



## 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 15–20 minutes

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

- Play Stations:
  - Garden Exploration
  - Eat This, Not This
  - The Fall Coloring Sheet
- Curiosity Activity: Dancing Fruit Experiment
- Puppet Intro and Curiosity Questions
- Declaring God's Wonder



### BELIEF 20 minutes

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: Creation
- Connecting the Wonder Truth
- Word of Wonder: From 2 Corinthians 5:17

### FAITH 15–20 minutes

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

- Circle Time: "Fruit" Hot Potato
- Craft: He'll Never Give Up!
- Game: Garden Scavenger Hunt

### IDENTITY 15–20 minutes

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
- Prayer and Blessing
- 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

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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!

Spark curiosity and get kids thinking about the wonder of God.

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### Play Stations

**SUPPLIES:** shallow bin, dirt or soil, fake trees and plants, small rocks, small bins or baskets (2), toy food, various non-food objects (such as a rock, ball, cotton ball), note cards (2), marker (prep only), coloring utensils, small tarp or towel (optional)

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** The Fall Coloring Sheet (1 per kid)

Greet the kids warmly and briefly explain the play stations to them. Invite them to play at any of the stations.

**Welcome to church! While we're getting ready to start, you can play at any of these stations to help you get ready for our lesson today. Do you have any ideas about what we'll be learning today?**

#### Play Station: Garden Exploration

**Set up:** Set out a shallow bin and fill with dirt or soil, fake trees and plants, and small rocks. A small tarp or towel can help contain the mess.

**Play:** Let the kids play in the pretend garden. Ask them what else might be in a garden (such as flowers or water). Allow the kids to explore by feeling the dirt and moving the rocks around in the bin. They can also create paths or decorative areas around the plants and trees with the rocks.

#### Play Station: Eat This, Not This

**Set up:** Set out two small bins or baskets, toy food, and various non-food objects (such as rocks, a ball, cotton ball). Use a note card and marker to make a sign that says, "Eat This" and another sign that says, "Don't Eat This." Set out the bins or baskets side by side. Place one sign by each bin or basket. Or, for non-readers, make a happy face and a sad face on the cards.

**Play:** Tell the kids what each sign says. Let the kids sort the items into the bins, according to things they can eat and things they can't eat.

#### Play Station: The Fall Coloring Sheet

**Set up:** Ahead of time, print one copy per kid of the coloring sheet and set out coloring utensils.

**Play:** Let the kids color. The kids can also turn over their sheet and draw a picture of their favorite fruit on the back.

## 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!**

## Puppet Intro and Curiosity Questions

**SUPPLIES:** fresh herbs (optional)

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** Tac the Cat Picture or puppet

For this section, you can use the cat picture provided, or a stuffed animal cat, or a cat hand puppet.

**Leader:** Remember our friend, Tac? He's so curious. Here he comes now!

**Tac the Cat:** Hi, kids! I'm curious about something ... It's a place where we can get food.

**Leader:** The grocery store?

**Tac the Cat:** No, it's outside.

**Leader:** Oh, a farm!

**Tac the Cat:** Not that either ... It's something some people have in their yards, where they grow things like flowers and tomatoes.

**Leader:** Oh—a garden!

**Tac the Cat:** Yes, I'm curious about a garden! Kids, have you ever seen a garden? (Allow the kids to respond.) Have you ever grown a garden? They always look different. Sometimes there are tall plants and sometimes little plants, sometimes you can eat what's in there, but sometimes you can't. I saw an herb garden the other day, and it got me curious ... how do people know which plants can be picked and eaten and which ones can't?

**Leader:** I love to garden—and that's very true, it can get confusing which plants can be eaten, like herbs, and which ones cannot, like most flowers. It's important to know what you're planting in a garden



so you know whether or not you can eat it, but also how to take care of it!  
(If you have fresh herbs, hold them up and show the kids.)

**Tac the Cat:** I would grow some catnip in a garden and eat it all up! Kids, what fruits, vegetables, or herbs would you like to grow in a garden? Or maybe just flowers? (Allow the kids to respond.)

**Leader:** There's a garden in the Bible that God created. In that garden were trees that grew delicious fruit, but there was one tree no one was supposed to eat from. We're going to learn about it today!

**Tac the Cat:** What happened? I'm curious!

**Leader:** We'll find out when we hear about God's big story today!

**Tac the Cat:** That sounds great! Well, I've got more exploring and thinking to do! I think I'm going to go plant some things in a garden and watch it grow.

**Have you ever been curious about something? Let's take a moment and think: Are there any plants that you're curious about?** Allow the kids to respond. **Are there any foods you've never eaten that you're curious about?** Allow the kids to respond. **There is so much in the world we don't know about, but God knows everything. He knows when we do wrong things too, and He loves us! Did you ever stop to think about how God created us and loves us?**

Today's Wonder Truth is **GOD NEVER GIVES UP ON US**. Today, we'll discover that God won't ever give up on us.

## Declaring God's Wonder

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

Show the Early Childhood 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.)

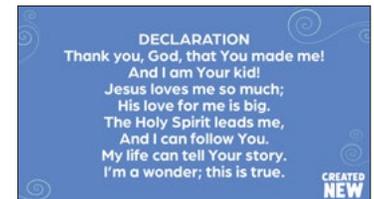
March in place like you're following the leader.

**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").





Curiosity

**Belief**

Faith

Identity

## LESSON 2 **EARLY CHILDHOOD**

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

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### Prayer of Invitation

Before entering into God's big story, lead kids in a prayer of invitation. Use the prayer here or your own words: **God, thank You for meeting us here. Show us the truth of Your Word. Help us trust You more and understand Your love for us even better after today's part of Your big story. Thank You for never giving up on us! In Jesus' name, Amen.**

### Worship

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

**Today we'll learn about how faithful God is and how He is never going to give up on us. Let's sing about our loving God together!**

Play songs from the [Created New Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance as they praise God.

### God's Big Story: The Fall

**SUPPLIES:** Bible

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** Bible Story Picture (optional)

#### Bible Time Rhyme

Say the Bible time rhyme (with motions) each week before the Bible story to remind kids that what they're about to hear is part of God's big story.

**I open my Bible, and what do I see?** *(Hold your hands together, then open your palms, as if opening a book.)*

**God's big story, waiting for me!** *(Point to yourself.)*

Hold up a Bible and show the kids. Tell them today's story comes from the Bible. Open a Bible and show them where the story is found in Genesis, which is the first book of the Bible.

Read the God's Big Story script provided or read Genesis 3:1–7, 21–22 from the Bible. You can also print the Bible Story Picture to give the kids a visual depiction as you tell the story.

# GOD'S BIG STORY SCRIPT

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** [The Fall God's Big Story Video](#)

You can help tell today's story by acting out different parts of the story as I call them out.

In the beginning, God created everything. The Bible tells us how God made the world and all the things in it. God made planets and stars, plants and animals. Then God made humans. He made them in His own image. **Point to yourself.** Pause to allow kids to respond. That means that people show what God is like. God told the first people to take care of the world. God took care of them too. He wants to be close with His people.

The first two people were Adam and Eve. **Hold up two fingers.** Pause to allow kids to respond. God gave them everything they needed. He gave them a garden to live in. God told them to take care of it. He told them to fill the earth with more people. Adam and Eve could eat any fruit in the garden except for the fruit from one tree. **Shake your finger like "no, no."** Pause to allow kids to respond. It was the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. God told them if they ate the fruit from that tree, they would die.

There was a very sneaky serpent (or snake) in the garden. Can you make a "sssssss" sound like a sneaky snake? Pause to allow kids to respond. A very sneaky serpent asked Eve why they couldn't eat the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge. Eve told the serpent what God said. The serpent told her, "You will not die! God knows that you'll be just like Him if you eat its fruit." Eve saw that the fruit looked really good. She took some and ate it. She shared the fruit with Adam who was with her. Adam ate it too. **Make a sad face.** Pause to allow kids to respond. Satan used the serpent to trick Adam and Eve. Satan is the enemy of God and wants God's people to disobey Him.

Adam and Eve disobeyed God. They did the one thing God told them not to do. Disobeying God is called sin. Adam and Eve's sin hurt their relationship with God. **Make a thumbs-down.** Pause to allow kids to respond. They realized they did the wrong thing. They were afraid and felt bad for what they did. Adam and Eve noticed they did not have clothes on, so they made clothes out of leaves.

Later, they heard God walking in the garden. Adam and Eve tried to hide from Him. **Hide your face behind your hands.** Pause to allow kids to respond. God called out to them. Adam told God that they heard Him walking and that they were scared. Adam told God that the woman made him eat the fruit. Eve told God that the serpent tricked her and made her eat the fruit.

The sin 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. **Walk in place like you're leaving.** Pause to allow kids to respond. They could never go back.

But God did not give up on Adam and Eve. God still took care of them. God gave Adam and Eve better clothes. And God started His plan to fix the relationship with His people. One day God will beat Satan once and for all. **Pump your hands in the air for victory!** Pause to allow kids to respond.

People still disobey God. We all sin, and it hurts God and us. But God still loves us. He made the way through Jesus to beat evil and be close with Him. God never gives up on us. **Clap and cheer for God!** Pause to allow kids to respond.

## VIEW THE GOD'S BIG STORY VIDEO



### Connecting the Wonder Truth

Ask the following question to help kids connect the Wonder Truth to God's big story:

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

**God says that because of sin, things will be hard (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—that's 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?**

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

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### Circle Time: "Fruit" Hot Potato

**SUPPLIES:** apple or orange

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** upbeat songs from the [Created New Early Childhood 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 Early Childhood 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!

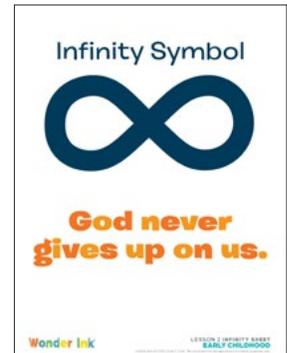
## Craft: He'll Never Give Up!

**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!"



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Create space for God to remind kids that 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!

## Prayer and Blessing

After the kids are finished with this breath prayer, pray with the kids, thanking God for never giving up.

**As we pray, put your hands over your heart every time I say, “Thank You.” Let’s pray to God.**

**God, thank You (hands over your heart) for never giving up on us. Thank You (hands over your heart) for loving us and caring for us, even when we mess up. We love You so much! In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands are open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

**Blessing:** God knows us deeply and will always be here for us. May you always remember that He will never give up on you, no matter what. Forever and ever, God will be faithful to you and forgive you when you need it. God loves you so much!

## 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!”**