

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

SIN ENTERED THE WORLD

GENESIS 2-3

CHRIST CONNECTION

God planned to send Jesus to make everything right.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Who is God? God is our Creator and King.

MEMORY VERSE

God made our wonderful world. 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.

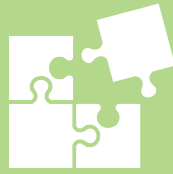
Despite His people's disobedience, God sought them in their sin. He provided them with clothing from animal skins to cover their nakedness and shame. However, the sacrifice of this animal was not a once-and-for-all event, but the foreshadowing of a greater death to repair this severed relationship between 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 children learning from you today.

TODAY'S STORY POINT

Sin is disobeying God.

OPENING & ACTIVITIES



Connect with children through games and activities

WELCOME

Play music in the background as you greet children coming into the classroom. Help them transition in and feel welcome as they play games and interact with others.

ACTIVITY #1: SING A SONG

Gather children and sing the song below to the tune of “London Bridge is Falling Down”:

“God made our wonderful world, *(clap)*
Our wonderful world, *(clap)*
Our wonderful world, *(clap)*
“God made our wonderful world *(clap)*
Psalm 104:24.” *(clap)*

CONNECT THE DOTS



Our memory verse phrase says, “God made our wonderful world.” Everything God made is good. God loves and cares for His creation. God is wonderful!

CONNECT THE DOTS



God made a world filled with many wonderful things! He gave Adam and Eve their own beautiful, perfect garden to live in. God gave them one rule, too: ‘Do not eat from the tree in the middle of the garden.’ Sadly, Adam and Eve sinned by disobeying God’s command. But God had a plan and sent Jesus to earth to rescue people from sin.

ACTIVITY #2: EXPLORE NATURE ITEMS

Explore nature using the items in the provided shoe box and/or go on a nature walk around the playground/courtyard area!

Lead children in talking about what you see and exploring the area with the provided magnifying glasses.

CRAFT & EXAMPLE



Help children with a craft connected to the Bible story

CRAFT: BIBLE STORY SEQUENCE

CONNECT THE DOTS



Adam and Eve ate the fruit God told them not to eat. They sinned. Sin is disobeying God. Did God still love them? Yes, He did! And He loves us too! God sent Jesus to make all things right.

Supplies: Bible story sequence template, glue, markers/crayons

Give each child a Bible story sequence template and the three pictures that go with it. Have children decorate the template pictures as they want.

Once they're done coloring/decorating, help children figure out the correct order of the pictures, then glue them into the right spots on the template.




If time allows, you can also help children do the provided paper apple craft.

Sequencing

Adam and Eve

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PREPARE

Open your Bible to **Genesis 2-3** and tell the following story.

SIN ENTERED THE WORLD

The first people, Adam and Eve, lived in God's beautiful garden. God told Adam to work in the garden and take care of it. God said, "Eat from any tree in the garden, but do not eat from the tree in the middle of the garden. If you do, you will die."

Now the snake was the sneakiest of all the animals God had made. One day, the snake said to Eve, "Did God really say not to eat from any tree in the garden?"

Eve said, "No, we can eat from the trees in the garden. God said not to eat from the tree in the middle of the garden. He said, 'Do not eat it or touch it, or you will die.'"

The snake said, "No! You will not die! If you eat it, you will be wise like God."

The fruit looked good. Eve wanted to be like God, so she ate the fruit. Adam ate it too.

That evening, Adam and Eve heard God walking in the garden. They tried to hide from God. God asked Adam, "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. Because of their sin, bad things would happen. Life would be hard. But God promised that someone from Eve's family would come to fix everything.

God made Adam and Eve leave the garden, but He still loved them.

CHRIST CONNECTION

Adam and Eve disobeyed God. Sin keeps us from God, but God had a plan to send Jesus to make everything right.

SNACK & CLOSING



Continue to engage children near the end of the morning

SNACK & DISCUSSION

Wash hands or use hand sanitizer. Serve a snack. Show children the Bible story picture as you ask the following questions and retell parts of the Bible story as needed.

1. What was your favorite part of today's Bible story?
2. What did you learn about God in today's Bible story?
3. Why did Adam and Eve hide from God?
4. Who is God? God is our Creator and King.

CLOSING ACTIVITIES

Pick up toys and games from around the room and put them away. After the room is cleaned up, set out markers or crayons and let children work on today's Bible story coloring page or activity page until their parents arrive.

You can also choose a book to read to children as they work or for those who don't want to work. Please make the effort to have children quietly engaged in the last few minutes of the service. When parents arrive to pick up their child, share about something their child enjoyed doing or did well today.

BEFORE YOU GO...

Please clean up by doing the following:

1. Spray down toys with disinfectant
2. Spot sweep if needed
3. Return toys to closet, close door
4. Throw away any trash left on counters and in room
5. Return storage cubes to **Room 108**

THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!