

# LARGE GROUP WORSHIP

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## ADAM AND EVE

**Genesis 2:15-17; 3**

The simple command issued in Genesis 2—to eat the fruit from any tree in the garden, except for one—proved to be too much for Adam and Eve to handle. Eve, when presented with a too-good-to-be-true scenario, chose to sin. Sin, by nature, is enticing. The reason we sin is mostly because sin is fun. When the serpent slyly presented the perceived advantages of eating the fruit over the benefits of not, Eve chose what appeared to be the more enticing of the two options. She then encouraged Adam to eat as well. Not until after the sinful act did the two realize the true ramifications of what they had done.

The calm communion with God, Who walked with the man and woman in the garden each day, had now been broken. Access to their Creator on a personal, intimate level was no more. Death entered the picture. Adam and Eve's work, which previously would have been much easier, was now marred by weeds, thorns, and thistles. The man and woman would experience pain, sadness, sickness, and ultimately death, themselves. To keep the man and woman from eating from the tree of life in the garden, God cast them out of the garden.

You may have read that last paragraph and thought, "Wow, harsh!" and on the surface, yes, it may be harsh; but this chapter also carries with it some very good news. Sin has a price. God told the first people to obey Him. They did not. The consequence of sin is that our world and our relationship with God are broken. The good news is that God had a plan to rescue people from sin and restore that broken relationship. God shared that plan in Genesis 3. Genesis 3:15 announces God's plan to one day crush the head of the serpent. That fulfillment would come through the person of Jesus Christ.

God provided, through the death of an animal, clothing for Adam and Eve as they left the garden. Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection provided the ultimate salvation for people. Encourage kids and preschoolers to resist sin, and rejoice with them in the salvation that comes through Jesus Christ.

## SESSION FOCUS

### BIBLE PASSAGE

Genesis 2:15-17; 3

### MEMORY VERSE

Deuteronomy 11:1

### MEMORY VERSE PARAPHRASE

Love God and always obey Him.

### TEXT TRUTH

God told people to obey Him.

### CHRIST IN CONTEXT

The Book of Genesis is a book of beginnings. In the beginning, God created a perfect world. Sin separated mankind from God and showed that people need a Savior. God called Abraham and promised him that one day his descendants would be God's special people and one day, He would send a Messiah—Jesus—to rescue them.

## ADAM AND EVE'S CHOICE

### Based on Genesis 2:15-17; 3

*God created a beautiful garden called Eden for Adam to live in. (Adam was the first person God made.) God told Adam to work in the garden and watch over it. God told Adam he could eat from any of the trees in the garden except for one tree. God told Adam he could not eat from this special tree.*

*Later God made a woman, Eve, to be with Adam in the garden. Eve was to help Adam. Both Adam and Eve were to not eat from the special tree. That was God's instruction.*

*One day Eve decided to eat fruit from the special tree even though she knew God said to not do that. Eve even gave some fruit from the tree to Adam to eat.*

*As soon as Adam and Eve ate the fruit from the special tree, they knew they had made a wrong choice. They had broken God's instruction. They had disobeyed God.*

*God was not happy about this. God said to Adam and Eve, "Did you eat fruit from the special tree? What is this you have done?"*

*Eve tried to explain how she made the bad choice.*

*Then God told Adam and Eve that no longer would they be allowed to live in the beautiful garden.*

## WELCOME AND SING

- Place the large plastic hoops on the ground around the room. Greet each child as they come into the room. Play a song and encourage the preschoolers to sing along with it.
- Instruct the boys and girls to follow your directions.
- State: “Hop to a hoop. Spin to another hoop. Crawl to a hoop. Hop on one foot to a hoop.” Guide the boys and girls to take turns giving directions for the other children to follow.
- Comment: “You followed directions. You obeyed what I said to do. Today we will learn about a time when Adam and Eve did not obey God. God created a beautiful garden for them to live in. God told them to obey Him, but they made a different choice.”

## PRACTICE BIBLE SKILLS

- Instruct the preschoolers to line up in two single file lines facing one another. Direct the first child in each line to hop towards the other line. Guide the two preschoolers to shake hands when they meet in the middle. Lead those two children to move to the end of the opposite lines. Continue with the first child in each line hopping towards the other line.
- Comment: “You were taking turns being first in line. The first book in the Bible is Genesis.”
- Display the Genesis Bible Book Card.
- Remark: “Genesis is in the Old Testament.”
- Distribute a Bible to each pair of preschoolers. Assist the children in opening the Bibles to Genesis.

## TELL THE BIBLE STORY

- Give simple commands such as: “Stand on one foot. Pat your head. Touch your toes. Run in place. Clap your hands. Tap your toes.”
- Mention: “You did a good job doing what I said to do. You were obeying me. **God told people to obey Him.** Listen to hear what God told Adam and Eve to do.”
- Open the Bible to Genesis 2. Keep the Bible open in your lap as you tell the Bible story in your own words.
- Display the Story Picture. Invite a preschooler to point to the picture of Adam. Invite a preschooler to point to the picture of Eve.
- Ask: “Where did Adam and Eve live? What did God tell Adam and Eve to do? What did Adam and Eve do?”

### TOOLS

#### Welcome and Sing

Enhanced CD, large plastic hoops

#### Practice Bible Skills

Bibles, “Bible Book Cards” (print item)

#### Tell the Bible Story

Bibles, Story Picture “Adam and Eve’s Choice” (print item)

#### Run a Color Relay

yellow, blue, green, and yellow blocks; yellow, blue, green, and yellow paper; gift bag; 2 baskets

#### Worship

Enhanced CD, offering basket

#### Learn the Memory Verse

Bibles, “September Bible Verse Markers” (print item)

#### Listen and Pray

none

### BIBLE SKILLS SPOTLIGHT

- Knows there are two main parts of the Bible—the Old Testament and the New Testament.
- Begins to recognize names of books in the Bible. Knows that Genesis is the first book of the Bible.

## RUN A COLOR RELAY

- Cut a small square from each color of paper. Place the squares in the bag. Place the blocks in one of the baskets. Place the two baskets on opposite sides of the room. Instruct the preschoolers to line up in two lines behind the empty basket. Direct the first two children to choose one square from the bag. Guide them to skip to the basket and choose a block that matches the paper square. Instruct them to bring the block back to place in the empty basket. Continue until each child has a chance to choose a color and matching block.
- Remark: “You chose a color. Adam and Eve made a choice, too. **God told people to obey Him**, but they chose to disobey.”

## WORSHIP

- State: “**God told people to obey Him**. One way we can obey God is by worshipping Him. We can worship Him by giving our offerings and singing songs of praise to Him.”
- Invite a few preschoolers to pass the offering baskets around the room. Play a song while the offering is being collected.
- Play another song. Lead the preschoolers to clap their hands to the beat of the music.

## LEARN THE MEMORY VERSE

- Place today’s Bible Verse Marker in the Bible at Deuteronomy 11:1. Invite a preschooler to open the Bible at the marker. Read the verse. Guide the boys and girls to say the verse with you.
- Lead the preschoolers to say the verse again in a whisper. Repeat the verse several times. Increase the volume each time. Direct the boys and girls to shout the verse the last time.

## LISTEN AND PRAY

- State: “**God told people to obey Him**. We can show our love for God by doing what He tells us to do.”
- Lead the preschoolers in prayer. Ask God to help you obey Him.

## EXPLORATION STATIONS (45-60 MINUTES)

Set up at least three stations to provide choices of multisensory activities and movement for busy preschoolers.

### PAINT WITH LEAVES

*Tools: Allergy Alert (print item), leaves, paper, washable paint, paint brushes, paint smocks*

- Post the “Allergy Alert” for guardians to see.
- Help the kids put on the paint smocks
- Demonstrate how to paint the backs of the leaves. Press the leaves on the paper to make leaf prints.
- Remark: “God created a beautiful garden for Adam and Eve to live in. **God told people to obey Him.** Adam and Eve did not obey. They ate from the tree God told them not to eat from.”

### TASTE GRAPES

*Tools: Allergy Alert (print item), grapes, dry flavored gelatin, small paper plates*

- Post the Allergy Alert in a place visible for guardians.
- Cut the grapes in half lengthwise. Pour a small amount of the dry gelatin on a plate for each child. Lead the boys and girls to dip the grapes in the gelatin. Encourage the children to taste the grapes.
- Mention: “God created a beautiful garden named Eden for Adam and Eve to live in. Eden was filled with fruits and vegetables. They could eat from any tree except one. **God told people to obey Him.** Adam and Eve did not obey.”

## PLANT SEEDS

*Tools: grass seeds, potting soil, plastic cups, bowls, watering can, spoons or small shovels*

- Place the seeds in one bowl and the soil in another bowl. Guide the preschoolers to spoon some soil into their cups. Instruct them to spoon the grass seeds on top of the soil. Cover the seeds with more soil. Direct the preschoolers to use the watering can to water the seeds. Place the planted seeds on the windowsill in your room or encourage the kids to place their plants in a sunny spot at home.
- Comment: **“God told people to obey Him.** Adam and Eve chose not to obey God. They had to leave the beautiful garden as a consequence for their sin.”

## SEQUENCE CARDS

*Tools: “Sequence Cards” (print item), crayons, child-safe scissors*

- Print a copy of “Sequence Cards” on heavy paper for each child. Lead the preschoolers to color the cards. Assist the preschoolers in cutting the cards on the dotted lines. Encourage the preschoolers to put the cards in order.
- State: “The garden of Eden had many trees for Adam and Eve to enjoy. **God told people to obey Him.** He did not want them to eat from one tree. Adam and Eve disobeyed God and had to leave the garden.”

## ARRANGE FLOWERS

*Tools: artificial flowers, small cardboard tubes, washable markers*

- Suggest the preschoolers use the markers to draw designs on the cardboard tubes. Lead the boys and girls to use the tubes as vases for the flowers. Encourage the children to explore different ways of arranging the flowers.
- Explain: “These flowers are pretty. God made a beautiful garden for Adam and Eve to live in. **God told people to obey Him.** Adam and Eve had to leave the garden because they chose to disobey God. God wants us all to obey Him.”

