

Bible Discovery

God always loves us! (*Wow, God!*) Hold up a Bible. **Today our Bible story tells about something sad God's first friends, Adam and Eve, did. But he still loved them.**

- Get comfy and sit in knee-to-knee circles with Connect Crews.
- ❓ **Tell about a good friend God's given you.** Invite Crew Guides to share first.
- Crew Guides give thumbs-up when everyone has shared.

God is a good friend to us—no matter what. God always loves us. (*Wow, God!*) **But our story today begins with a sneaky snake who pretended to be friends with Adam and Eve.**

- Make hissing sounds.
- Place arms together and move like snakes.
- ❓ **Tell about a snake you've seen.**
- Welcome a few responses from the whole group.

 Read aloud Genesis 3:1-2.

God hadn't told Adam and Eve they couldn't eat *any* of the yummy fruit; he gave them plenty to eat because God always loves us. (*Wow, God!*) **God told them not to eat the fruit from *one* tree. Let's think about fruit we love. Do what I do!**

- Pretend to pick fruit from trees.
- Take turns telling the colors of fruits while others guess what they are. For example, "This fruit is red!"
- Show the Bible Story poster.

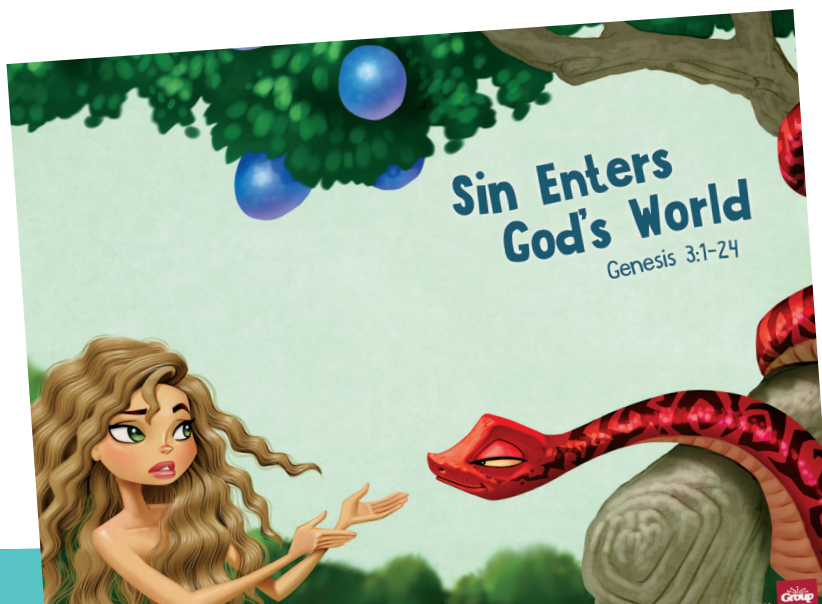
God gave them plenty of yummy fruit. But the snake said, "The fruit God told you *not* to eat will make you extra smart and special, like God." So Eve ate some and she gave some to Adam. They disobeyed God, but God still loved them. Even when we do what we want to do instead of what God wants, **God always loves us. (*Wow, God!*)**

Supplies

- Bible
- "Sin Enters God's World" Bible Story poster
- crayons

We call helpers Crew Guides. If you lead a small class, you can be the Crew Guide. Simply gather kids in a cozy circle around you. If you have helpers, form smaller groups so each child can be known—and so kids can befriend your helpers, too!

 Read the verse from the Bible. You're showing kids that God's Word is special. Don't worry—we've kept the verses short for young attention spans.





Read aloud Genesis 3:8.

Adam and Eve hid because they had done something wrong, and they knew it. They felt guilty and didn't want God to find them.

- Cover eyes as if hiding.
- Have kids circle up and talk in Connect Crews.
- **? Tell about a time you hid something you did wrong.**
- Crew Guides show kids they're simply loved by giving kids a hug after they share.

God found Adam and Eve and asked them what they'd done. They had chosen to do what they wanted to do instead of what God wanted them to do. They wanted to be in charge instead of letting God be in charge. And that's just not good. Sin is choosing our way instead of God's way, and it gets in the way of our friendship with God. Adam and Eve had to leave the beautiful garden God made. But God still loved them and took care of them. They were still his special creations.

God always loves us. *(Wow, God!)* **Let's remind Adam and Eve that God always loves them.**

- Give each child a crayon.
- Draw hearts on the Bible Story poster.
- Collect crayons.
- Hug yourselves and say, "God always loves me."



Read aloud Genesis 3:21.

God showed he still loved Adam and Eve by making them clothes to wear. And even though they had to leave the garden, God still took care of them and their family. Let's sing a song about God's love.

Sing to the tune of "The Wheels on the Bus."

God always loves us no matter what, *(hug self)*
No matter what, no matter what. *(shake finger)*
God always loves us no matter what, *(hug self)*
His love won't stop. *(shake head "no")*

God always loved them, Adam and Eve, *(hug self)*
Adam and Eve, Adam and Eve. *(shake finger)*
God always loved them, Adam and Eve, *(hug self)*
His love won't stop. *(shake head "no")*

God loved Adam and Eve, and God loves you no matter what! I'm so glad **God always loves us.** *(Wow, God!)*

Repeat, repeat! Feel free to do activities more than once. You'll give kids time to catch on and jump in.

Now's a great time for Apply-It Options. Choose one or more that fit your time frame to support today's Bible discoveries before the closing Goodbye Circle.