and that He isn't enough for us.



Play a game of musical chairs. The child left without a chair gets to name one thing that God provides for us. Once every child has a chance to name something, remind them that our sin makes us think that God isn't enough for us.

**Sin leads us to believe God can't make us happy.**

- Adam and Eve enjoyed a perfect relationship with God. They interacted with Him daily. He had provided all they would ever need and their life in the Garden of Eden was perfect and good, yet they rejected it.
- They believed the lie that God could not make them happy. They rejected the relationship they had with Him. They chose instead to follow their own way. Our sin leads us to believe the same lie. We believe that God isn't enough. We think we need more to make us happy.

**Sin leads us to reject God's presence.**

- Because we are all born sinful, we are born separated from God. When we begin to understand the world around us, we still reject God. No one seeks God. No one seeks to do good in their own sinful power.<sup>3</sup>
- Adam and Eve rejected God's presence in their lives. After they ate the forbidden fruit, they had to leave their home in the Garden and they were separated from God. Their relationship was changed because of their sin.

*How does our sin lead us to think God isn't enough? (We believe the lie that we need other things or other people to make us happy.)*

2. Genesis 3:6: *Eve desired her own wisdom because she saw God's as not enough.*

3. Romans 3:11: *No one seeks God. No one does good. No one is righteous.*

**BIG IDEA: SIN LEADS US TO REJECT GOD'S RULE AND REIGN.<sup>4</sup>****Sin leads us to choose our own rule over God's.**

- Adam and Eve saw that the fruit would make them wise. They didn't really understand what it meant to know the difference between right and wrong. God had protected them from this knowledge because He ruled over their lives. When they ate the fruit, they were rejecting God's rule over their lives and saying that they knew better than God. They rejected His reign over them. Instead, they desired to rule and reign over their own lives.
- Our sin leads us to reject God's rule over our lives. We reject His truth and His Word. When we disobey our parents, we are rejecting God's rule and reign over our lives. He has placed our parents as authorities over us. This is His plan and what is best. Our rebellion against them is rebellion against Him.



Have the children create a crown from construction paper. On their paper crown have them write down the different things we allow to rule our lives instead of allowing God. Remind them that our sin leads us to reject God's rule and reign over our lives.

**Sin leads us to reject God's Word and Law.**

- Adam and Eve's decision to believe lies about God instead of the truth was their rejection of His Word. They chose to ignore the truth that they knew about Him and instead believed the lies that Satan told them. They rejected His Law when they disobeyed it.
- Our sin leads us to reject God's Law. When we break the Ten Commandments, such as lying, stealing, coveting, we are breaking God's law.

**Sin leads us to pursue our own glory.**

- Adam and Eve saw that the forbidden fruit would make them wise. They were enticed by their desire to be wise apart from God. When they ate the forbidden fruit they were rejecting God's wisdom and seeking their own glory.
- Our sin leads us to desire our own glory instead of seeking God's glory. We are all created for God's glory. Our sin makes us selfish and leads us to desire our own glory. When we rebel against God's way, we are focusing in ourselves and leading selfish lives.

*How does our sin lead us to reject God's rule and reign? (We choose to follow our own way by disobeying God's Word.)*

4. Genesis 3:6: When Adam and Eve ate the fruit, they were rejecting God's rule over their lives.

## HOOKS



KNOW

**God Says**

Write Genesis 3:1-4 on the board. Read the verses out loud to the children and ask the children to identify the lies in the verses. Remind them of what God said by reading Genesis 2:16-17 to them. Discuss with them the truth of God's command to Adam and Eve and the way our sin leads us to reject God's Word.



DO

- God gave a command to Adam and Eve and they rejected it.
- Our sin leads us to reject His Word, too.
- When we disobey God's Word, we are rejecting it and not believing it is true.



FEEL

**What Is True And What Is False?**

Gather the children in a circle and tell them you are going to say several statements and the children have to guess if it is true or false. Say several statements one at a time and let the children guess if it is true or false. After they guess tell the children if the statement is true or false. Discuss with the children how our sin leads us to believe that God's Word isn't true.



WANT

- The sin in our hearts makes us think that God's Word isn't really true.
- This sin leads us to believe that God's way isn't the best way.
- We believe lies about God.

**Temptation to Doubt**

Divide the children into groups and ask each group to come up with a list of things that we often doubt about God. Help them think of times and situations that cause us to doubt what is true about God. Remind them that God is always good. It is our sin that leads us to doubt God and to reject Him.