

OUR SIN WRECKS GOD'S GOOD CREATION

BIG TRUTH: OUR SIN WRECKS GOD'S GOOD CREATION

Romans 8:18-22; Genesis 3:17-19; James 1:15; Romans 1:22-23, 5:12; Isaiah 59:2

BIBLE VERSE: GENESIS 3:8-9

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

BIG IDEAS

- Sin wrecks our relationship with God.
- Sin wrecks our relationship with creation.
- Sin wrecks our relationships with others and ourselves.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 3:8-24

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, the good creation that God had made was broken. Sin entered the world through their disobedience and nothing was ever the same. Death and sorrow became a part of every person's life and Adam and Eve were separated from God. Our sin wrecks everything.

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

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A BROKEN RELATIONSHIP

As a family, take a walk through your neighborhood or your local park. Talk with your child about how the world changed after Adam and Eve sinned. Help your child point out the effects of sin on the world, such as death and decay. Remind your child that the greatest change was that man was separated from God because sin wrecked his relationship with God.

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

Genesis 3:8-24

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

In the beginning, everything was perfect. The heavens and the earth were good. Adam and Eve were God's good creations and lived in harmony with Him and the rest of creation. Their lives were perfect and were lived perfectly in the continuous presence of the one true God. Then, Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating the forbidden fruit, and everything changed. They felt shame and guilt over their sin and hid themselves from God, no longer able to walk with Him in the cool of the day. The way they viewed themselves changed. Where once they lived without inhibitions, they now felt embarrassed and used fig leaves to cover themselves. They no longer interacted with the world in the same way. Instead of the ground yielding food easily for them, providing for themselves required hard work and toil. The greatest tragedy of their sin was the way it radically changed their relationship with God. Because of their sin, they were sent out of the Garden of Eden and were separated from God. Now, their days would be spent living in the world, toiling for their food, and struggling to get along with one another. Sin changes everything. Sin wrecked God's good and perfect creation, and because of it, death and sorrow are now common to people. Relationships are often difficult and require great sacrifice and compromise. The world itself is passing away each day because of man's sin. What was once perfect and good is now broken and dying.

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

- How did man's sin break God's good creation? (Man's sin introduced death and sorrow into the world leading to its decay.)
- How did sin wreck our relationships? (Sin brings strife and jealousy into our relationships making them difficult and hard.)



KNOW

As a family, memorize Genesis 3:8-9 by writing the verses on your sidewalk with chalk. Next, set a timer and see which family member can say the verses the fastest before the timer goes off. Keep playing until someone is able to say them before the timer goes off without looking at the chalk.



DO

Spend time sharing with your child some of your struggles in relationships. Share with your child the ways you've seen your own sin cause strife in your relationships and what you have done to make things right.



FEEL

As a family, spend some as a family praying asking God to help your child understand the way sin changes things. Ask God to help your child know Him and follow Him.



WANT