



Sin Entered the World | Oct 3, 2021 | 3rd - 5th grade

God created everything and everything He created was good. Sin entered the world through Adam and Eve and spread to impact everyone. God shows His goodness that despite our sin He desires a relationship with us.

BIBLE PASSAGE: Genesis 3

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Why do we need a rescuer? God created everything and it was good, but sin wrecked the world and separated us from God.

CHRIST'S CONNECTION: Ever since Adam and Eve sinned, all people have been born as sinners. Sin separates us from God, but God still loves us. God promised a Rescuer would come from Eve's family. God sent His Son, Jesus, to rescue people from sin and bring them back to God.

THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS: Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

BIBLE PASSAGE CONTEXT

Does the story of the fall surprise you? How could Adam and Eve- who had everything they needed- rebel against a loving God? Do you think you would have acted differently?

Adam and Eve's story is our story. Think about the last time you blatantly sinned. What lies were you believing in that moment? Satan wants us to believe that same lie that Eve believed: *Maybe God is holding out on me. Maybe He isn't good or loving. Maybe I would do a better job than him.* Do you ever wonder if you know better than God?

Before the fall, Adam and Eve enjoyed a loving, two-way relationship with God. The garden was a true paradise. God filled the garden with good gifts so that they might enjoy them and give Him thanks. This glorifies God. All of that changed when Adam and Eve gave in to the serpent's temptation.

Adam and Eve desire something more: the wisdom the fruit offered. But when their eyes were opened, they didn't get what they hoped for. Instead, they were aware of their nakedness. They felt ashamed. Surely the Lord's heart broke at their act of disobedience and rebellion. Can you think of a time your own sin produced regret and sorrow?

Because of their sin, God cast Adam and Eve out of the garden. Though they did not die right away, sin's effect was immediate and thorough. Their lives and their children's lives- and the lives of all of humanity- would be forever affected by their choice. We see this in the world around us. We experience God's grace, but we are very aware that the world is broken. It was not meant to be this way.

Sin is a big problem that needs a big solution. At just the right time, God sent His Son into the world, born as a baby. Matthew 1:21 says, "You are to name him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."

As the kids you teach become increasingly aware of the bad news- that we are all sinner from birth- rejoice with them over the good news: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." (1 Timothy 1:15)

Terms to Know:

The Fall- The first sin of Adam and Eve that brought judgment upon both nature and mankind. By rejecting God's authority and choosing to eat the fruit God had forbidden, Adam threw God's creation into chaos. Through Adam, all people are guilty before God.

TAKEAWAYS

- Adam and Eve's story is our story.
- Before the fall, Adam and Eve enjoyed a loving, close relationship with God
- But they desired more and went against God.
- When they sinned, they didn't get what they hoped for.
- They were filled with shame, hid from God, and were kicked out of Eden.
- **Bottom Line:** Sin is a big problem that needs a big solution

Small Group Prayer: "God help us to see our sin and confess it to you. Help us to turn away from our sin and follow your commands. Thank you for sending Jesus to save us from our sin. Amen."

SOCIAL ACTIVITY: Lego Challenge

What You Need: Lego sets and Lego Challenge Cards

What You Do

Lay out the legos and pull a challenge card.

Ask kids to work together or independently to create the best thing they can create to represent the challenge on the card you shared with them.

Read the card.

Ask this question: "Think about a time when you have disobeyed your parents. What did your parents tell you to do? What did you do instead? Did your parents find out that you disobeyed? What were the consequences?"

What You Say: As kids are coming in, set up the game and ask kids to join you as you play the game. Games are a great way for kids to engage with each other and you as you get to know each other. Use this time to ask them questions about their week and any other important follow up questions to things you have talked about in the past.

Play a Worship Song or 2 from your Worship DVD/Roku
Play the Bible teaching DVD/Roku

APPLICATION ACTIVITY: Too Great a Gap

What You Need: 2 lengths of rope (10'- 12' of rope or yarn)

What You Do:

- Position 2 lengths of rope or yarn on the floor about 18 inches apart.
- Direct all the kids to stand on one side of the rope.
- Explain that the space between the ropes is a valley.
- If kids step in the valley, they are out.
- When you say "Go." Kids should move to the other side of the rope by stepping or jumping over the valley.
- After each crossing, move the ropes further apart.
- Kids who are out may assist in moving the ropes.
- Continue playing and moving the ropes until everyone is out.

What You Say "Our sin keeps us from God. Imagine a wide valley. We can't get across to the other side on our own. We might try to do good things or avoid wrong things, but we would fall short every time. We need someone to get us to God. That's what Jesus does. He is the promised descendant of Eve. Jesus died on the cross so that everyone who trusts in Him can have life with God forever.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **Why do you think God put the forbidden fruit where Adam and Eve could find it?**
- **What are some lies you believe when you choose to sin?**
- **What was the serpent's end goal?** Help kids see past Eve eating a piece of fruit. Help kids to understand that Satan has an end goal: to get us to disobey, disbelieve, and distrust God's perfect plan and commands. Read John 10:10, "The thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy." Help them consider how Satan might be tempting us today.
- **Why did Adam and Eve suddenly feel ashamed?** Guide kids to see that in Genesis 1-2 Adam and Eve felt no shame and were naked in the garden. Remind the kids that the forbidden fruit came from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Before eating the fruit, Adam and Eve were innocent and didn't know right from wrong. By choosing to disobey God, they were guilty and suddenly aware of their guilt. They felt shame because they gained the burden of knowing what evil is. Shame is a consequence of sin, but even in that shame and sin, God still loves us.
- **Why did Adam and Eve have to leave the garden?** Help the kids understand that sin always has consequences. Sin separates us from God. Help the kids discuss the only way to God is through His Son, Jesus Christ. Explain that Jesus' death on the cross paid the penalty for sin that we owe. His death took the place of our deaths. Read 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." Help the kids understand that if we confess our sins and believe in Jesus, we will be saved..
- **Can we hide from God?** Point out that after Adam and Eve sinned, they heard God in the garden and hid among the trees. God asked, "Where are you?" but that doesn't mean that God could not see them. God gave Adam an opportunity to confess his sin. Ask if a parent has ever said, "Who did this?" when finding a mess in the house. The parent may know the answer but gives a kid the opportunity to tell the truth. Discuss why people might try to hide from God (fear, shame, and so on). Emphasize that we cannot hide from God. Read Hebrews 4:13.

TRANSITION TO HOME: Prepare kids to talk with their family about what they learned today.

- As family members arrive to pick up their kid, greet them and tell them one thing you noticed about their kid that day or something you talked to each kid about remembering this week.
- If there is time to chat with the family, ask how you can pray for them this week.
- Say bye to the kid and call them by name.