

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

SIN ENTERED THE WORLD

GENESIS 2-3

CHRIST CONNECTION

Sin separates people from God, but God didn't leave them without hope.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Who is God? God is our Creator and King.

MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 104:24

PREPARE



Take time to reflect
on today's lesson

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Genesis 2-3 recounts sin's entrance into the world through Adam and Eve's disobedience. From the earliest pages of the Old Testament, we are introduced to the gravity of sin and mankind's need for redemption — a redemption promised by God through an offspring of Eve. A Rescuer would come to undo the curse of sin and crush the serpent.

How has God provided for His people since the beginning of time, from before the fall of man until this very moment? What evidence do we see of His kindness and care — especially in light of Christ?

God revealed His glory through Eden, a thriving garden where His people's needs were lovingly met. His beautiful creation was all theirs for the taking with only one exception: "... you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for on the day you eat from it, you will certainly die" (Genesis 2:17). God's command was not a means to withhold good. Rather, His command was for their good. That is, by obeying Him, they would actually find life.

When faced with the serpent's lies, Adam and Eve failed to believe God's words. They were enticed by the fruit's appearance, the proposition to be like God, and the allurements of obtaining wisdom. Their eyes had indeed been opened to the knowledge of good and evil; however, because they disobeyed God's command, they would now experience sin's consequences and the reality of death.

Despite His people's disobedience, God sought them in their sin. He provided them with clothing from animal skins to cover their nakedness and shame. However, the sacrifice of this animal was not a once-and-for-all event, but the foreshadowing of a greater death to repair this severed relationship between God and man — Christ's sacrifice on the cross. God's merciful promise in Genesis 3:15 provides all people with the opportunity to be freed from the curse of sin and find life in Christ. As Romans 5:19 reminds us, "For just as through one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so also through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous."

While you ponder today's truths, take time to meditate on God's care for His people — from the beauty of creation to the mercy revealed in Jesus' sacrifice. Consider God's provision in redeeming His people and drawing close despite their sin. May you teach His truths clearly, your own faith made evident to the kids learning from you today.

TODAY'S STORY POINT

Sin is disobeying God.



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After God made Adam, He placed him in the garden of Eden to work and watch over it. God commanded him, "You can eat from any tree of the garden, but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it, you will certainly die."

Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the wild animals God had made. One day, he asked Adam's wife, Eve, "Did God really say, 'You can't eat from any tree in the garden'?"

Eve said, "We may eat the fruit from the trees in the garden. But God said we must not eat the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden. He said, 'You must not eat it or touch it, or you will die.'"

"No! You will certainly not die," the serpent said. "In fact, God knows that when you eat it, your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Eve saw that the fruit looked good and she wanted to be wise like God, so she took some of the fruit and ate it. She gave some to Adam, who was with her, and he ate it too. As soon as they ate the fruit, their eyes were opened and they knew they were naked. They made clothes for themselves by sewing together fig leaves.

In the evening, Adam and Eve heard God walking in the garden, so they hid. God called out to Adam, "Where are you?"

Adam replied, "I heard You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid." God asked Adam, "Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

Adam blamed Eve and said, "She gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

Eve blamed the serpent and said, "He deceived me, and I ate." God cursed the serpent by making him crawl on his belly. Adam and Eve also had consequences for their disobedience. Life would be hard and painful, all because of sin. The ultimate consequence for humanity's disobedience to God is death. But God promised that one of the woman's descendants would destroy the serpent.

God was merciful to Adam and Eve. He made clothes for them out of animal skins before He sent them out of the garden. God put angels and a sword of fire at the entrance of the garden to guard the way to the tree of life.

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WELCOME



Connect with kids as they arrive

OPENING ACTIVITIES

Greet each kid as they arrive. Use this time to build relationships and help new kids connect to your group. Before heading to Large Group, kids can work on the provided coloring or activity pages. You can also do the Memory Verse Activity below as a class!

MEMORY VERSE

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

- Psalm 104:24, ESV



MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Using the TV in your room, review the motions video for this unit's memory verse. Practice the motions as a group and give kids the opportunity to do the motions by themselves.

To continue reviewing, circle up, get the provided ball, and have kids pass it around as they say the verse one word at a time.

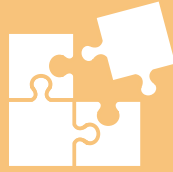
Note: Our next Bible Bucks day will be September 22.

FOCAL POINT: STORIES

This semester, we're focusing on the power of stories — such as the true stories of the Bible, Jesus' parables, our testimonies, and more! Take some time this week to share at least one story of how God is working in your life or the lives of kids in your class.

Even "little" stories can have a big impact and encourage others to continue serving the Lord and loving the kids in our ministry. Use the QR code in your class or text Taylor to share your story!

K12 ACTIVITIES



Do crafts and games with younger kids after Large Group

ACTIVITY #1

Place a piece of painter's tape high on the wall, almost to the ceiling — use a chair or ladder if needed.

Lead kids to line up and try to jump to touch the tape. Let them have a running start if they want and give each kid a few attempts.

CONNECT THE DOTS



Even when you had a running start, no one was able to reach the tape. This reminds us how we fall short of God's perfect measure. When God made the world, He created people to reflect Him. We are made to show others what God is like, but because of sin, all people fall short of showing others what God is like. We fail to always love and obey Him.

CONNECT THE DOTS



The Bible is one big story made up of lots of little stories, and this game takes us through that big story. The Bible tells us how God made a way for us to be saved even though we have sin in our hearts. Through faith in Jesus, we can be saved and have a relationship with God!

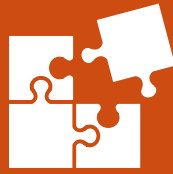
ACTIVITY #2

Divide kids into four groups and assign each group to a table. Give each group a Big Story Game board and a couple of die.

Direct kids to follow the directions of the game and follow the Big Story of the Bible through Creation, Fall, Redemption, and Restoration.

Whoever reaches the end first wins! Kids can play multiple rounds if they want, or for as long as time allows.

345 ACTIVITIES



Do crafts and games
with older kids after
Large Group

ACTIVITY #1

Form kids into groups of three or four and provide each group with a small mirror. Invite kids to take turns looking at their reflections, noticing specific details such as their eye color, nose shape, freckles, etc. Encourage kids to share the different details they notice.

After a few minutes, cover each mirror with cling wrap — about four or five layers. Have kids look at their reflections again and share what's changed now that the mirror has cling wrap on it.

CONNECT THE DOTS



When God made Adam and Eve, they were able to fully reflect their Creator. Today we learned that the sinful choice of Adam and Eve damaged their reflection of God and separated them from Him. But God still gave them hope — one day, the perfect image of God would come into the world and save people from sin.

CONNECT THE DOTS



These words in Colossians teach us that Jesus is the image of the invisible God. This means He is God who became human. Since Jesus is God, He never sinned. He always obeyed God's commands. Unlike Adam, Jesus perfectly showed us what God is like. He obeyed God to the point of death on the cross to save people from their sin.

ACTIVITY #2

On the whiteboard, write the words *Image of the Invisible God* and *Colossians 1:15-17, 19-20*.

Pass out the Bibles in the class and have kids open to Colossians 1:15. (Provide help as needed). Direct kids to read the verses and explain how these verses are about Jesus, God's Son, who came to earth to rescue us from sin.

Invite kids to come to the board to write down two or three words from the verses about Jesus that stand out to them.

CLOSING ACTIVITIES



Continue to engage kids while they wait to be picked up

BIBLE STORY REVIEW

After Large Group, ask the following questions and lead your class to discuss.

1. What is sin? How did Adam and Eve sin?
2. Why do you think our sin makes us want to hide from God like Adam and Eve?
3. What does sin do to our relationships with people and with God? What is the ultimate consequence of sin?
4. What can we do when we sin?
5. Why is God's promise to send a descendant from Eve to destroy the snake good news?

HAVE EXTRA TIME?

Go to the Leader Folder on one of the TVs in your classroom. *(Hit the back button until you see it.)* There, you'll find games and activities to do with your class!



BEFORE YOU GO...

Please clean up by doing the following:

1. Put all extra supplies and binders back in the curriculum bins
2. Clean all trash off the tables
3. Put all crayons, markers, etc. back in the appropriate containers and cubbies
4. Erase the whiteboards and put markers/erasers back in the holder
5. Turn off the TVs as you leave

THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!