

adam and eve sin

story 1

Bible Basis:



Genesis 3:1-24

Supplies:

Bible, poster board, apple, washable markers, wet wipe, smiley-face stickers, fine-tipped marker, tape

Before class, tape the poster board to a wall at kids' eye level.

Open your Bible to Genesis 3, and show children the words.

say Today's Bible story teaches us that Adam and Eve, the first people God made, sinned. That means they disobeyed God. Let's draw a picture of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, where they lived.

Have one volunteer help you draw a picture of Adam and another volunteer help you draw a picture of Eve on the poster board.

Let other children draw their versions of fruit trees, berry bushes, and shrubs.

say Adam looked at all the beautiful trees he could eat from. Then he remembered that there was special fruit in the middle of the garden that God had said he wasn't allowed to eat. With your marker, quickly draw a simple outline of a bigger tree. Choose a few more kids to draw colorful fruit inside your outline.

say God told Adam and Eve they could eat all the fruits they wanted except special fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. But someone else was very sneaky and wanted Adam and Eve to disobey God. It was a snake, who lied to Adam and Eve and told them it was OK to eat the special fruit. Let me show you what that might have been like.

Draw two eyes and a mouth on the tip of your index finger with a washable fine-tip marker. Pretend that your finger is the snake. Wiggle your finger up and down when the snake talks. Use a soft, devious voice.

As the snake, **say** Good morning, boys and girls. My name is Temptation. What kinds of rules do your parents have at home? What kinds of things aren't you allowed to do or eat?

Let kids respond. What if I told you it was OK to disobey your parents? What if I said it was OK to eat candy before dinner? Or what if I told you it was OK to hit your brother or sister. What would you say to me?

Let kids respond. **Well, no matter what I said, it still wouldn't be OK to disobey your parents. But Adam and Eve didn't make a very good choice. They decided to disobey God.**

Take the apple and, with the Temptation voice, continue.

say **First I got Eve to disobey and eat some of the special fruit. Then I got Adam to disobey, too. Oops! Someone's coming! I better go before I get caught.** Set the apple down, and put your hand behind your back and wipe it quickly with a wet wipe to remove the snake's face.

ask

- **Why do you think Adam and Eve disobeyed God?**
- **How do you think God felt when Adam and Eve disobeyed him?**
- **What do you think happened next?**

say **Adam and Eve felt so bad that they ran away and hid from God. But God found them, and God knew what they had done.**

God was sad that they had disobeyed. Because of the wrong thing Adam and Eve did, God had to make them leave the beautiful garden God had made for them. It made God sad that Adam and Eve had to leave, and Adam and Eve were sad that they had to leave the garden. Sin makes everyone sad. Let's draw sad faces on this poster to show that sin makes everyone sad. Encourage children to use markers to draw small sad faces on the poster.

Just like Adam and Eve, we all do bad things sometimes. But God still loves us. In fact, God loves us so much that he sent his Son, Jesus, to die for us. When we believe in Jesus, God forgives all the wrong things we do, and we can be close to God again! That makes us happy! Let's put these smiley-face stickers over our sad faces to show that we're happy that Jesus took the punishment for our sins! Encourage kids to cover up the sad faces on the poster with the smiley-face stickers.

CRAFTS

Caring People Collage

Supplies: colored construction paper; glue sticks; old magazines, comic books, or picture books; hole punch; yarn

Give each child a piece of colored construction paper and a glue stick. Encourage children to look through the old magazines or books that you brought. Tell kids to tear out pictures of people who are caring for others, such as someone feeding a child, a child hugging an elderly person, or someone rescuing another person from danger.

Have kids glue the pictures onto their construction papers to make a collage. Encourage kids to glue as many pictures as they can fit on the paper. Punch holes in the top of each child's paper, and tie a long piece of yarn through the holes so kids can hang their collages.

Say that God cares for us, and we can care for others.

ask • **What caring actions did you find in the books and magazines?** Let kids describe their collages.

• **What's one caring thing you did for someone this week?**

• **What's one caring thing that God has done for you and your family?**

say **God cares for us. God gives us food to eat, clothes to wear, homes to live in, and people who love us. When we help others and care for them, we are showing them God's love. God loves us, and we can love others!**

Games

Mission Impossible

Supplies: crown (either make one or pick one up at a party store), masking tape, 2 adult volunteers

Place the crown at one end of a long masking tape strip on the floor. Have kids line up at the end of the masking tape opposite the crown. Encourage children to each jump one time as far as they can to try to reach the crown. The crown will be too far for any of the kids to reach.

ask • **How did you feel when you couldn't jump far enough to reach the crown?**

say **We couldn't reach the crown because we're too far away. We all sin and do wrong things. Those wrong things keep us away from God.**

But God loves us so much that he made a way for us to get close to him. He sent Jesus to take the punishment for the wrong things we do. When we believe in Jesus, God forgives our sins. Then we can be close to God.

Repeat the game. This time, after children jump, have two adults carry them to the crown. As the crown is placed on each child's head, **say** **Everyone has done bad things, but Jesus brings us close to God.**

After everyone has had a turn to wear the crown, **say** **Because we've done wrong things, we can't get to God on our own. But Jesus loves us, and believing in Jesus brings us close to God!**

Hold Your Tongue!

Supplies: paper plates with "X's" cut out for the place of the mouth, noisemakers (the kind that extend when you blow them), markers, yarn, glue sticks, scissors

say

Adam and Eve got into trouble by disobeying God and eating something he told them not to eat. God knew what was best for Adam and Eve because God cared for them. It made God sad when Adam and Eve chose not to obey him.

ask

• What would happen if you disobeyed your parents and ate something they said not to eat?

say

Our mouths can get us into trouble when we eat something we shouldn't, like Adam and Eve did, or when we say mean things to someone. But our mouths can also do good things, like say nice things to people, or tell people about Jesus. God made our mouths to do good things, not bad things. Let's make some silly masks to remind us to do good things with our mouths!

Give each child a plate mask. Explain that the spot where the X is will be the mouth.

Encourage kids to decorate their masks by drawing facial features and gluing yarn around the plate as hair. Demonstrate how to turn over the plate and put the mouthpiece into the mouth on the mask. The masks may not fit directly against kids' faces, but the masks will stay in place as long as kids keep their lips around the noisemakers.

Tell kids that you're going to say some actions they can do with their mouths. If you say a good action, kids can blow out their noisemaker "tongues". If you say a wrong action, kids should hold their tongues and not blow them out. Begin listing actions such as eating all your dinner, saying something mean to your sister, and saying "I love you" to your parents. Encourage kids to blow their noisemakers for each good action. Be sure to end the list with a good action.

ask

• What are some good things you can do with your mouth this week?

say

Those are wonderful things to do with our mouths! Let's use our mouths for good and not for bad. God cares for us, and wants us to obey him. God knows what's best!

PRAYERS

Care Prayer

Supplies: stuffed animal

Gather the children in a circle. Hold the stuffed animal up high where kids can't reach it.

say

Just like Adam and Eve, we all do bad things. When we do something wrong, we get farther away from God. Have children try to touch the stuffed animal.

Just like we can't touch this stuffed animal, when we do wrong things we can't be close to God. But God loves us. He sent Jesus to take the punishment for the wrong things we do. When we believe in Jesus, we can be close to God.



Pass the stuffed animal around the circle. Then have the kids join hands in a circle and pray:

Dear God,
Thank you for sending Jesus so we can be close to you.
Thank you for loving us.
In Jesus' name, amen.

snacks

Cookie Crumbs

Supplies: cookies, resealable sandwich bags, snack cups of ice cream or pudding, spoons



Place a cookie inside a resealable sandwich bag for each child. Have kids wash their hands before beginning the snack activity.

Say ▶ **When God made Adam and Eve, there was nothing bad in the world. No one was mean. No one disobeyed. Everything was perfect.** Give each child a snack bag, and point out the nicely shaped cookies. **God wanted the world to stay perfect, but Adam and Eve chose to do something that was wrong.** With the bags sealed, have the kids break their cookies into small pieces.

Adam and Eve sinned—they disobeyed God. When they did that, the world wasn't perfect anymore, just like your cookie isn't perfect anymore. When we sin, we're far away from God.

ask ▶ • **How was the cookie better before it was broken?**

Ask the kids whether the cookies can be put back together again.

Say ▶ **We can't put the cookies together again. And when we sin, we get far away from God and can't get back to him by ourselves. But God loves us so much that he made a way for us to get back to him. He sent Jesus to take the punishment for the bad things we do. When we believe in Jesus, God forgives us. And then we can be close to God again.**

It's good to believe in Jesus! Let's make something good out of these broken cookies to remind us that God loves us even when we aren't perfect.

Let someone pray and thank God for his love and for the snack. Pass out spoons and snack cups of ice cream or pudding, and have the kids sprinkle the cookie crumbs on top. As children enjoy their snacks, have them talk about ways God cares for them each day.

*“All Have Sinned” Rhyme***Supplies:** none

Remind children that God sent his Son, Jesus, to take away our sins. Then lead kids in this action rhyme.

Everyone has done wrong. (Have kids point around the room.)

I know it’s true. (Point to head.)

I’ve been bad. (Put face in hands.)

Haven’t you? (Point to others.)

Jesus died (hold arms out to the side)

To take away (brush off body with hands)

The wrong we’ve done. (Cross pointer fingers.)

Believe today! (Stretch both arms up.)

*Sin Keeps Us Away from God***Supplies:** none

Choose two children to hold up their hands to form a bridge for the rest of the class to walk under. Sing “Sin Keeps Us Away From God” to the tune of “London Bridge.”

When we choose to disobey (children walk in line under bridge),

Disobey, disobey,

When we choose to disobey,

We get caught in sin. (Arms of bridge drop around one child.)

Sin keeps us away from God (gently rock caught child),

Away from God, away from God.

Sin keeps us away from God,

But Jesus frees us. (Arms of bridge lift, freeing child.)