

SIN REJECTS GOD'S PURPOSE FOR ME

REVIEW - FALL

BIG TRUTH: SIN REJECTS GOD'S PURPOSE FOR ME

Genesis 3:6; Judges 21:25; Psalm 64:5; Ezekiel 14:6; Acts 14:15

BIBLE VERSE: ISAIAH 53:6

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

BIG IDEAS

- We rejected God's plan.
- We reject God's holiness.
- We reject God's love.
- We reject God's glory.
- We reject right worship.

BIBLE STORY: JONAH 1:1-17 (JONAH FLEES FROM GOD)

The story of Jonah shows us an example of when someone who follows God rejects His plans and purposes for their lives. For Jonah, this did not go the way he thought it would. The Lord is sovereign and ensured that Jonah would not be able to persist in his sin, and that God's purposes would prevail. We are like Jonah, in our sin we reject God's purposes.

STORY: FALL

Everything was perfect in the world until we broke it. When humanity chose to sin, the world that was once perfect became messed up and broken. Sin is ultimately a rejection of God Himself. Because of sin bad things happen, we experience all types of pain, and death has come into the world. All of creation groans and wishes that the world be perfect and good like it was before.

BIG AIMS



KNOW

Every child should know that:

- Sin makes us reject the plans and purposes that God has for us



FEEL

Every child should feel:

- Sorrow over sin



DO

Every child should:

- Acknowledge the will of God from Scripture that we reject because of our sin



WANT

Every child should want:

- To repent of sin and be given new purpose in Christ

FAMILY DEVOTION

Guide 9 acts as a review for the preceding weeks. Use this guide and devotion to support, reinforce, and review concepts learned throughout the past weeks and to test your child's understanding and memory of these truths.

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We have all rejected God's control over our lives.

- Just like sheep wander away from the fold and the shepherd, we have wandered away from God.
- God is our shepherd, yet we have turned away from Him and sought to go our own way.
- When we wander away from God, we are rejecting His control over our lives.
- Instead, we want to control our own lives and follow our own hearts.
- There is no person who hasn't rejected God's control over his or her life.
- All people have turned away from God.

Everyone has rejected God's love.

- God's hand on our lives is the product of His love for us.
- When we reject His rule over our lives, we are rejecting His love for us.
- We cannot say that we love God and know Him if we do not obey Him.
- There is no person who hasn't rejected God's love.
- We reject His gift of salvation and choose instead to follow our own plan.
- Our rejection of God's love leads us to go astray and to wander in the wilderness of our sin.

Jesus paid our sin debt.

- We are all deserving of God's wrath because of our rejection of Him.
- There is no person who can pay his or her sin debt. We are all sinful and in order for our sin debt to be paid, a sinless sacrifice must be made.
- Because we are all sinful, we cannot pay our own sin debt. Jesus came to the earth, was born as a human and lived a perfect life.
- Because He was perfect, He could pay our sin debt.
- He died on the cross for the sin of the world and our sin debt was fulfilled.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 6

Opening Illustration:

Write the words "Brokenness", "Separation", and "Sin" on separate sheets of paper. Place each paper in a box and then wrap the box up. Bring the three boxes to class and place them on a table for the children to see. Tell them that inside of each box is a truth about every person on earth. Ask the children to take turns guessing what is inside of each box by playing a game of beanbag toss. When a person hits the designated spot, he or she gets to guess what is inside of the box. Once the children have had a chance to take a guess, open the boxes and talk with them about how we are all broken and separated from God because of our sin. Only Jesus can fix our brokenness.

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Guide 9 acts as a review for the preceding weeks. The Big Ideas in Guide 9 are the Big Truths that were learned in Guides 4-8. Use this week as an opportunity to review and reinforce these truths. For further study, information, or resources, refer back to Guides 4-8.

BIG IDEA: WE REJECTED GOD'S PLAN.

BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 1:18

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth."

See Guide 4 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: WE REJECT GOD'S HOLINESS.

BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 1:19-20

"For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse."

See Guide 5 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: WE REJECT GOD'S LOVE.

BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 1:21

"For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened."

See Guide 6 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: WE REJECT GOD'S GLORY.

BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 1:22-23

"Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things."

See Guide 7 for more information on this Big Idea.

BIG IDEA: WE REJECT RIGHT WORSHIP.

BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 1:24-25

"Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen."

See Guide 8 for more information on this Big Idea.

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HOOKS



Rainbow Separation

Create a circle of chairs, enough for every child less one. One child will start the game by standing inside the circle of chairs, while the other children take a seat. The one in the center will say, "I see a beautiful rainbow, and in it I see the color ____." The child will select and say one of the colors of the rainbow, for example "green." Then, everyone sitting down who is wearing anything that is green must stand. Then quickly, along with the child who was in the center, scramble to find and sit down in a different chair. Whoever does not find a chair to sit on goes to the center, and calls out another color in the same manner, by saying, "I see a beautiful rainbow, and in it I see the color ____." After you play several times, lead the children in a discussion about how our sin separates us from God like the person left with no chair was separated.



Red Light, Green Light

Create two signs that are a red light and a green light. Play a game of Red Light, Green Light with the children using the signs. After you've played several times, talk with the children about how we all disobey God's commands and reject Him.

