THE BIG TRUE STORY



LESSON FOUR

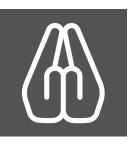
READ BEFORE CLASS



TEACHER TIPS

We want your class to walk away understanding God made the world, we broke it with sin, and Jesus came back to fix it. Most importantly, this week, we want your class to know the story isn't over! Not only is Jesus coming back to restore the created order,, He also wants us to help him make it better NOW. Share with the class your excitement about how God chooses to use us in His plan to make the world the way it is supposed to be.

We want your class to know these fundamental truths even if they cannot articulate them, or why they are important, quite yet.



PRAY

Pray each child would know God loves them and will forgive them for their sin if they ask. Pray your class would be excited to help God make the world a better place. Pray they would be even more encouraged to obey and want to make good choices.



VIDEO

Let me tell you a story.

It's God's story

and it's a BIG story.

It's about God
and it's about You
It's about the world
and Jesus too
It starts in the beginning
and has little stories all the way through.
We can see it everywhere we look
and it's in the Bible too!
Did I tell you the best part?
The whole thing is TRUE!

After Adam and Eve sinned, and the world broke, God promised to fix it. and God always keeps His promises.

When He sent Jesus to die and come back to life, the world started getting better!

The world started getting better because people were listening to God and obeying! If we believe in Jesus, God even helps us make good choices and obey!

Remember, God loves the world and He wants it to get better and better and better! That's why He gave Adam and Eve good work to do. He also gives you and me good work to do!

The more good choices we make, the better the world will be! And this makes God happy!aaaand God isn't done!

VIDEO

He promises us He will come back again to make the world perfect! Just like in the beginning.

And He's inviting us to help Him make it better every day until then!

When we are kind, and when we obey, when we create, and when we laugh, when we plant flowers, and pick up trash, when we color, and when we play when we say nice things, and love each other we help God make the world the way He made it to be!

And that is VERY GOOD!

God sent Jesus to come fix the world, but He chooses us to make the world better until the world is perfect again!

Between people and God, one day it will be perfect.
Between Adam and Eve, one day it will be perfect.
Between people and themselves, one day it will be perfect.
Between people and the earth, one day it will be perfect.

God made the whole world, and He told us all about how it should work. When we listen and obey, we help make the world better. It's all in the Bible: the big, true story God gave us about the world.

SCRIPT PROVIDED FOR REFERENCE

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REVIEW

Remind your class what we have learned so far: Adam and Eve disobeyed, and were punished with death, but God loved them so much He sent his Son Jesus to pay for their sin, and He sent Jesus to pay for our sin so we do not have to die! We can live with God forever if we believe in Jesus and ask for forgiveness! This was God's way of fixing the world, just as He promised.



PLAY THE VIDEO



ASK YOUR CLASS

- Did God fix the world?
- 2. How did He fix it?
- 3. What kind of choices does God want us to make?
- 4. Will God help you make good choices? (Talk about the Holy Spirit if you think your kids can understand; for this age group, it will be hard to comprehend things like "God living inside of us" but you can reference the Holy Spirt as God, and as someone who helps us)
- 5. What are some good choices you can make to make the world better? (Ideas: Hugging someone who is sad, picking up our bedroom, being nice to our brothers and sisters, giving money to people who need it, sharing our toys, coloring pretty pictures, playing with our friends)



GROUP PRAYER

You can recite this for your class or have them repeat each line after you. Remind them to close their eyes and bow their heads. Tell them this helps us to think about God and not be distracted by our friends.

"Dear God, thank you for loving us so much that you sent Jesus to forgive us. Please help us make good choices! We want to help you make the world awesome. Amen"



GAME

OPTION ONE:

Have your class take turns coming up with something they can do to make the world better, then have the rest of the class act it out.

OPTION TWO:

Crumple up pieces of paper to serve as "trash" and throw them all around the room. Designate two teams, and a have a bucket for each team. Time the kids, and whichever team can pick up the most trash, and make the class room better, wins. Mix up the teams and repeat.



CRAFT

OPTION ONE:

Paint a picture. Tell the kids art and beauty help make the world better and more beautiful, like the beautiful Garden God made in the beginning.

OPTION TWO:

Encouragement Cards: Remind the kids kind words make people happy, and this makes the world better! Help your class make cards. Each kid can pick someone they want to make happy and decorate a card for them. You may need to help them write a special message in each card, but let them share with you what the message should be.