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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



### Every child should know that:

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



### Every child should feel:

- Sorrow over sin



### Every child should:

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



### Every child should want:

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

**REVIEW**

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.

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

Jonah 1

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

Jonah was a follower of God. God spoke to Jonah and told him to go to Nineveh and to call them to repent of their sins against the Lord. Jonah was afraid to go to Nineveh, and so instead he went the complete opposite direction towards a city called Tarshish. He found a ship that would take him to Tarshish and he got on it so that he could run away from the presence of the Lord. While the ship was on its way, God sent a storm that threatened to overturn and destroy the ship. The sailors on the ship were afraid, and each started to pray to their own god asking for protection. They even started to throw things into the sea to make the ship lighter. They started to cast lots to see who was the cause of the storm, and it fell on Jonah. All the sailors knew then that he was fleeing the presence of the Lord. Jonah told them to throw him into the sea so that the storm would calm down, and they did. The storm stopped immediately, and all of the sailors began to fear God because of what they had seen happen to Jonah. While Jonah was in the sea, God sent a large fish to swallow him. In Jonah's sin, he rejected God's purposes for him. God told him to go to one place, but he rejected that plan and went the opposite way. Jonah experienced consequences for his rejection, just as we do when we reject God's purposes for our lives.

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

- Why did Jonah go to Tarshish? (He was rejecting God's purposes for him)
- What happened when Jonah rejected God's purposes?
- Why do we reject God's purposes for us? (Sin causes us to reject God's purposes and pursue our own desires instead)

**KNOW**

As a family, memorize Isaiah 53:6 by creating a beanbag toss game. Write the verse on two colors of paper. Next, place different colors of paper on a poster board. Take turns tossing a beanbag onto the board. When the beanbag lands on a verse, say the verse out loud.

**DO**

One day this week, spend time showing your child how you separate your dishes, food, clothing, etc. Ask your child to help you separate your laundry to wash or dishes as you put them away in the cabinet. Talk with your child about how our sin separates us from God.

**FEEL**

Help your child build an ark using craft sticks and hot glue. As you build the ark, talk with your child about how we are all in need of a rescuer like Noah and his family. We have all rejected God and cannot save ourselves.

**WANT**

Talk with your child about things that Scripture says are God's purposes for us (see verses like 1 Peter 1:16, Micah 6:8, Matthew 28:18-20 for examples). Talk about how in our sin, we reject these purposes and try to replace them with our own purposes.

Spend time this week praying and thanking God for rescuing us.