5th Grade
Unit 3: Sin and Its Consequences
Truth 17: Sin separates us from God and others.
Truth 18: God does not desire separation from Him.

INTRODUCTIONS/ WEEKLY TRUTH:

- **Worksheet**: Write today's truth: "Sin separates us from God and others." and "God does not desire separation from Him."

MEMORY WORK: Lead the group in a discussion about why memorization is important when it comes to scripture and other important works of faith. See if they remember the following points:

- **Worksheet**: Have kids write the unit Bible verse: Romans 6:23 ~ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- **Game**: Reinforce the verse for today by using one of the activities in the Memory Verse Activity Box.

BIBLE TRIVIA

- **Worksheet**: Have kids fill in the blanks for the following Bible trivia and then go over the answers as a class.

16. Because of Adam and Eve's sin, death entered into the world.
17. Cain and Abel were Adam and Eve's first two children. Cain killed Abel out of anger because God favored his sacrifice over Cain's.
18. Evil spread throughout mankind so God told Noah to build an ark in preparation of a great flood. God filled the ark with two of every kind of animal before flooding the earth.
19. Rain fell for 40 days and water covered the earth for 150 days. God set the rainbow in the sky as a promise to never flood the earth again.

APOSTLE'S CREED: Recite the Apostles' Creed together. Point out that the Apostle's Creed begins with "I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth…" Explain that you've been studying who God is and what he's done in the world. You've learned how God the Father created all things good. Soon you'll be studying how Jesus came to save us. But first, this unit about sin will show us why the Father needed to send his Son to save us.

DISCUSSION: Today you will read one long section and then refer back to specific parts for your discussion.

Read Genesis 3:8-24.

Refer to Genesis 3:8-10.
How do we see Adam and Eve being separated from God right after the first sin was committed? (They hid from the Lord. They felt ashamed, vulnerable, and afraid of God. It is worth noting here that when we sin, the first reaction of people is to turn from God.)

Refer to Genesis 3:23-24.
How is this passage more evidence of sin causing separation from God? (God banishes Adam and Eve from the paradise he'd created for them. The first full physical separation from God.)

Refer to Genesis 3:11-12 and Genesis 3:16.
How do we see Adam and Eve being separated from each other right after the first sin was committed? (Adam blames Eve for his sin of eating from the forbidden tree. God tells Eve, "Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.")

Recall the story of Cain and Abel that we read last week. How do we see Cain and Abel being separated from each other because of sin? How is Cain separated from God? (Encourage discussion. *You may need to give a brief overview of Cain and Abel as a part of your discussion.)

When you disobey your parents, can you tell that you have hurt your relationship with them? (Encourage discussion.)

Imagine that you have a sibling and you stole a toy from them and broke it. How would this situation affect your relationship with your sibling? Your parents? God? (Encourage discussion.)

How have you experienced separation from another person in your life because of sin? (Encourage discussion.)

Refer to Genesis 3:15.
Why is God giving this consequence to the serpent? (The serpent tricked Adam and Eve into eating the forbidden fruit which brought sin into God's perfect world.)

Who does the serpent represent here? (Satan)

Who is the offspring who will bruise the serpent's head? Hint: many translations use 'crush' or 'strike' here instead of bruise. (Jesus will bruise/ strike/ crush the head of the serpent when he defeats death on the cross.)

Why does it refer to Jesus as Eve's offspring? (Jesus came many thousands of years later, but was a descendant, as we all are, of Eve.)

Connection: This verse shows us that even though the first sin had just been committed, God already had a plan for man's redemption so mankind would not stay separated from him eternally.

Object Lesson: On a white piece of paper, write the word "God" in marker on the left side of the paper and fold it in half to make a small crease. Pass it around the table to have the kids each write their names on the right side. Once the paper returns to you, have them say something that is a sin. (Something that breaks God's law and will for them.) Each time they name a sin, tear the paper a little down the middle showing that each sin drives us further from God. Once the entire paper is torn, be sure to help them see that although they named many sins, it really only takes one to separate us from God. Show them that no matter what you do, you can make the paper become whole again. Even if you tape it, there will still be a permanent break between people and God. Help kids to see that although we cannot repair the damage that sin does, Jesus did!

- Have the kids draw a picture in their Worksheets to illustrate that sin separates them from God and from people. Take a minute to share the pictures together.

Summary: Ever since sin entered the world, we are all "walking in darkness." God's perfect holiness and righteousness (light) can't coexist with our sin (darkness). Additionally, because we are "walking in darkness," we create separation from one another. Our sin runs into another person's sin, and it causes all sorts of problems in our relationships. We need to be saved from our darkness and brought back into a right relationship with God and with each other. Even though we cannot fix the damage done, God had a plan to repair the damage from the beginning and pull us back to himself.

PRAYER: Ask kids if they have any prayer requests. Lead the kids in reciting the **Lord's Prayer** together, then pray as you feel led.

SNACK AND COMMUNITY TIME: Pass out snacks and water if needed. Spend the rest of the time in fellowship or consider doing a communal game from the list if kids are getting antsy and need more structure.

- **Memory Challenges:** Allow any kids who want to attempt one of the memory challenges to do so.

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Truth

Bible Verse

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Discussion Activity

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Verses: Genesis 3:8-24

Summary: Sin in our lives causes damage to our relationship with God and with people around us. When we read about Adam and Eve, we saw that the first response to their sin was to turn from God and hide themselves. Once sin was in the world, they were no longer able to be in His holy presence, so God separated from them by making them leave the garden. Every sin damages the relationship that we have with God, and there is no way for us to repair it. For that we need a Savior. Even though we cannot fix the damage done, God had a plan to repair the damage from the beginning and pull us back to himself.

Family Discussion Questions:

- What happened to Adam and Eve when they sinned?
- What happened with Cain when he sinned against Abel?
- Take any of the 10 Commandments (you can find them listed on your memory sheet) and explain how committing that sin would separate you from God and from other people.
- What was God's plan to fix this separation even then?