

FALL

“The first sin: listened to someone besides God”

Series Objective: Students will learn:

- Humans disobeyed God, by listening to someone besides God
- Humans sinned in anger
- Noah and humanity received a promise from God
- Humans wanted to be powerful like God

Series Theme Verse: “I will listen carefully to what the God the Lord is saying, for he speaks peace to his faithful people.” Psalm 85:8 (New Living Translation)

Lesson Objective: Students will understand the consequences of listening to someone besides God.

Lesson Passage: Genesis 3: 1-13, Genesis 3: 21-24

Materials Needed: Poster with memory verse written on it, Bible

Lesson Plan:

The Story:

Talking Points:

- What animal was the cleverest and craftiest of all of the animals that God made? (The serpent)
- What did the serpent ask the woman? (Did God say you couldn't eat from any tree?)
- How did the woman answer the serpent's questions? (We just can't eat the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden)
- Why couldn't the man and woman eat from that tree? (God said they must not eat or touch the fruit from that garden or they would surely die)
- What was the serpent's response to the woman? (He told her that she wouldn't die, she would only see good and evil)
- Did the woman listen to what the serpent said and take a bite out of the tree from the middle of the garden? (Yes)
- Did the man eat the fruit too? (Yes)
- What happened when they ate the fruit that they were not supposed to eat? (They realized that they did not have any clothes on, which they did not know before)
- Do you think this would have happened if the woman had listened to God instead of the serpent?

- What did they do when they heard God walking in the garden? (They hid)
- Why did they hide? (They knew they did what God told them not to do)
- When God asked the man and woman what they had done, what did they say? (The serpent deceived me, so I ate it)
- What do you think the word deceive means? (To make someone believe something that isn't true)
- Was God upset with them from listening to someone other than Him? (Yes)
- Did he ever tell the man and woman that he no longer loved them? (No)
- Have you ever listened to someone that you shouldn't have?
- What was the result of you doing that? Did you get in trouble for it?
- Listening to people that we know are telling us to do things that we shouldn't do is like listening to someone besides God.

The Story Retold:

- Have the children sit in a circle on the floor or around a table.
- Explain to them that you are going to play the "Telephone Game."
- Tell them that you are going to whisper something into the ear of the person to the right of you, that person is going to whisper exactly what you said into the ear of the person to the right of them, etc.
- When the "secret" has traveled all the way around the circle, the last person (the person to the left of you) will say the "secret" out loud.
- Whisper into the students' ear: "Alligators have a watermelon seed spitting contest every third Thursday of the month."
- Wait on it to travel all around the circle and allow the last person to say it out loud.
- By the end of the circle, the phrase should get off course and will most likely not be exactly the phrase you started with.
- Explain to students that this is a good example of what happens when we listen to someone besides God.
- Often times, people try to deceive us by telling us things that we know we should not do.

The Story and Me:

- Have the memory verse for the unit written on a piece of poster board.
- Read the memory verse to the students.
- Explain to students that the memory verse tells us that we should always listen to what God says and tells us to do.
- Now have the group say the memory verse together.
- Have the boys say the verse together.
- Have the girls say the verse together.
- Go around the circle and have each individual child say the memory verse.
- Have the children say how God shows us that he loves us (we have parents, we have a church, we have food, etc.).