

ADAM AND EVE DISOBEY GOD'S COMMAND

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: GENESIS 3



The STORY

Read "A Sad Day" from The Beginner's Bible (pages 20-27).

Please note: The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- What was the one rule God gave to Adam and Eve in the garden? (They were allowed to eat from any tree in the garden, but they were not allowed to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.)
- What would God do if they disobeyed the rule? (God would punish them. Genesis 2:17 says that God told them: "You will surely die.")
- What happened after they disobeyed and ate the forbidden fruit? (They hid from God.)
- Why did they hide? (They were afraid of God's punishment.)
- What did God do to them? (He made them leave the garden. He put an angel with a flaming sword in front of the garden so no one could go in.)

God showed His grace – love and kindness – to them when He did not kill them right away.

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CRAFT QUESTIONS

Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: Adam and Eve hiding in the bushes. Engage the children by asking:

- Did you ever hide after doing something you were not supposed to? (Accept any answer.)
- Why do we hide after we do something wrong? (We are afraid of punishment.)
- What else did Adam and Eve do after they disobeyed? (They blamed each other instead of saying what they did wrong.)

SNACK QUESTIONS

While the children are eating the snack, engage the children by asking:

- The Bible says that another part of God's punishment for Adam and Eve was to make it very hard for people to grow food. What kinds of things can make it hard to grow food? (The soil must be plowed up, which is a lot of hard work, disease can kill the plants, animals and insects eat plants, plants need rain to grow but too much rain can rot plants.)
- Do you know someone who has a garden where one of these things happened? (Accept any answer.)
- What did God do to the serpent for his punishment? (Made him to crawl on his belly.)
- What is a serpent? (A snake.) How do snakes move? (They crawl on their belly.)
Did God keep His word? (Yes!)



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Where Is Jesus?

Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.

When Adam and Eve fell into sin it was not a surprise to God. He had already appointed Jesus, who created all things to be the redeemer.

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. (Colossians 1:19-20)

For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. (1 Corinthians 15:22)

SWORD BIBLE MEMORY

BE A DOER OF THE WORD

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.

