

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 WORLD

Use watercolors and blank paper to help your preschooler paint a world. As you paint the world, talk with your preschooler about how our sin broke God's creation. Ask him or her to name some of the things God created and then talk about how they are different than when they were first created because of sin.

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.)



As a family, memorize Genesis 3:8-9 by creating a matching game from the verses. Write each word of the verses on index cards twice and then take turns making matches. When all the words are matched, put the verses together, and say them out loud together several times.



Create a scavenger hunt for your child that involves he or she hunting for things that are broken, such as a broken leaf, stick, etc. After he or she finishes the scavenger hunt, remind your child that our sin broke God's good creation.



Take your preschooler for a walk through your neighborhood. Ask him or her to point out some of God's creation, such as flowers, trees, or people. Talk with him or her about how all the things in creation die or fade away because of our sin.



Spend time praying with your child every morning this week. Ask God to help your child understand the consequences of sin and that he or she would believe the Gospel.

Pray for your child to see the way that sin wrecked God's good creation.