

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

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

Activity: Garden Exploration

SUPPLIES: shallow bin, dirt or soil, fake (or real) plants, rocks, fresh herbs (optional)

Ahead of time, create a small garden in a shallow bin using dirt and fake (or real) plants and rocks.

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

Welcome! Today we're going to hear a story from the Bible about people who were in a garden! First, let's explore a garden and get curious! Have you seen a garden? Allow the kids to respond.

Show the garden bin to the kids. 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 decorate areas around the plants and trees with the rocks. If you have fresh herbs from a garden, you can bring them to show the kids.

Activity: Would You Eat This?

SUPPLIES: scissors (prep only)

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: Would You Eat This? Sheet

Ahead of time, print the Would You Eat This? Sheet and cut apart the pictures. Hold up each picture asking the kids: **Would you eat this?**

The kids will see a ...

- chocolate bar
- cluster of grapes
- spider
- sandwich
- fish
- an ice cream cone
- pepper
- rock



Some of those things are really yummy, but some of them might be hard or yucky to eat! I would never eat a spider! Today we're going to learn about a man and a woman in the Bible who ate something God told them not to eat. But God didn't stop loving and taking care of them.

Our Wonder Truth today is: GOD NEVER GIVES UP ON US.

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

GOD—Point up.

NEVER GIVES UP—Two thumbs up.

ON US—Point to yourself.

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 with you.

God's Big Story

SUPPLIES: Bible

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: [The Fall God's Big Story Video](#), Bible Story Picture (optional)

Our God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about two people named Adam and Eve. Encourage the kids to say, "Adam and Eve." Let's find out from the Bible what happened to them!

Show the kids the God's Big Story Video, read the story from the Bible, or use the Script provided. You can also print the Bible Story Picture to give kids a visual depiction as you tell the story.

In the beginning, God made the world and everything in it, including people. The first people were named Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve were in a garden filled with delicious fruit to eat. God told them there was only one tree (hold up your index finger to indicate the number "one") not to eat from.

A serpent showed up. A serpent is a snake. The serpent made Eve believe God was lying. That's sneaky! Shake your finger like "no, no." The serpent got Eve to eat the fruit from the tree God said not to, and then she shared some of that fruit with Adam. They both ate fruit from the tree they weren't supposed to eat from.

Right away, Adam and Eve knew they did something wrong. They felt afraid so they hid from Him! Hide your face behind your hands, then peek at the kids through your fingers. Adam and Eve had disobeyed by doing the opposite of what God had said.

Anytime we disobey, it's called sin. Sin hurts our relationship with God and others. It makes lots of other things in our life hard too.

Even though Adam and Eve disobeyed and then hid, God didn't give up on them. Because of sin, God told Adam and Eve they had to leave the garden of Eden. But God still took care of them. He gave the man and woman clothes to wear.

God also promised to send a Savior to rescue people and fix all the hard things in our lives one day. That was Jesus! God kept His promise. God loves us and never gives up on us!

Word of Wonder

SUPPLIES: Bible

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.

Prayer and Blessing

Let's talk to God and thank Him for loving us and never giving up on us, even when we do wrong things.

God, thank You for never giving up on us. We thank You for loving us and always taking care of us, even when we make wrong choices! We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands 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!

Activity: 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 images of fruit.

Hide the fruit around the room.

In our story today, Adam and Eve sinned by eating fruit. 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? Is there any kind of fruit 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!”

Encourage the kids to find the hidden fruit around the room and say, “Thank You, God! You never give up on me!”