

FALL

“The first Sin: Humans Broke Relationship with God”

Series Objective: Students will learn:

- Humans broke relationship with God
- Worship to God is a sacrifice
- Noah obeyed God
- Humans were self-centered

Series Theme Verse: “Jehoshaphat bowed down with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the Lord.” 2 Chronicles 20:18 (NIV)

Lesson Objective: Students will understand that in the first sin humans broke relationship with God.

Lesson Passage: Genesis 3:1-24

Materials Needed: Bibles, Legos (enough for each student or enough for partners to build something), a chair to stand on, theme verse on a poster

Lesson Plan:

The Story:

Talking Points:

- What was craftier than any of the wild animals God made? (serpent)
- What did the serpent ask the woman? (Did God really say you couldn't eat from any tree in the garden?)
- How did Eve respond? (We can eat from any tree, but we can't eat from the tree in the middle of the garden; we can't even touch it, or we'll die.)
- Was she telling the truth? (Yes, God told them not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, but he didn't tell them they couldn't touch it. Refer back to Gen 2:17)
- How does the serpent twist her answer? (You won't die; Your eyes will be opened and you'll be like God.)
- Why do you think Eve ate the fruit? (It looked delicious, tempted to be like God, ...)
- Was the fruit an apple? (We don't know what kind of fruit it was.)
- Did Adam eat the fruit? (yes)
- What did Adam and Eve do when they heard God walking in the garden? (hid)

- Why do you think they hid? (felt guilty, scared, didn't want God to know what they did...)
- What do you think it was like in the garden before they ate the fruit? (Adam and Eve were taking care of the garden and animals, taking walks with God and talking with each other...)
- How did Adam respond when God asked him about what he did? (The woman you put here with me gave it to me and I ate it.)
- How did Eve respond when God asked her about what she did? (The serpent deceived me and I ate.)
- Were either one of them straight forward with God? (No, they tried to blame someone else for their actions. Adam blamed Eve. Eve blamed the serpent.)
- What was the serpent's punishment? (vs14-15 cursed, crawl on its belly, eat dust, hatred between it and women)
- What were Eve's consequences for her disobedience? (vs 16 pain in childbirth, husband will rule over you)
- What were Adam's consequences for his disobedience? (17-19 & 23 ground he works is cursed, working the land will be harder, thorns, kicked out of the garden)
- Why were Adam and Eve kicked out of the garden? (So they couldn't eat from the tree of life and live forever, now they would eventually die – another consequence of their sin)
- How do you think the relationship between Adam & Eve and God has changed now? (It's broken. It is not as intimate or close as it was before. Sin has caused a separation.)
- Does God still care about Adam and Eve? How do we know? (Yes, he provides clothes for them & the bible doesn't end here, the story continues)

The Story Retold:

- Depending on how many Legos you have – each student/pair/group needs to build a Lego creation. Give the students about 5 minutes to do this.
- Then have a teacher stand on a chair and drop each Lego creation. What happened? (some or all of them broke, some pieces came apart)
- There are consequences (good and bad) to our actions. When we drop things on the floor, they might break. When we leave food out on the counter, it will spoil. When we lie, people won't believe us.
- When Adam and Eve chose to eat the fruit that God told them not to eat, they broke the relationship they had with God.
- Point out to students that though the Lego creation was destroyed, it can be put back together. Even though Adam and Eve sinned, the relationship between them and God can be restored, and beginning with the new clothes that God makes for Adam and Eve, we see God constantly trying to restore the relationship with humanity, even though humans sin over and over again.
- When we sin, there are consequences, but we can never sin so bad that God will not love us or seek to restore relationship with us.

The Story and Me:

- Have Series Theme Verse printed on a poster.
- Read the verse together several times.
- Divide the class into groups: boys vs girls, everyone wearing blue, etc. to say the verse together until they have it memorized.
- Worship should be part of our daily relationship with God
- When we live out a life of worship, we are walking with God as Adam and Eve did in the garden.
- What are some ways this week you can worship God?