

Genesis Lesson 2: Sin enters the World

Older Kids' Bible Study Lesson

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Mandatory Items: Please do not omit these first four items, although you can change them to suit your taste/style, etc., as long as you read from God's Word during your lesson.

Lesson from God's Word:

Materials: Bible, props and costumes (if you want)

Kids will act out the account of the fall as a leader reads it. Read through it ahead of time and make note of the more "active" verses, such as when God makes Adam go into a deep sleep or they eat the fruit. Emphasize these as you're reading.

Let all the kids participate, or assign a few kids to be the characters (you could switch the kids out every so often, as you're reading, if you want. Read the account with as much enthusiasm as you can and have fun with it! It is a long account, so this should help kids stay focused).

Read: Genesis 2:8-Genesis 3:21

Connection to Christ & Gospel Presentation:

After you read the story, ask the kids to turn to Romans 5:12. Say: Our memory verse for today comes from Romans 5:12. (Read the verse). Sin entered the world through Adam and death entered the world through sin. Adam and Eve's bodies did not die, but their souls did, because they were separated from God. They had to leave the Garden because they had sin in their hearts and God cannot be around sin.

But, God did not give up. He made a way that we could be with Him and it was through His Son Jesus dying on the cross to pay the price of sin, once and for all. Even though we have sin in our hearts and we are separated from God because of it, we don't have to stay that way. We can come to God and ask Him to forgive us and He will. All we have to do is go to Him and pray. If you're ready to do this today, you can pray with me now.

Dear Heavenly Father, I am so sorry for my sin. I ask you to forgive it. Please take it away. Thank You for making a way for me to know You. Thank You for sending Your

Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for me. Thank You for raising Him to life again. Thank You for saving me. Amen

Memory Verse:

“Sin entered the world through one man and death through sin, so also death was passed on to all men, because all sinned.” Romans 5:12

Materials: Paper and pencils for each kid

Directions: Kids can play individually or in groups. Have each kid (or group) copy the verse on their paper. They should then read the word and erase a word with their erasers and say it again. Then erase another word and repeat the verse once more. They should continue until all the words are erased the kids know the verse. (After the 2nd or 3rd time, when they seem to be getting it, they may want erase 2 or even 3 words at a time.)

Optional/Extra Ideas:

Game: Don't eat the forbidden fruit review game

Materials: a “fruit” to pass. It can be a small ball or a piece of fruit (toy or real), the list of review questions below.

Directions: As the kids pass the fruit, they should say “Don't eat the forbidden fruit.” three times, passing the fruit along as they say it. After the third time, whoever is holding the fruit must answer a review question. Continue playing as time and interest allows, or until all the questions are answered.

Review Questions:

1. What did God say about the fruit? (They could eat whatever fruit they wanted except the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.)
2. What kind of animal was speaking to Eve? (Serpent)
3. What did the God say would happen if Adam and Eve ate the fruit (they would die)
4. What did the serpent say would happen if they ate the fruit (They would become like God, knowing good and evil).
5. Who was telling the truth, the serpent or God? (God)

6. Who did Eve believe? (the serpent)
7. What did Eve do then? (She ate the fruit)
8. What did Eve do after she ate the fruit? (She gave some to Adam)
9. What did Adam do with the fruit? (He ate it)
10. What did Adam and Eve realize after they ate the fruit? (That they had no clothes on)
11. What did they make their clothes out of? (Fig leaves)
12. What did Adam and Eve do when they heard God walking in the garden (They hid)
13. Why did Adam and Eve hide? (Because they were naked)
14. What excuse did Adam give when God asked him why he ate the fruit (Eve gave it to him)
15. What excuse did Eve give when God asked her what she had done (She blamed it on the serpent.)
16. What was the serpent's punishment? (Crawling on its belly)
17. What was the woman's punishment? (Had to leave the garden and had more pain when having babies)
18. What was the man's punishment? (Had to leave the garden and had to work harder to grow food. He would have to fight weeds and thorns as he planted.)

Game:

Escape Temptation Board Game

Materials: Board game, dice, cards (you can take enough so you can let groups of 2-4 have their own game.)

Directions: Have the kids take turns rolling the dice. If they land on a spot with a T, then they are facing temptation. They must draw a card and see what temptation they are facing. Then, they roll the dice. If they roll a 1-3 they get to draw an "escape" card, but if they roll a 4-6, they give in to the temptation and sin and must draw a "consequence" card. Once every player gets to the last spot the child with the most "escape" cards is the winner.