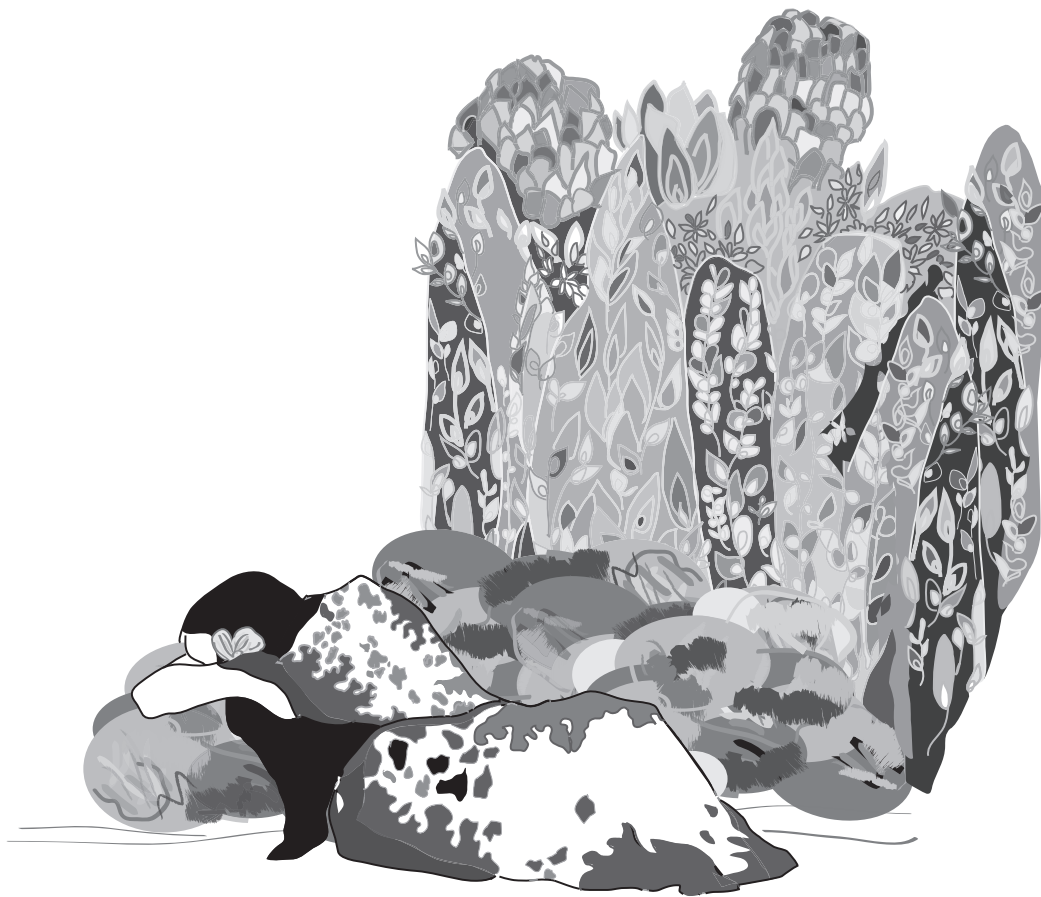


LESSON 3

Adam & Eve Disobey God

GENESIS 3:1-24



BIBLE TRUTH

SIN COMES FROM MAN'S DISOBEDIENCE

LESSON SNAPSHOT

1. **OPENING REVIEW** **5 MIN**
Use last week’s lesson outline to review with the children what they learned.
2. **BIBLE STORY** **10 MIN**
Read Genesis 3:1–24 from the Scriptures or read story 3, “Adam and Eve Disobey God,” from *The Gospel Story Bible*.
3. **OBJECT LESSON 1** **10 MIN**
Not What Meets the Eye
SUPPLIES:
 - ✓ two packets of unsweetened cherry drink mix
 - ✓ a clear pitcher
 - ✓ clear plastic glasses for the class
 - ✓ a box of animal crackers
4. **TEACHING/DISCUSSION** **10 MIN**
5. **OBJECT LESSON 2** **10 MIN**
Animal Skin
SUPPLIES:
 - ✓ animal pelt or sheepskin
6. **SWORD BIBLE MEMORY** **5 MIN**
7. **ACTIVITY TIME** **15 MIN**
The Blood of Jesus Covers Our Sins
SUPPLIES:
 - ✓ paper cut into two-inch squares
 - ✓ brown cross, cut from construction paper
 - ✓ red crayons
 - ✓ one yard of red material
8. **CLOSING PRAYER** **5 MIN**
9. **BONUS OBJECT LESSON** **10 MIN**
You Can’t Hide from God
SUPPLIES:
 - ✓ potted plants (real or artificial)

TOTAL 80 MIN

PREPARING TO TEACH

TEACHING POINTS

Adam and Eve willingly turned away from God by eating the fruit—Adam and Eve willingly turned away from God by eating the forbidden fruit. But before either of them ever touched the fruit, they had already sinned in their hearts.

Eve had sinned by deciding to eat the fruit. Allowing herself to be influenced by the serpent (who was Satan) Eve began to doubt God and trust herself.

Adam had sinned by deciding to *let* Eve eat the fruit even though God said it would bring death. Then, when Eve did not die right away, Adam ate also.

So, in the very first sin, we see people trusting themselves rather than God.

God's word proved true, and death entered the garden—When Adam and Eve sinned, death entered the garden just as God had said it would. When the man and woman sinned, two things happened. First, they died spiritually, which means that something very important about their relationship with God died. This is why they had to leave the garden. Second, they were doomed to die physically even though they did not die right away. If they had never sinned, they would never have died and never had to leave the garden just as Christians in heaven will never die and will never have to leave the presence of God.

Mercy appeared in the garden—Instead of killing Adam and Eve, God was merciful and gracious. He killed animals and then used their skins to cover Adam and Eve's shameful nakedness. This shedding of animal blood as a substitute punishment for sin was practiced throughout the Old Testament. Every time it happened, it was a picture of how one day Jesus would shed his blood to take our punishment for sin and permanently cover our shame.

One day, in heaven, we will rejoice with Adam and Eve, and we will say with them, "Christ took our penalty."

WHERE IS JESUS? _____

How does today's Bible story fit into God's greater plan of redemption?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:20–22.

When Adam and Eve sinned, God was not surprised. He had already appointed Jesus, the Creator of all things, to one day defeat sin and death. As it says in Colossians 1:19–20, "For in [Jesus] all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross."

THE LESSON

OPENING REVIEW 5 MIN

Use last week's lesson outline to review with the children what they learned.

BIBLE STORY 10 MIN

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OBJECT LESSON 1 10 MIN

Not What Meets the Eye

SUPPLIES:

- ✓ two packets of unsweetened cherry drink mix
- ✓ a clear pitcher
- ✓ clear plastic glasses for the class
- ✓ a box of animal crackers

This illustration will help the children to see that though sin might look good on the outside, it is always bitter to turn away from God.

Mix the drink mix without sugar and half the prescribed water. Pass the animal crackers out to your class leaving the drink on the table until the crackers produce a thirst in the children. Then, ask them if they would like a drink, and show them the pitcher of cherry drink mix. Tell them that it has a great cherry flavor. Make sure to have another adult join the children to help start complaining of the bitter taste of the drink mix if the children fail to react.

After some of the children begin to react, ask them the following questions as a guide:

- What does the cherry drink taste like?
(Accept any answer.)

- What do you think is missing?
(sugar or sweetener)

- If it tastes so bad, why does it look so good in the pitcher?
(Accept any answer.)

- How is this cherry drink like the fruit on the forbidden tree?
(It looks good, but it really is bad for you.)

Tell the children that you gave them no warning, but Adam and Eve had a warning. Explain to the children that Adam and Eve were so deceived by Satan and so attracted by their desire for the fruit that they disregarded God's warning.

Review with the children all the wonderful things that God did prior to the fall that testified to Adam and Eve that he was good. For instance, he placed them in a garden, he gave them abundant food to eat, he spoke to them, he protected them, etc. Then help the children to see that in spite of all that God did, Adam and Eve still chose to rebel.

(You may want to provide them with a drink they can enjoy after the object lesson.)

TEACHING/DISCUSSION 10 MIN

Using the teaching points, teach through the lesson for today.

OBJECT LESSON 2 10 MIN

Animal Skin

SUPPLIES:

- ✓ animal pelt or sheepskin

Often children are fascinated with real fur. Look for a rabbit pelt at your local craft store or order one from a company online. You can locate a company easily by searching for “rabbit pelt for sale.” Rabbit is nice because it is extremely soft to the touch. A sheepskin is a good substitute if you can secure one.

As you pass the pelt around the class for them to handle, ask them the following questions:

- **What happened to Adam and Eve after they ate the fruit?**
(Adam and Eve saw that they were naked so they became afraid and hid from God.)
- **What judgment did God say would come to them if they ate the forbidden fruit?**
(God said that they would die.)
- **Did God immediately kill them?**
(No, God did not immediately kill them. They eventually died of old age but were allowed to continue to live.)
- **Who or what did God immediately kill?**
(God sacrificed an animal to make garments of skin for Adam and Eve and cover their nakedness.)

This is a demonstration of God’s mercy and grace and is the first indication that God is going to forgive their sin. Hebrews 9:22 says, “without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.” God would send his only Son in human likeness to be our substitute and take the punishment that we deserved. In exchange, we would be given his perfect life. Here, an animal is killed and the skin of the animal is given to Adam and Eve to cover their nakedness—their sin. This foreshadows God’s plan of redemption right from the very start of man’s rebellion.

SWORD BIBLE MEMORY 5 MIN

Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.

ACTIVITY TIME 15 MIN

The Blood of Jesus Covers Our Sins

SUPPLIES:

- ✓ paper cut into two-inch squares
- ✓ brown cross, cut from construction paper
- ✓ red crayons
- ✓ one yard of red material

Lay the cross on a table. Pass out the squares of paper and red crayons, and have the children each draw a red letter “S” on their square. While they are working on this, explain that the “S” represents their sins. When the class is finished have them think of some sins they have committed. Once they have thought of a sin they should take their red “S” and lay it on the cross. Explain that God covered Adam and Eve’s sinfulness by covering them with animal skins. This pointed to the day when the blood of Jesus would cover our sins. (While you say this, cover the cross and the squares with the red material so they are completely hidden.)

Ask the children if they can tell you how Jesus’ blood covers our sins. Explain that since Jesus lived a perfect life, he did not deserve to be punished. He took our punishment upon himself. Everyone who trusts in him will be forgiven and have their sins covered.

CLOSING PRAYER 5 MIN

Pick several children to pray prayers based on the day’s scripture passage.

BONUS OBJECT LESSON 10 MIN

You Can’t Hide from God

SUPPLIES:

- ✓ potted plants (real or artificial)

Choose two children to play Adam and Eve. Tell them to pretend to eat the forbidden fruit and when they hear your footsteps to hide in the classroom. You will then try to find them. (Keep your eyes open and watch them while they hide.) Since the classroom is so small it will be impossible for them to hide in a place where you can’t find them. The plants can provide some cover but will not help much.

Do this several times, challenging the children to pick a better hiding spot—a spot where you will not be able to find them. Once they become frustrated, ask the class why there is no

place in your classroom that they can hide. The class should tell you that their room is too small with no place to hide. That is when you can explain that God sees all. Our world is like the classroom to him. There is no place we can go to hide from God, and he always knows everything we do. We cannot hide our sins from God.

LESSON 3 - ADAM AND EVE DISOBEY GOD

