

UNIT 1 | SESSION 2

SIN ENTERED THE WORLD

GENESIS 2-3



CHRIST CONNECTION: Adam and Eve did not follow God's good plan. They sinned by disobeying God's command. Sin separates people from God, but God had a plan all along. Jesus came to earth as a man to live a sinless life, die on the cross, and rose again to rescue people from sin.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Who is God? God is our Creator and King of everything.

KEY PASSAGE: Psalm 104:24

STORY POINT: Sin is disobeying God.



PREPARE

IN ADVANCE TO TEACH THE SESSION

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 boys and girls learning from you today.



PREPARE

THE WEEK PRIOR

Prepare your heart to teach; plan the session



LEARN

10-15 MINUTES

Teach preschoolers the story of the gospel



LOVE

20-25 MINUTES

Lead preschoolers to love the God of the gospel



LIVE

15-20 MINUTES

Lead preschoolers to live the mission of the gospel



PREPARE

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GATHER Supplies

Keep these items on hand for each session: Allergy Alert, Bibles, construction paper, copy paper, washable markers, crayons, scissors (adult use), blunt-tipped scissors, glue sticks, glue, blocks, baby dolls, play dough, world map or globe, snack food, paper cups, and napkins.



LEARN

Welcome and worship with song

- ☐ "God Made the World" song

Tell the Bible story

- ☐ Bible Story Picture Poster
- ☐ "Sin Entered the World" video (optional)
- ☐ story telling tips props (optional)
- ☐ various toy fruit
- ☐ bag

Review

- ☐ Giant Timeline

Respond through song and prayer

- ☐ "Great and Mighty Things" song
- ☐ "Thank, Thank, Thank You God" song



LOVE

Search and find

- ☐ people figures

Compare and taste fruit

- ☐ various types of fruit
- ☐ tray or platter
- ☐ knife
- ☐ paper plates
- ☐ non-breakable magnifying glasses

Play in a garden sensory bin

- ☐ plastic tablecloth
- ☐ smocks
- ☐ shallow bin
- ☐ potting soil
- ☐ artificial flowers
- ☐ rocks
- ☐ small shovels

Tear paper

- ☐ copies of the Bible Story Picture Poster (optional)
- ☐ masking tape



LIVE

Learn the Big Picture Question

- ☐ Big Picture Question Poster

Practice the Key Passage

- ☐ Key Passage Marker
- ☐ Key Passage Poster
- ☐ "How Countless (Psalm 104:24)" song

Missions Moment

- ☐ globe or world map

Make a leaf rubbing

- ☐ crayons with the paper removed
- ☐ leaves (real or artificial)



LEARN

THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

LEARN the Bible Story

1 WELCOME AND WORSHIP WITH SONG

Greet preschoolers with a smile. As preschoolers arrive, sing an action song such as “God Made the World”, to engage and welcome them. Lead motions enthusiastically and encourage preschoolers to join you. Between songs, help the preschoolers think through what it means to worship God and why we often use music to help us do so. Take time to talk about any lyrics that might be challenging to understand.

2 TELL THE BIBLE STORY

Place a variety of real or toy fruit inside a bag. Gather preschoolers to sit in a circle. Pass the bag around the circle, asking the child holding the bag to reach inside and feel one of the fruit. Ask them to guess what they think the fruit is, and then pull it out of the bag to see if they were correct. Continue passing the bag and letting children touch the fruit until all children have a turn.

SAY “There were so many yummy fruits in our bag! God told Adam and Eve they could eat fruit from any tree in the garden, except from the tree of knowledge of good and evil—they were not allowed to eat from that tree. But something tricked them and said they could eat it! Let’s listen to our Bible story to hear what Adam and Eve chose to do.”

Open your Bible to Genesis 2:8-17; 3:1-24. Show the video or tell the Bible story using the provided storytelling tips. Use the bold version of the Bible story for young preschoolers.

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“When God made the first man, Adam, He placed him in a beautiful garden to work and take care of it. God said, “Eat from any tree in the garden, but do not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you do, you will die.”

Now the snake was the sneakiest of all the wild 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 the fruit 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.”

Eve looked at the fruit. It did look yummy and she wanted to be like God, so Eve ate the fruit. She gave some to Adam, and he ate it too. When they ate

STORYTELLING TIPS

Use different voices:
Use different voice inflection and tone for the different people and the snake speaking in the story.

Listen closely: Tell preschoolers to listen for the word “eat” or “ate.” Each time it is said, hold your fingers up beside your mouth and pretend to eat.



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the fruit, they suddenly realized they were naked. They used fig leaves to make clothes.

That evening, Adam and Eve heard God walking in the garden. They tried to hide. **God called to Adam, “Where are you?”**

Adam said, “I was afraid, so I hid.”

“Did you eat from the tree that I told you not to eat from?” God asked.

Adam said, “Eve gave me some fruit, and I ate it.”

Eve said, “The snake tricked me.”

Adam and Eve had sinned, or disobeyed God. Because of their sin, bad things would happen. Life would be hard. But God promised that someone would come from Eve’s family to get rid of the evil snake.

God was kind to Adam and Eve. He gave them clothes from animal skins. Then He sent them out of the garden. ”

Christ Connection: Adam and Eve did not follow God’s good plan. They sinned by disobeying God’s command. Sin separates people from God, but God had a plan all along. Jesus came to earth as a man to live a sinless life, die on the cross, and rose again to rescue people from sin.

3 REVIEW

Point to the giant timeline as you review today’s Bible story. Ask the following review questions.

1. What did you like about the Bible story? (Answers will vary.)
2. What were some things in the Bible story that made you happy or sad? (Answers will vary.)
3. What kind of sneaky animal spoke to Eve? (a snake)
4. Why do you think Adam and Eve hid from God? (Answers will vary.)
5. Why did God send Jesus to the earth?(to live a sinless life, die on the cross, and rise again to rescue people from sin)
6. **Who is God? God is our Creator and King of everything.**

SAY ” Adam and Eve chose to sin. **SIN IS DISOBEYING GOD.** Adam and Eve did not listen to God and chose to eat fruit from the tree God told them not to eat from. Adam and Eve tried to hide from God because they were afraid. God sent them out of the garden because of their wrong choice, but God promised that someone would come from Eve’s family to get rid of the snake. Jesus is that person. Jesus lived a life without sin, died on the cross, and rose again to rescue people from sin. **”**

4 RESPOND THROUGH SONG AND PRAYER

SAY ” Adam and Eve did not follow God’s good plan. They sinned by disobeying God’s command. Sin separates people from God, but God had a plan all along. Jesus came to earth as a man to live a sinless life, die on the cross, and rose again to rescue people from sin. **”**

Sing “Great and Mighty Things” as preschoolers move with the music. Prepare for prayer by singing “Thank, Thank, Thank You God.” Collect an offering.

SAY ” God, thank You that when I ask, You forgive me of my sin. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to rescue me from my sin. Help us tell others this good news. Amen. **”**





LOVE

THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

LOVE God because of what we learned

Choose the activities that best fit your group, space, available resources, and time constraints. Set up activities in one of these ways: as a group, all at the same time; in small groups that rotate through each activity; or set up as centers, allowing preschoolers to browse and choose.

1 ☐ MAKE A CHOICE



Read the following scenarios. Tell preschoolers to give a thumbs-up if they think the person obeyed or thumbs-down if they think they disobeyed.

1. Sydney's mom put an extra string cheese in her lunch box to share with a friend. Instead of sharing it like her mom told her to, she ate it.
2. Chloe's grandma asked her to match up all the socks in the laundry. Chloe did what her grandma asked her to do.
3. Elijah's teacher told him to clean up the blocks, but Elijah pretended that he did not hear her and kept playing.
4. Caroline's mom reminded her to be kind to her friends at the park. One of Caroline's friends accidentally cut in front of her to get on the swing, so Caroline pushed him down.
5. God told Adam and Eve to not eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, but they chose to eat fruit from that tree anyways.

SAY “**SIN IS DISOBEYING GOD.** God loves us and wants us to choose to obey Him. Jesus obeyed God by dying on the cross. Three days later, Jesus rose from the dead! Jesus rescues us from our sin.”

2 ☐ SEARCH AND FIND

Before the session, hide several people figures around the room. Challenge preschoolers to search for the hidden figures. After they find all the figures, choose a few children to re-hide the figures while the other children sit and cover their eyes. Repeat the game for as long as time and interest allow.

SAY “Have you ever played hide-and-seek? Adam and Eve tried to hide from God, but they were not playing hide-and-seek. They hid from God because they were afraid. Because of their sin, God made Adam and Eve leave the garden, but God was also kind to them. God took care of Adam and Eve, and God takes care of us by sending Jesus to rescue us from our sins.”

3 ☐ PLAY IN A GARDEN SENSORY BIN

Fill a shallow bin halfway with potting soil. Add small rocks and artificial flowers. Lay a plastic tablecloth on the floor or table and set the bin on top. Assist preschoolers in placing smocks over their clothes. Set small toy shovels and rakes inside the bin for preschoolers to use to work the garden by digging holes for flowers and arranging rocks.

SAY “You took care of the garden. God placed Adam in a beautiful garden to work and take care of it, but what happened? (They sinned.) **SIN IS DISOBEYING GOD.** We sin when we choose to disobey God. But God sent His Son, Jesus, to live a sinless life and die on a cross. Jesus rose from the dead and is alive. When we ask for forgiveness of our sin, Jesus hears and forgives us of our sin.”

Transition from **LEARN** to **LOVE**





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4 ☐ COMPARE AND TASTE FRUIT

Before the session, post an allergy alert. Cut up various fruits and arrange them on a large tray or platter. Set extra cut fruit aside for preschoolers to eat later for a snack. Set the fruit tray and non-breakable magnifying glasses on the table. Encourage preschoolers to use their hands and magnifying glasses to investigate the different types of fruit. Comment on the different sizes, colors, and textures.

SAY “ God had one rule in the garden. What was it? (Do not eat fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.) Did Adam and Eve obey or disobey God’s rule? (disobey) Adam and Eve disobeyed God’s command and did not follow God’s good plan. **SIN IS DISOBEYING GOD.** Sin keeps people from God, but God had a plan all along. Jesus came to earth as a man to live a sinless life, die on the cross, and rise again to rescue people from sin. How does it make you feel to know God has a good plan for you? ”

5 ☐ TEAR PAPER

Give each child a copy of the Bible story picture poster or piece of paper and tell him to tear it into four pieces. Give the child some strips of tape and ask him to put the pieces back together by taping them in place. Show an untorn Bible story picture poster or piece of paper and ask the preschooler what differences he notices between his paper and the untorn paper.

SAY “ When you tried to put the paper together, it still had rips and holes. No matter how much tape you used, it will never look like this untorn piece of paper again. When Adam and Eve sinned, it changed everything. They could not fix what happened because of their sin. We sin too, and because of that we cannot be with God because God is holy. But God had a plan. God sent His Son, Jesus, to rescue us from our sin! When we trust in Jesus and follow Him, then we can live with God forever. ”



THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

LIVE for God out of love

1 LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

SAY “ I’m going to say our big picture question and answer and you will repeat it after me. Ready everyone? [Allow responses.] **Who is God?** [Pause for children to repeat.] **God is our Creator and King.** [Pause for children to repeat.] God is our Creator and rules over all creation; that means God is in charge and has a plan. Adam and Eve did not follow God’s plan when they chose to sin. **SIN IS DISOBEYING GOD.** Sin separates people from God, but God had a plan all along. Jesus came to earth as a man to live a sinless life, die on the cross, and rose again to rescue people from sin. ”

2 PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Before the session, write each word of the key passage on individual pieces of paper. Tape each piece in order on the floor, creating a path. Place the key passage marker in your Bible at Psalm 104:24. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Read the key passage aloud and lead children to say the key passage with you. Point to the path on the floor and encourage children to take turns jumping on each word as they repeat the key passage.

SAY “ You followed the path and said our key passage. Great job following directions! In today’s Bible story, did Adam and Eve follow God’s directions? (No.) What did they do? (They ate fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.) God created everything good, but when Adam and Eve sinned, that changed everything. But God still had a plan, God planned to send Jesus to the earth to save us from sin. ”

Sing the key passage song “How Countless (Psalm 104:24)” together.

3 PRAY

Invite preschoolers to tell you any prayer requests they have. Pray for them.

SAY “ God thank You for loving us, even when we make wrong choices and choose to sin. Thank You for sending Jesus to rescue us from our sin. Amen. ”



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4 MISSIONS MOMENT

Display a world map. Help preschoolers find the country of Brazil in South America. Display the “Reese Family Photo” printable and point out the picture of Eric and Ramona Reese and their daughters, Gloria and Alicia.

SAY “ Brazil is the largest country in South America. Many of the people there speak a language called Portuguese. To say ‘hello’ in Portuguese, say, ‘Olá!’ (OHL-ah) [Lead preschoolers to repeat the greeting.] Eric and Ramona Reese are missionaries in Brazil. They know that **SIN IS DISOBEYING GOD**, but God sent His Son, Jesus, to rescue people from sin. Let’s pray that the people in Brazil who hear about Jesus will believe and follow Him. [Lead in prayer.] ”

☐ MAKE A LEAF RUBBING

Show preschoolers how to lay a leaf on a table (spine side up). Set a piece of paper on top of the leaf and rub the side of a crayon over the leaf until it begins to appear. Encourage preschoolers to trade leaves and use different colors of crayons.

SAY “ Where can we find leaves? (outside, on trees, bushes) We can see leaves on trees. God had one rule in the garden about a tree, do you remember what it was? (Do not eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.) But Adam and Eve broke God’s rule and ate fruit from the tree. Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the garden, and because of their sin they had to leave the garden. Sin keeps us from God, but God loves us and has a wonderful plan! God sent Jesus to rescue us from our sin. ”