

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: NOT ENOUGH

Sin leads us to believe that God's provision is not good and that He is not enough for us. Sin led Adam and Eve to believe that they needed more than God. This caused them to disobey God and sin against Him. They rejected God and His rule and reign over them.

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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

Opening Illustration:

Play a game of “Simon Says” with the preschoolers. Give them several easy commands to follow. Remind them that when we sin, we are disobeying God and His Word. Remind them that Adam and Eve disobeyed God’s Word and rejected Him when they disobeyed Him.

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BIG IDEA: SIN LEADS US TO DOUBT GOD'S GOODNESS.¹

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.



Help the preschoolers see that sin causes us to doubt God's goodness by making a list of all the good things about God. Gather the preschoolers together in a circle and help them think of some good things about God, such as He gives us life, helps us when we're scared, keeps us safe, etc. Remind them that when we sin, we are rejecting Him and 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.

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BIG IDEA: SIN LEADS US TO BELIEVE THE LIE THAT GOD IS NOT ENOUGH.²

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.



Bring in toy food or pictures of different snack foods. Show the preschoolers the toy food or pictures of snack foods and ask them to raise their hands if they like the food. For the foods that the preschoolers dislike, place them in a discard pile. Once you've shown all of the food, talk with the preschoolers about how sin is believing that God isn't enough and it's a rejection of His provision 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.³
- 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.

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BIG IDEA: SIN LEADS US TO REJECT GOD'S RULE AND REIGN.⁴

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.



Place tape on the floor in the room making a path across the room. Tell the children that the tape represents God's rule and reign over our lives. Choose one preschooler to be the leader and have the other preschoolers follow the leader. Allow the leader to choose if he or she will lead the others to follow the tape or not. Allow the preschoolers to take turns being the leader. Once you finish playing this game, remind the children that God's rule and reign are the very best for our lives, but sin leads us to reject them.

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.

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Is God Good?

Give the preschoolers a piece of paper with Psalm 31:19 written on it. Give them crayons and markers and ask the preschoolers to draw a picture of one good thing about God. Say the verse out loud to them and talk with them about how God is always good, but sin leads us to believe that He is not.



- God is a good God and He always is.
- When Adam and Eve sinned, they believed the lie that God is not good, but we know that He is always good.



Who's Your King?

Draw a crown on a tiny piece of paper that preschoolers can hide in their hands. Next, play a game where the preschoolers have to guess who is holding the piece of paper with the crown on it. Have the preschoolers sit in a circle and close their eyes. While their eyes are closed, tap one preschooler on the shoulder and hand him or her a tiny piece of paper with a crown drawn on it. Once that preschooler has hidden the paper in his or her hand, have the other children open their eyes and guess who is King. Play this several times and then remind the preschoolers that God is our King, but our sin leads us to reject His rule and reign over us.



God's Presence

Talk with the preschoolers about God's presence and how we are created to be in a relationship with Him, but our sin separates us from Him. Next, gather them in a circle and pray with them. As you pray, ask God to draw each one to Him in salvation and to be in a reconciled relationship with Him.