

Sin Has Consequences

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-24

Bible Memory Verse: "Blessed is the one whom God corrects; so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty." ~ Job 5:17

Supplies needed for this lesson:

Pencil, markers, piece of paper

Last week we learned about how God made everything: the sun, the moon, the sky, the land, the oceans, animals, plants and trees, and people. And He saw it was good. Adam and Eve seemed happy with their new home in the Garden of Eden. They could pretty much do what they wanted, except for one thing. There was one important rule that God made. He explained the rule to them as well as the consequences if they broke that rule. Do you know what the word "consequences" means? Consequences are the natural result of an action or decision. Some consequences are good (like when you help your brother with his homework and Mom gives you ice cream from being nice) and some consequences are bad (like when you play ball in the house and break your mom's favorite vase). Print a copy of the file called *F21-5 1st-2nd Gr. Bible Discoveries* from the LCKids web page. On the front page there is an activity called Facing the Consequences. Read each of the three paragraphs. Identify the wrong action and the consequence in each case. Whenever we make a choice, there's a consequence. If we make good choices, usually there are good results or consequences. If we choose to do what is wrong, we usually face bad consequences. In our Bible story today, we're going to find out what happened when Adam and Eve chose to disobey God's rule.

Click on the link below to watch a video of this week's Bible story. You can also read the story on pages 2 and 3 of this week's Bible Discoveries. See if you can identify the consequences of Adam and Eve's choice:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l7TDvJrjjz0>

I bet Adam and Eve were sad after God sent them away from the Garden of Eden as a consequence for their choice. But God still loved them, despite their wrong decision, called sin. Our memory verse this week says "Blessed is the one whom God corrects". God allows consequences for our wrong choices because He loves us and wants us to learn to do right. Let's sing this song about how God forgives us when we choose to sin:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L0-2fm7IKcU>

Turn to page 4 in your Bible Discoveries. Read through the situation (in the top right corner) and the consequences of each choice. Then check off the correct answers in the three boxes at the bottom of the page. When we make good choices, good consequences usually result. When we make poor choices, not-so-good consequences are usually the result.

We've learned that sin is wrong and has consequences. But when you're thinking about doing something wrong, how can you get yourself to stop and think about the consequences? What kind of reminder would work for you to help you remember how God would want you to act? (ex. tie a string around your finger, make a special bracelet, memorize a Bible verse, write a note to yourself and put it somewhere you see it every day, put a stamp on the back of your hand) Using a piece of paper and markers, make a reminder that will stop you when you are thinking about doing the wrong thing. As you use your reminder, it'll get easier to stop yourself before you sin.

Prayer:

Dear God, we're sorry that we sometimes choose to do the wrong thing. Thank You that You forgive us when we sin. Please help us remember to stop and think about the consequences before we decide what to do. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

You can find the *Adam and Eve Disobey Activity Packet* and this week's Family Page, called *F21-5 1st-2nd Gr. Bible Friends*, at the LCKids web page.