

Bible Passage: Genesis 3

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Big Picture Question: What does it mean to sin? We sin when we disobey God.

LEADER DEVOTIONAL

Does the story of the fall surprise you? How could Adam and Eve—who had everything they needed—rebel against a loving God? Do you think you would have acted differently?

Adam and Eve’s story is our story. Think about the last time you blatantly sinned. What lies were you believing in that moment? Satan wants us to believe the same lie that Eve believed: *Maybe God is holding out on me. Maybe He isn’t good or loving. Maybe I would do a better job than Him.* Do you ever wonder if you know better than God?

Before the fall, Adam and Eve enjoyed a loving, two-way relationship with God. The garden was a true paradise. God filled the garden with good gifts so that they might enjoy them and give Him thanks. This glorifies God. All of that changed when Adam and Eve gave in to the serpent’s temptation.

Adam and Eve desired something more: the wisdom the fruit offered. But when their eyes were opened, they didn’t get what they hoped for. Instead, they were aware of their nakedness. They felt ashamed. Surely the Lord’s heart broke at their act of disobedience and rebellion. Can you think of a time your own sin produced regret and sorrow?

Because of their sin, God cast Adam and Eve out of the garden. Though they did not die right away, sin’s effect was immediate and thorough. Their lives and their children’s lives—and the lives of all of humanity—would be forever affected by their choice. We see this in the world around us. We experience God’s grace, but we are very aware that the world is broken. It was not meant to be this way.

Sin is a big problem that needs a big solution. At just the right time, God sent His Son into the world, born as a baby. Matthew 1:21 says, “You are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

As the kids you teach become increasingly aware of the bad news—that we are all sinners from birth—rejoice with them over the good news: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1 Tim. 1:15).

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WELCOME

Play music in the background as you greet preschoolers and welcome them to class. As children enter, have them decorate a paper bag. They will place their crafts, coloring pages, activity pages, and Big Picture card in the bag for easy transportation home. After children are finished decorating their bags, line them up outside the classroom along the wall for easy distribution and pick-up.

**** Please remember to reference the class schedules posted in your room for the timing of your class's various activities.*

BIBLE STORY

****Three-year-old classes will line up and march to 3B at 9:40/11:10.*

****Four-year-old classes will line up and march to 4B at 9:25/11:00.*

SIN ENTERED THE WORLD

Say • Adam and Eve lived in God's beautiful garden. God took care of them and gave them one rule: "Do not eat from the tree in the middle of the garden. If you do, you will die."

One day, a sneaky snake told Eve, "You will not die. You will be like God."

Eve wanted to be like God, so she ate it. Then Adam ate it too.

That evening, Adam and Eve heard God walking in the garden, so they hid. God asked, "Did you eat from the tree that I told you not to eat from?"

Adam said, "Eve gave me some fruit, and I ate it."

Eve said, "The snake tricked me."

Adam and Eve had disobeyed God. That is called sin. God said that because of their sin, bad things would happen. Life would be hard. But God promised that someone would come from Eve's family to make everything right.

God sent them away from the garden, but He still loved them.

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CRAFT

Color a mural

Use the large sheet of paper provided and cover a table. Use a marker or crayon to draw a large, simple tree outline and some simple plants on the paper. Place the crayons on the table and invite children to color on the paper with crayons. Guide them to draw additional plants, flowers, or animals on the paper.

Say • We have been coloring a tree in a beautiful garden. Adam and Eve lived in a beautiful garden. God took care of them and gave them one rule: 'Do not eat from the tree in the middle of the garden.' But Adam and Eve disobeyed. They ate the fruit from that tree, and they made a wrong choice. Since then, all people have been sinners. You, me, and everyone makes wrong choices. Can you think of a wrong choice that you have made? Sin keeps us from God, but God loves us. He sent Jesus to rescue us from sin.

GAME

Toss a ball and say your favorite fruit

As children form a circle, toss a small ball to a child. Say your favorite fruit. Encourage the child who caught the ball to toss it to another child while saying her favorite fruit. Continue until every child has a turn. Tell the children we will hear a story about Adam and Eve. God gave them a beautiful garden to live in. God also told them that they had one rule to obey.

SNACK AND PRAYER

Take a restroom break and wash hands or use hand sanitizer. Choose volunteers to help set up for the snack. (Crackers and cups for water located in the cabinet above the sink.) Pray and thank God for the snack.

Serve the snack. As children eat, review and talk about the Bible story.

When children finish snack, lead them to complete the activity page. As they work, continue talking about the Bible story and emphasize the Christ connection.

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CLOSING ACTIVITES

Before doing closing activities please have the children help you clean up the toys and materials that have been used today. After the room is cleaned up, set out markers or crayons and let kids work on today's **Bible Story Coloring Page** until their parents arrive. You can also choose a book to read to the children as they color or for those who don't want to color. Please make the effort to have the children quietly engaged when parents arrive.

When parents arrive to pick up their children, tell them something that their child enjoyed doing or did well today.

BEFORE YOU GO...

Please clean up by doing the following:

- 1) Put away any remaining toys.
- 2) Use sanitizing spray to wipe down tables.
- 3) Sweep up any cracker crumbs or dirt.
- 4) Please return your bin, binder, and sign-in clipboard to the resource room across from Toddler A.