* **SONG 2: Our God is a Great Big God!**
* **Section two: the world is not good now**

**Mark:** Wow you guys are really getting the hang of that song…

**Tea lady:** Tea, tea, who’d like a cup of tea

**Mark:** Oh look, it’s my old friend tea lady, hi tea lady

**Tea lady:** Oh hello Mark, how are you my love, would you like a nice cup of tea? I’ve got lots of hot water here and with my tea bags, it makes the most amazing cuppa!

**Mark:** Oh yes thanks tea lady, I love my tea . . . but only ordinary tea, I don’t like all those fancy ones. I was just reminding the children what a good world God created and especially when God created water. Is there a better example of God’s good creation of water than a nice cup of tea?

**Tea lady:** Well a nice cup of tea can solve many problems Mark, but I don’t know what you mean about water being sooo good. I know I make an amazing cup of tea, but I was watching the news last night and there are so many bad things around the world involving water. There are so many floods around the world, storms, the way water can very easily carry diseases which infect people really quickly and I’ve just seen at home that all this rain has given me damp problems in my house!

Which reminds me, I must go and phone that nice man Mr Fixit, to try and fixit! [Tea Lady turns to the children] Have you met him!

**Mark:** Oh OK by tea lady.

Oh no tea lady is right isn’t she? Water isn’t always good in the world. Here are some pictures of when water can be really bad and destructive.

**[SLIDE 3 - show ‘destructive water’ pictures]**

The world doesn’t always look like the good world that the Bible said God created. We need to think about that too. The Bible says that when God made Adam and Eve, He said they could eat from any tree in the Garden except the tree of the knowledge of Good and evil

**[SLIDE 4 - show Genesis 2:16-17]**

What did we see happened with Adam & Eve yesterday?

**[SLIDE 5 – Shove off God, I’m in charge, No to your rules!]**

Their disobedience of God, when they took the fruit, resulted in their relationship with God being broken. What does the Bible call it when we disobey God . . . . SIN!

When we tell God that we think we know better than him, we do the same as Adam & Eve, we SIN, we say, “Shove off God, I’m in charge, No to your rules!”

And so Adam and Eve were no longer God’s friends, and that meant that they could not enjoy God’s good world anymore, including all the great things about water. And the world from then on had a mixture of good and bad, and water especially could bring good things, but also lots of bad things too.

So tea lady was right to remind us that water isn’t just good, it can bring bad things too.

**‘SWING – O – METER’**

Now can anyone tell me where our swing-o-meter should be pointing now?

*[Take suggestions]*

Yes that’s right on ‘broken’! – our world is broken

*[Ask child to come up and move the arrow on]*

But this is the Fix it Factory and so we’re here to think about fixing things and the question is can water be fixed? Can we move our swing-o-meter onto fixed? How can we do that? Well the Bible says that we can’t but God can and he does it through Jesus.

* **Section three: God has created a future good world through Jesus**

Well it’s a good job that God has promised to fix the world through Jesus because I am terrible at fixing things myself!

[Mr Fix it theme tune on]

**Mark:** Who’s coming? [Encourage the children to call for Mr Fixit]

**Mr Fixit:** Hey Mark, no fear Mr Fixit is here! Hi children.

**Mark:** Oh hello Mr Fix it. Have I told you he can fix almost anything – It’s great to see you but I think this is beyond even you, I mean we’re talking about the water needing fixing.

**Mr Fixit:** Well I love a challenge Mark! Let me see, where’s my ‘fixit machine’? Now water brings some bad things, so we need to change water to be all good . . . . . . hmm that is going to be tricky, let’s take it step by step. Look here is a glass of water. Now we know it can bring disaster, so I will fix it in my ‘fixit machine’.

[Mr Fixit puts the glass of water in the ‘fixit machine’ and the Mr Fixit theme tune starts again]

**Mr Fix it:** And here we are Mark ta da…

**Mark:** Oh dear it’s just exactly the same! *[Encourage sympathy for Mr Fixit]*

**Mr Fix it:** Just wait a minute Mark! How do you know it is just the same and not fixed?

**Mark:** Well Mr Fixit, I think it’s still the same and can be bad. I don’t think it is any different. Let me show you!

*[Take the glass, look at the water and then throw the water in Mr Fixit’s face]*

**Mr Fix it:** I’m so sorry Mark! You’re right it can still bring bad! I’ll have a look at my fixit machine and see if I can help you tomorrow.

**Mark:** OK Mr Fix it, see you tomorrow

**Mark:** Well, Mr Fixit couldn’t fixit could he! It’s a good thing that God has promised to fix our broken world, including water, because we’re not going to be able to do it ourselves are we?

Do you know there is a story in Mark chapter 4, where Jesus showed that He was God and even though water can bring bad things and disaster, He was more powerful and showed He is in control of the waters.