



LESSON 2 THE FALL

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: God Never Gives Up on Us

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 3

GOD'S BIG STORY: Adam and Eve disobey God, believing the serpent's lie over God's truth. Still, God calls to them, cares for them, and promises that one of their descendants will someday defeat Satan once and for all.

WORD OF WONDER: Jesus makes us new. —from 2 Corinthians 5:17

CURIOSITY 15 minutes • Large Group or Small Group

Hands-on activities to spark curiosity and get kids thinking about the wonder of God

- Welcome Question: If you could do one thing forever and never stop, what would it be?
- Curiosity Questions
- Curiosity Activity: Dancing Fruit Experiment
- Declaring God's Wonder



BELIEF 25–35 minutes • Large Group

An interactive dive into Scripture that guides kids into knowing God, exploring His big story, and marveling at His wonder

- Prayer of Invitation and Worship
- God's Big Story
- Connecting the Wonder Truth
- Word of Wonder: From 2 Corinthians 5:17

FAITH 15 minutes • Small Group

An intentional conversation that helps kids see the wonder of God's story and how it connects to their own

- Discussion Questions
- Craft: He'll Never Give Up!
- Game: Garden Scavenger Hunt

IDENTITY 10 minutes • Large Group or Small Group

An interactive worship response activity that creates space for God to remind kids that they are known, loved, led, and their lives can tell of God's wonder

- Responding in Worship: Breath Prayer
- Blessing Your Kids
- Closing Game: Hidden Fruit

Wonder@Home[™]

Designed for families to engage in the wonder of God together at home. This resource includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more!

INVITATION

We invite you to pause, listen, and shift your gaze toward the Father ...

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Have you ever seen a toddler throw a tantrum? After a long day of fun at a theme park, my three-year-old fell apart because I would not buy her another sweet treat. I tried to explain to her that it wasn't good for her, but she screamed and refused to accept not getting her way. So I took her to a nearby bathroom to take a time-out, to allow her to calm down. She sat on that disgusting floor and threw the biggest tantrum. Although it felt like the longest three minutes of my life, she eventually calmed down and apologized. She was ready to trust and believe that I wanted only the best for her.

As we read the story of the fall of Adam and Eve in Genesis 3, I wonder why the enemy didn't directly command Eve just to go and eat the fruit. Did you catch his brilliant tactic? What lies has the enemy told you about God? Do you truly believe that God will take care of you as He promised?

One of the toughest realities of the Christian walk is the fact that we have all fallen. And one of the most joyous realities is that the Father—our perfect parent—doesn't give up on us. He will pursue us patiently until we surrender, soften our hearts, and believe God can be trusted.

—Catherine Hwang-Jin

Children's Pastor

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DID YOU KNOW?

FOUNDATION BUILDING BLOCKS

WHO?

It was the serpent who encouraged Adam and Eve's fall into sin. This is the first time we see God's enemy disguised as one of God's good creatures, encouraging people to disobey. Revelation talks about the coming defeat of Satan, "that ancient serpent" (Revelation 20:2 NIV).

WHAT?

Sin changed everything in God's good world. Adam and Eve turned away from God and disobeyed His command. From then on, all of us do the same. We choose to follow our own way, and it breaks our relationship with God and separates us from Him.

WHERE?

Adam and Eve lived in the garden of Eden, located somewhere in southern Iraq. After the fall, Adam and Eve were forced to leave the garden and can never return. Eden has never been found—the Bible says the entrance is guarded (Genesis 3:24).

WHEN?

We don't know the exact date this took place, but this first sin changed everything in God's good world. From the first people until now, humanity has been in rebellion against God and His way. This happened long ago, but it continues to affect us today.

CONNECTING TO GOD'S BIG STORY:

God gives consequences for sin in Genesis 3. But God also makes a promise—a snake crusher will reverse the curse of sin (Genesis 3:15). As we read God's big story, we're on the lookout for the One who will make everything right—Jesus!

Large Group or Small Group

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Series Bumper and Countdown Videos

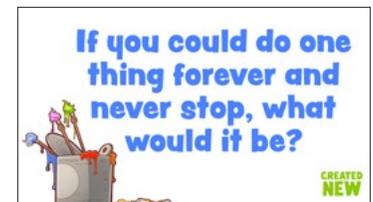
Choose between the [Created New Series Bumper Video](#) and [Countdown Videos](#) to introduce the kids to the series.

Welcome Question

SUPPLIES: paper, coloring utensils, whiteboard (optional), dry-erase marker (optional)

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: The Fall Welcome Question Slide

Before kids arrive, display the Fall Welcome Question Slide or write the following question on a whiteboard: “If you could do one thing forever and never stop, what would it be?” Set out paper and coloring utensils.



As kids arrive ...

Welcome and greet kids by name and help them find partners to discuss the Welcome Question with. To help younger kids and to give older kids a positive sense of responsibility, pair younger and older kids together.

At your start time ...

Give an energetic welcome to all the kids! Call on several to share their answers to the Welcome Question: **If you could do one thing forever and never stop, what would it be?**

Today we’re going to hear in God’s big story about how God’s love for the first humans never ended and never stopped, even when they turned away from Him. But first, it’s time to be curious!

Curiosity Questions

Ask the following “I’m curious” questions. Say “I’m curious ...” before each question and give kids a chance to think about and answer each one.

I’m curious ...

- **Do you know what the world record is for the longest race completed on foot? Longest hug? Longest time on a swing?**
- **Can you think of anything that goes on forever?**

Once kids have guessed at the world records, share these records with them:

- Longest race done on foot: 3,100 miles
- Longest hug: 36 hours, 36 minutes, 36 seconds
- Longest time on a swing: 36 hours (set by a 12-year-old boy!)

Curiosity Activity: Dancing Fruit Experiment

SUPPLIES: handful of grapes or raisins, large clear glass (or vase or pitcher), seltzer water (enough to fill the vase or pitcher $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way)

After God created the whole world, He gave the garden and everything in it for Adam and Eve to enjoy. It was a good place, with no sin. How do you think Adam and Eve felt about the garden? Pause for answers. **Maybe they were happy or excited. Sometimes when we're excited, we might jump up and down. Let's watch these grapes** (show the handful of grapes) **move up and down now.**



Fill the large clear container $\frac{3}{4}$ full of seltzer water. Place a handful of grapes into the water. The grapes will sink to the bottom, but after a few moments, the bubbles from the water will cause the grapes to rise to the top. Some bubbles will pop and send the grapes back to the bottom where they'll attach to new bubbles to continue "dancing."

God loved and cared for Adam and Eve! In today's story, we'll hear how something sad happened in the garden. But God never gave up on Adam and Eve. God never gives up on us!

Declaring God's Wonder

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: Declaration [Video](#) or Slide (optional)

Show the Declaration [Video](#) or Slide and encourage the kids to say the statements and do the motions with you.

Thank You, God, that You made me! (Kids repeat words and motions.)

Make prayer hands, then point up and then to yourself.

And I am Your kid! (Kids repeat words and motions.)

Put your hands on your hips.

Jesus loves me so much. (Kids repeat words and motions.)

Spread your arms out wide to your side one at a time, then pull them in for a hug around your chest.

His love for me is big. (Kids repeat words and motions.)

Hold your arms up high and wide above your head.

The Holy Spirit leads me, (Kids repeat words and motions.)

Bring your arms down from above, making a path in front of you.

And I can follow You. (Kids repeat words and motions.)

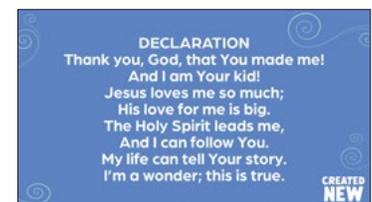
March in place like you're following the leader.

My life can tell Your story. (Kids repeat words and motions.)

Hold your hands in front of you like an open book.

I'm a wonder; this is true. (Kids repeat words and motions.)

Put your hands up, shake your fingers, and celebrate ("praise hands").



Large Group

Guide kids into knowing God, exploring His big story, and marveling at His wonder.

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Prayer of Invitation

Lead kids in a prayer of invitation before entering into worship and God's big story: **God, thank You for always being with us. We invite Your Holy Spirit to lead, teach, and show us Your truth today. Remind us that no matter what, You don't give up on us. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Worship

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: songs from the [Created New Elementary Spotify playlist](#)

Today we'll hear about how God never gives up on us. Let's praise Him now. Play songs from the [Created New Elementary Spotify playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance as they praise God.

God's Big Story

Hear It, Watch It, Experience It!

This lesson includes three opportunities for your kids to enter the story—each one reinforces the others! **HEAR** it read directly from the Bible. **WATCH** it in a video. **EXPERIENCE** it through the live script.



SUPPLIES: Bibles (1 per kid)

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: The Fall Title Slide, God's Big Story Video ([Early Childhood](#) or [Elementary](#))

Display The Fall Title Slide. Briefly explain that today's story comes straight from the beginning of the Bible, God's Holy Word, and can be found in the first book of the Old Testament called Genesis. Have kids open their Bibles to Genesis 3. Encourage your volunteers to help kids find the passage.

Let's start by reading part of God's big story directly from the Bible. Afterward, we'll watch and experience more of the story!

Read Genesis 3:1–7, 21–22. Ask kids to place a finger on the word "God" as they follow along. Then do one or both of the following:

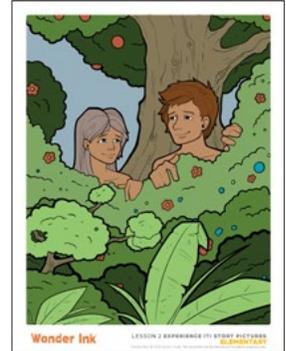
- Use the following The Fall Experience It! Script
- View God's Big Story Video ([Early Childhood](#) or [Elementary](#))

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EXPERIENCE IT! SCRIPT

SUPPLIES: Bible, white cardstock, tape, butcher paper (optional), markers (optional)
Wonder Ink RESOURCES: Experience It! Story Pictures (1 set)

Before kids arrive, print the Experience It! Story Pictures on white cardstock. Tape the Experience It! Story Pictures around the stage area, where they're easily visible but not in order. Consider drawing a large tree on butcher paper and taping it to the wall in your stage area. Then tape the pictures to the tree as "fruit."



As you tell the story, you'll pause at indicated points for kids to point to the matching picture. Each time, call on a kid to "pick" the picture off the wall (or tree!) and stand on stage holding that picture for the remainder of the story.

In the beginning, God created everything that is. Open the Bible to Genesis and hold it up for kids to see. **The book of Genesis tells us that God filled the universe with planets and stars and filled the earth with living things. What other things did God make?** Allow kids to answer freely.

Next, God made human beings, male and female, in His own image, and commanded them to care for the world and its creatures. In return, God showed that He would never give up on them by promising to take care of them and to provide them with many children and grandchildren and great-great-great grandchildren called descendants.

I'll need your help for the next part of the story. Up here (indicate taped pictures), **I have some pictures of this part of God's big story ... but they're all mixed up!** Describe the pictures so everyone in the room has an idea of what's on the pictures if they can't see them clearly. **When I come to a part of the story that matches a picture, quietly point to the picture. I'll call a few of you up here to grab each picture and hold it for all of us to see.**

God gave the first two human beings, Adam and Eve, everything they could want or need. He placed them in a garden and told them to care for it together and to fill the earth with new people. Does anyone see a picture that matches this part of the story? Of Adam and Eve in the garden?

Choose a kid to come on stage, pick the correct picture, then stand on the stage holding the picture for the rest of the kids to see.

God gave Adam and Eve the freedom to eat and enjoy almost all the fruits of His garden. Only one fruit was off limits—the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God warned Adam that if he ate of it, he "would certainly die" (Genesis 2:17). Does anyone see a picture that shows this tree?

Choose a kid to come on stage, pick the correct picture, then stand to the left of the first kid, holding the picture for everyone to see.

In the garden, the serpent was the sneakiest of all the animals on earth, and the enemy of humankind, Satan, used the serpent to deceive Adam and Eve. Does anyone see a picture Adam and Eve with a serpent?

Choose a kid to come on stage, pick the correct picture, then stand to the left of the previous kid, holding the picture for everyone to see.

The serpent asked Eve why she and Adam were not permitted to eat from the tree of knowledge. When Eve told the serpent what God had said, the serpent replied, “You will not die! God is holding out on you; He knows that you’ll be just like Him if you eat its fruit.”

Eve saw how beautiful the fruit was and the power it promised, so she took a piece and shared it with Adam, who was with her. Does anyone see a picture that matches?

Choose someone to come on stage, pick the correct picture, then stand to the left of the previous kid, holding the picture for the rest of the kids to see.

Despite everything God had done for them, the first human beings disobeyed His one command. Disobeying God is called sin, and Adam and Eve’s sin hurt their relationship with God. They realized what they had done, and for the first time, they felt fear and shame. They noticed they were naked and sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves. They had never felt these feelings before. In the evening, as God walked in the garden, Adam and Eve tried to hide from Him. Does anyone see a picture that matches?

Choose a kid to come on stage, pick the correct picture, then stand to the left of the previous kid, holding the picture for everyone to see.

When God called to Adam and Eve, they revealed themselves and confessed their fear and shame over their nakedness. God asked them how they knew they were naked, but rather than admit they had done wrong, Adam blamed Eve, and Eve blamed the serpent.

Actions have consequences, and sin always has consequences. God said that the relationship between the man and the woman would change for the worse. He said the woman would experience more pain when she gave birth, and the man would have to work very hard for his food rather than eating freely from the trees of God’s garden. Adam and Eve would have to leave Eden, never to return. Yet God did not give up on them. Instead, He began to show His plan for healing the relationship between Himself and the people He created. God replaced their fig leaves with clothes made from leather. Does anyone see a picture that matches?

Choose a kid to come on stage, pick the correct picture, then stand to the left of the previous kid, holding the picture for everyone to see.

Most importantly, God hinted to Adam and Eve that He would defeat Satan once and for all through one of their own descendants, crushing the head of the serpent. Which picture is left?

Choose a kid to come on stage, pick the final picture, then stand to the left of the previous kid, holding the picture for the other kids to see.

Leader Tip: Consider pausing at this point in the story to ask kids if they know who would be the One to defeat Satan once and for all. (The answer: Jesus!)

People continue to disobey God today, sinning against Him and hurting their relationship with Him. Despite our sins, God loves us and made the way through Jesus to defeat evil and heal our relationship with Him. God never gives up on us.

Thank the volunteers, collect the pictures, and ask kids to return to their seats.

Leader Tip: Lay the pictures in order (or tape them back to the wall in order) and invite kids to retell the story in their own words. It's amazing to see the Bible come to life from a child's perspective!

Connecting the Wonder Truth

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: The Fall Wonder Truth Slide

Display the Fall Wonder Truth Slide. **Our Wonder Truth today is GOD NEVER GIVES UP ON US. Where did you see our Wonder Truth in the story?** Allow kids to answer freely.



God gives consequences for sin in Genesis 3. But God also makes a promise—one day a snake crusher will reverse the curse of sin (Genesis 3:15). As we read God's big story, we're on the lookout for the One who will make everything right—Jesus!

Word of Wonder

SUPPLIES: Bible, orange

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: Created New Word of Wonder Slide or [Video](#) (optional)

WORD OF WONDER

Jesus makes us new.

—from 2 Corinthians 5:17

Display the Word of Wonder Slide or [Video](#), if using. **Our Word of Wonder for the Created New series is from 2 Corinthians 5:17. Let's practice saying the Word of Wonder together.**

Encourage the kids to do the motions and say the verse with you.

- **JESUS**—Point fingers from left hand into right palm, then right hand into left palm (sign language for “Jesus”).
- **MAKES US**—Both hands over your heart.
- **NEW.**—Bring both arms out in front of you and down to your sides.
- **FROM 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17**—Hold your hands together as if opening a book.



What did Adam and Eve eat that brought sin into the world? Allow the kids to respond. **That's right—fruit from the tree that God told them not to eat from. Even though we all sin, Jesus forgives us and makes us new! Let's remember this truth while we say our verse as we pass some fruit to one another.**

Have the kids sit in a circle while you roll an orange to someone. Whoever gets the orange will say the first word of the verse, then roll it to someone else, who will say the next word. Continue until the kids have said the entire verse.

God sent Jesus to save us from our sins when He died on the cross. Then He came back to life, and He can forgive our sins! When we ask Him, God will forgive our sins and take them all away! He gives us a new start. This is how Jesus makes us new! We can become like Him, with the help of the Holy Spirit inside us.

Gather kids to discuss these questions:

- **Sin messed up everything in the world, including the relationship between God and people. Who did God promise to send to make all things new? (a Savior—Jesus)**
- **How does it make you feel to know that Jesus can fix all things and make us new?**

Small Group

Help kids see the wonder of God's story and how it connects to their own story.

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Discussion Questions

SUPPLIES: apple or orange

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: upbeat songs from the [Created New Elementary Spotify playlist](#)

Invite the kids to sit in a circle. Hold up the apple or orange. **Have you ever been tempted to eat something you weren't supposed to eat? Like someone else's treat or a dessert before dinner?** Allow the kids to respond. **We've all done things we shouldn't do. We have all sinned.**

When Adam and Eve ate the fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, sin came into the world and made more bad things happen for Adam and Eve and the whole world. Sin always messes things up. Sin messed up God's relationship with people and made life harder for everyone. Adam and Eve had to leave the garden. They could never go back. But God didn't give up on Adam and Eve. God still took care of them. And He doesn't give up on us because He loves us. Let's pass around an apple (or orange) to help us remember this!

Use the apple or orange as a hot potato and pass it around the circle while you play upbeat songs from the [Created New Elementary Spotify playlist](#). Stop the music at various times. Whoever is holding the fruit when the music stops will answer a question.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **What did God tell Adam and Eve they were not allowed to do?** (eat the fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil)
- **What lie did the serpent use to trick Eve?** (eating the fruit would make Adam and Eve like God)
- **What did Adam and Eve do after they sinned?** (hid from God)
- **What did God do for Adam and Eve?** (made them leave the garden; provided food and clothes for them; promised to send a Savior)
- **What is one way we can remember God will never give up on us?**
- **How does Jesus help us with our sin?**
- **What does this story and Wonder Truth show us about God?** (If kids need help, offer ideas such as: He is loving; He forgives; We can trust Him; He wants to be close with us.)

Because of sin, hard things still happen in the world, but God promises to love and care for us no matter what. God will never give up on us! Let's go to Him now in prayer to thank Him for always loving and forgiving us.

Invite kids to share prayer requests and praises and to pray for each other. Some kids may not be comfortable praying out loud. That's OK! Encourage them to pray silently and thank God for hearing us and caring about us. God hears all our prayers!

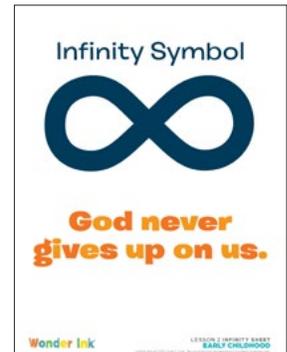
Craft: He'll Never Give Up!

SUPPLIES: pipe cleaners (1 per kid), pony beads (5–10 per kid)

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: Infinity Sheet

Ahead of time, print the Infinity Sheet. Set out pipe cleaners and pony beads.

Today we're learning about how God will never give up on us. Forever is a really long time! This symbol (point to the image on the printable) is called an infinity sign. Can you say infinity? Pause for kids to respond. That means forever. When something goes on for infinity, it will never end! We're going to create an infinity sign together! First, pick out a pipe cleaner. Give each kid a pipe cleaner.



Now pick out a few of your favorite beads and string them onto the pipe cleaner. Hold a pipe cleaner and string a few beads onto it to demonstrate. Encourage kids to leave some space without beads so they have space to twist the ends together.

Now we're going to twist the ends together to form a circle. Ask volunteers to help you assist the kids in twisting the ends, so they don't come undone. Hold up your circle to show the kids as you twist it into an infinity sign. **Grab opposite ends of your circle and twist it so that the middle comes together! Give it one more good twist, and now you have an infinity sign that will remind you God will always care for you. His love goes forever and ever!**



Game: Garden Scavenger Hunt

SUPPLIES: scissors (prep only), tape (optional), writing utensils

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: Garden Scavenger Hunt Cards

Ahead of time, print the Garden Scavenger Hunt Cards and cut the cards apart. Hide the cards around the room for the kids to find. You can place them on the floor, shelves, tables, or tape them to some hidden places. Keep the scavenger hunt checklist nearby, along with writing utensils.

Have you ever been to a garden? What kinds of things do you see? Allow the kids to respond. **You might see flowers or fruit, like strawberries. You might see sunflowers or roses or hydrangeas. You might see vegetables or herbs. Can you name anything that grows in a garden?** Allow the kids to respond. **What do you think the garden of Eden was like before Adam and Eve sinned?** Allow the kids to respond.



When Adam and Eve realized they had sinned, they hid from God. But God went looking in the garden for His people. He loved them and still had a plan for them. He never gave up on them. He still doesn't give up on us. Because of Jesus, we can be forgiven. And God promises to make everything that is bad right again someday. Let's go on a scavenger hunt in our room to find things from a garden as we think about this story.

Encourage the kids to find the pictures around the room and mark each item off of the checklist page.. Every time they find one, encourage them to say, "God never gives up on us!"

Large Group or Small Group

Create space for God to remind kids they are known, loved, led, and their lives can tell of God's wonder.

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Responding in Worship: Breath Prayer

Invite the kids to sit on the floor. **When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, sin entered the whole world. For every person who would be born after (that's us!), God promised to send Jesus to die for all sin. And He did! Because God doesn't give up on us, we can always trust Him.**

Let's try breathing together. When I breathe in through my nose (take a big breath in through your nose), **you breathe in too!** **When I breathe out** (exhale loudly out your mouth), **you breathe out with me. Are you ready? Watch me!** Breathe in slowly, then breathe out through your mouth. Breathe in again, then breathe out through your mouth. Take one more deep breath.

Excellent! Now try breathing in as I lift my hands up (lift both hands up and take a big breath in) **and breathe out when I put my hands down!** Exhale through your mouth as you put your hands back down. **Great job!**

Now, we'll put words with our breaths. As we breathe in (raise your hands and breathe in), **I will say "God, You will never,"** and **as we breathe out** (exhale and lower your hands), **I will say "give up on me."** Breathe with me as I say this prayer!

God, You will never (Lift both hands up.) ... **give up on me.** (Put both hands down.)

God, You will never (Lift both hands up.) ... **stop loving me.** (Put both hands down.)

God, You will never (Lift both hands up.)... **leave me.** (Put both hands down.)

God, You will never (Lift both hands up.) ... **forget about me.** (Put both hands down.)

Whenever you need a reminder that God is on your side, take a big deep breath and whisper this prayer to yourself: God, You will never give up on me.

Leader Tip: To make the prayer personal, go around the room and insert each kid's name into the breath prayer. You would say, "God, You will never give up on [name]." Finish it with your own name. God will never give up on you either!

Blessing Your Kids

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: The Fall Blessing Slide

Display The Fall Blessing Slide. Close your time by saying a blessing over kids. Speak this blessing over your kids, as a group or as individuals. If you bless kids individually, insert each name into the blessing.

Blessing: May you always turn to God no matter how big the mess up, how bad the choice, or how much shame you feel. God never gives up on you ... ever! May you always remember that His infinite love covers all things!



Closing Game: Hidden Fruit

SUPPLIES: real fruit that is sturdy (such as lemons, apples, limes, etc.), toy fruit, or paper images of fruit

Gather real fruit that is sturdy (such as lemons, apples, limes, etc.), toy fruit, or paper with pictures of fruit. Hide the fruit around the room and let the kids go on a hunt to find them. When the kids find a hidden fruit, they will shout, “Thank You, God! You never give up on me!”

In our story today, Adam and Eve sinned by eating fruit God had told them not to eat. We don't know exactly what kind of fruit it was because the Bible doesn't tell us. What kind of fruit do you like? Allow the kids to answer. **Is there any kind you don't like?** Allow the kids to answer.

Even when Adam and Eve sinned, and even when we sin, God never gives up on His people. He loves us and forgives us.

Let's play a game to look for hidden fruit around the room. When you find a piece, shout, “Thank You, God! You never give up on me!”