

SIN ENTERED THE WORLD

GENESIS 2-3



CHRIST CONNECTION: God planned to send Jesus to make everything right.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: God made our wonderful world. Psalm 104:24

BABIES GOSPEL GEMS

- Adam and Eve chose not to obey God.
- People make wrong choices.
- God loves us even when we make wrong choices.

BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS: Adam and Eve lived in God's beautiful garden. God took good care of them. He gave Adam and Eve one rule: "Do not eat from the tree of the middle of the garden. If you do, you will die." One day, a snake tricked Eve. He said, "You will not die. You will be like God." So Adam and Eve ate the fruit. They broke God's one rule. Adam and Eve tried to hide from God, but God knew what they had done. God made Adam and Eve leave the garden, but He still loved them.



LEARNING Activities

Engage babies in the following activities during the session. In each activity, provide **handheld Bibles** for babies to handle. Open a Bible to Genesis 2. Show the Bible story picture as you say the gospel gems in a soothing voice. Read the **key passage phrase card**. Pray for the babies.

1 SING A SONG

Sing to the tune of “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star”:

“God made our wonderful world.
God made our wonderful world.
He made the heavens and the earth.
He made it all so wonderful.
God made our wonderful world.
God made our wonderful world.”

SAY “ Our key passage phrase says, ‘God made our wonderful world.’ God gave Adam and Eve a beautiful garden to live in. God took care of Adam and Eve. God made all things good. ”

2 PLAY PEEKABOO

Sit babies in **horseshoe-shaped pillows** or in leaders’ laps. Assign one leader to sit, facing the babies and play peekaboo with your hands or hold up a toy to hide your face. See if the babies try to “find” you. Tell the babies about how Adam and Eve chose not to obey God, and they hid from God.

SAY “ Adam and Eve did not obey God and tried to hide from Him. God loved and cared for them, so He went to find them. God loves us even when we make wrong choices. ”

3 CARE FOR ANIMALS

Provide **stuffed animals**, **combs and brushes**, and **toy feeding items** (spoons, bowls, **washcloths**, etc.) for the babies to play with. Invite babies to comb and brush the animals’ fur and to pretend to feed them. Show them how to gently care for the animals as you talk to them about how God cared for Adam and Eve, even though they disobeyed Him.

SAY “ Adam and Eve lived in God’s beautiful garden. God took good care of them. Adam and Eve did not obey God, but God still loved them. ”

Check diapers, serve bottles if needed, and release babies to parents according to your church’s security guidelines. Give parents today’s big picture card. Repeat the Christ connection, gospel gems, and Bible-learning activities for babies who stay a second hour.



LEARNING Activities

Engage toddlers in the following activities. In each activity, show the Bible story picture as you review the Bible story. Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle.

1 CIRCLE TIME

Open your Bible to Genesis 2. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the provided toddlers' Bible story. Read the key passage phrase card and guide toddlers to say it with you. Pray for the toddlers.

2 FIND A HIDDEN MESSAGE

Use a white crayon to write God loves you on a sheet of paper (one per child). Give toddlers washable markers and show them how to color over the words to reveal the message. Read the words aloud. Review the Bible story, focusing on how God loves us even though we make wrong choices.

SAY “ God loves you! Does He love you when you do something wrong? Yes, He still loves you! Sin is disobeying God. Even when we sin, God loves us. God sent Jesus because He loves us. ”

3 TALK ABOUT RULES

Talk about some rules the toddlers obey every day. Discuss rules they have at home with family members and with friends. Ask the toddlers why obeying rules is important. Use cause and effect to help toddlers understand the rules. Suggestions include: we share so our friends want to play with us, we only throw balls outside so things indoors don't get broken, we do not bite or hit so everyone stays safe, and so on. Reinforce that God still loves us even when we make bad choices. Review the Bible story.

SAY “ Rules help keep us safe. Does God give us rules? Yes, God gives us rules. He wants us to obey Him. Sin is disobeying God. Adam and Eve sinned, but Jesus came to make everything right. ”

4 LOOK FOR FRUIT

Hide various toy fruits around the room in plain sight. Challenge toddlers to find each piece of fruit and bring it to you. Name each fruit as it is found. Rehide the fruit and replay as time permits. Retell the Bible story.

SAY “ In our Bible story, what did Adam and Eve eat? Yes! Adam and Eve ate the fruit God told them not to eat. Adam and Eve chose not to obey God; they broke God's one rule. Adam and Eve tried to hide from God, but God knew what they had done. ”

5 PLAY IN A SENSORY BIN



Create a sensory bin by filling a plastic container with shredded paper or uncooked rice. Place toy pieces of fruit, trees, a snake, or other Bible story related items in the bin. Provide scoops and cups for children to play with. Say the item and how it relates to the story as it is found.

SAY “ 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. ”

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1 TRANSITION ACTIVITY: TASTE FRUIT



Before the session, post an allergy alert. Cut various fruits into very small bite-size pieces (or prepare fruit purees) for toddlers to taste. Talk about how each fruit looks, smells, and if desired, tastes. Invite toddlers to try new foods, but do not force them. Monitor closely to ensure safety. Provide paper towels and wipes for easy cleanup. Review the story.

SAY “ God gave Adam and Eve a beautiful garden. God took good care of them. God let them eat from any tree, except one. They broke God’s one rule. Adam and Eve chose not to obey God. God made Adam and Eve leave the garden, but He still loved them. ”

2 SHARE FAVORITE THINGS

Before the session, hide a favorite item (from home or the room) in plain sight. Describe the “missing” item and ask the toddlers to help you find it. Guide toddlers to the correct location by indicating whether they are close to or far from the item. When toddlers find the item, ask if they think the item is beautiful or special. Review the Bible story.

SAY “ Who made Adam and Eve? God! Who made you? God! When Adam and Eve tried to hide from God; He knew where they were and what they had done. Adam and Eve chose to disobey God. That is called sin. Sin is disobeying God. God planned to send Jesus to make everything right. ”

3 FOLLOW THE PATTERN

Arrange colorful blocks or construction paper squares on a table following an A-B-A-B pattern. Provide extra blocks or papers for the toddlers to follow the pattern. Invite them to make their own patterns or pictures with the shapes. Retell the story as toddlers play.

SAY “ Who helps us know how to make good choices? Yes, God does! God sent Jesus to show us how to follow God. From the very beginning, God planned to send Jesus to make everything right. ”

4 EXPLORE NATURE ITEMS



Set items that come from trees (leaves, cones, or sticks) on a table with a few nonbreakable magnifying glasses. Invite toddlers to explore the items. Talk about where the items come from, notice colors, compare sizes, and identify shapes. Review the story as toddlers explore.

SAY “ What did God tell Adam and Eve not to eat from? Yes, a tree! Adam and Eve did not obey God. Sin is disobeying God. God loves us and wants us to obey Him. ”

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church’s security procedures. Give parents today’s big picture card to reinforce today’s Bible story, Christ connection, or gospel gems throughout the week.