

God's Plan: 2 BE WITH US!

Bible Story

The Sin Separation

Genesis 2:8–9,15–17; 3:1–24

What happens
when I disobey
God?

Bible Verse

Preschool: Everyone has sinned. No one is as good as God is. (See Romans 3:23.)

Elementary: "[A]ll have sinned and are deprived of the glory of God."

Romans 3:23

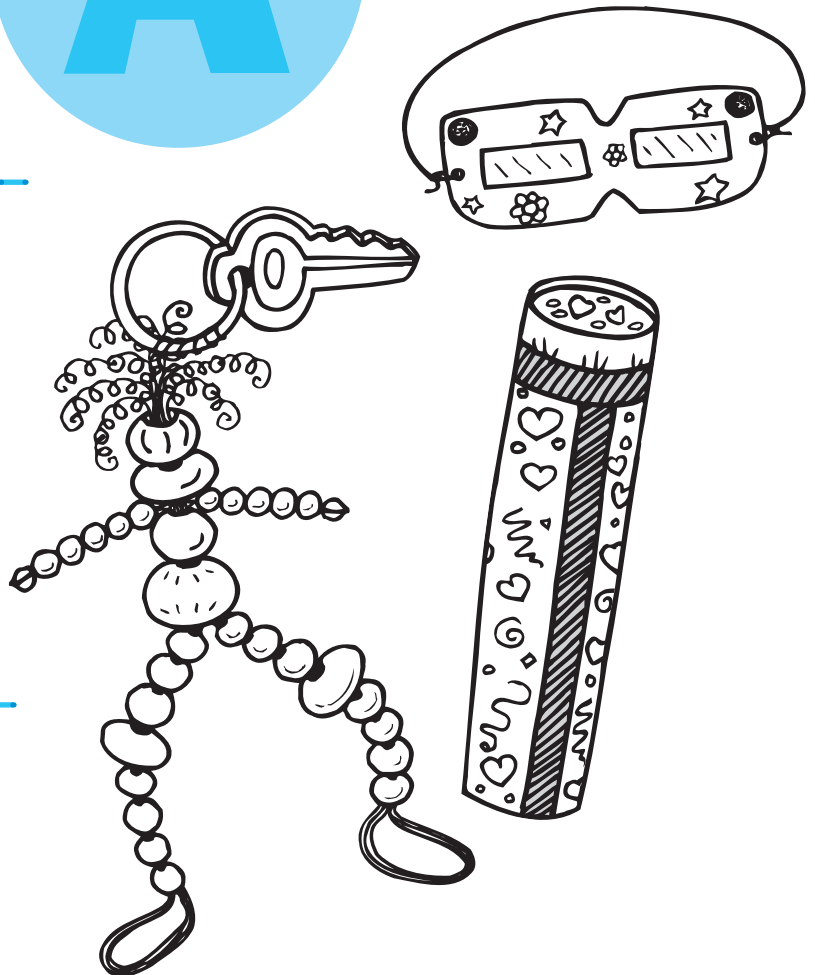
Sin separates
you from God.

Session Goals

1. PARTICIPATE in telling the story of Adam and Eve.
2. IDENTIFY things that can happen because of sin.
3. ASK God for help to follow his commandments.
4. CHOOSE to live as a member of God's family.

Spark Principle— Cause & Effect

Whatever we do (a cause) has a result (an effect). Whenever we sin, the effect is separation from God.





Broken Heart

A broken heart has long stood for heartache caused by physical or emotional separation. When Adam and Eve sinned, the result was their separation from God—physical, emotional and spiritual. This separation results when we sin, too. The heartache caused by this separation is felt by God and by us as well.

Heart Prep

Although Adam and Eve were created without sin, God gave them the power to choose between right and wrong. They each had a free will. God placed them in a perfect place, the Garden of Eden, and told them they had the freedom and use of the whole garden, except for one thing. God said, “You are free to eat from any of the trees of the garden except the tree of knowledge of good and evil. From that tree you shall not eat; when you eat from it you shall die” (Genesis 2:17).

The temptation of Eve began when the serpent put in Eve’s heart the wicked, terrible thought that something other than God’s plan was best. He wanted to make Eve question God’s goodness and to shake her simple faith in God’s love.

All people since the fall, without respect to position or class, have been sinners before God. “Therefore, just as through one person sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all, inasmuch as all sinned” (Romans 5:12). The entire nature of people has been brought under the condemnation and curse of sin. We must have a Savior.

In the same chapter that records this story of sin is the promise of victory over it. Read Genesis 3:15, for here a Redeemer is promised! The Chief Engineer of heaven was working out all of this plan before the world’s foundation and long before people sinned or realized their need. The cross of Calvary stands so related to all the ages that the sacrifice of Jesus Christ once and for all (1 Peter 3:18) fulfilled the promise of a Redeemer and provided salvation to all who believe since the very fall of Adam and Eve.

Bible Story Recap

God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden to take care of it and enjoy it. They talked with God face-to-face every day in the cool of the evening.

Adam and Eve were free to eat from every tree that was in the garden—except for the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If they did eat the fruit, they would die.

Then one day, a serpent, the cleverest wild animal God created, spoke to Eve. This serpent was really God’s enemy, Satan. “Did God REALLY say that you couldn’t eat from EVERY tree in the garden?” the serpent slyly asked. When Eve told him about God’s one rule, he replied, “This fruit won’t make you die! It will make you WISE. You will be like God!”

Eve looked at the fruit. It WAS beautiful. And it WOULD be wonderful to be wise like God. She reached out her hand, took the fruit and bit into it. She handed it to Adam, and he bit into it as well. Suddenly, they both knew that they had chosen to do something terribly, terribly wrong.

Soon, Adam and Eve heard God walking in the garden. So they hid! For the first time in their lives, Adam and Eve didn’t want to talk with God. Something had come between them.

When God asked Adam what had happened, Adam blamed Eve. Then Eve blamed the serpent. The truth was that they both had chosen to disobey God. Because of their sin, Adam and Eve would have troubles that they had never known before—sadness and hard work and pain. They would grow old and they would die, just as God had warned them.

Daily Recap

At the end of each session, take time to reflect on what happened. Use these questions as a guide:

- 🌀 What was your greatest struggle today? How did you respond?
- 🌀 Thank God for wanting to be with you! Invite Him to prepare the hearts of the kids to respond to their need to be with Him.
- 🌀 Pray, asking God to help each child in your class understand His love this week.