

Bible Story

In the Garden (Genesis 1:31, 2:8-3:24)

Remember This

"God...knows everything." 1 John 3:20, NIV

Say This

Who knows what's best for you? God knows what's best for me.

with your preschooler!

Activity

Hand Tree

What You Need:

Paper, brown marker or crayon, paintbrush, and washable paint in green and at least one other color

What You Do:

Draw a tree trunk on the paper using the brown marker or crayon.

Say, "This tree trunk needs some branches. Let's paint your hand with green paint and press it on your paper to make the top of the tree. (Paint child's hand, press on their paper, then clean hand.) Your treetop has branches! Now, let's add some flowers to each branch. Press your fingertip in the paint and make several dots on the tree. (Pause.) Nice! (Clean fingers.) Look at the beautiful tree you made!

"Today in our Bible story, we learned that God told Adam and Eve to take care of the big, beautiful garden God had made. The Garden was full of trees with yummy food to eat. God told Adam and Eve they could eat from ANY tree but one. One day, a snake told Eve to eat the fruit that God said not to eat and she ate the fruit. Then Eve asked Adam to eat the fruit and Adam ate the fruit too! Oh, no! They made the wrong choice, and they had to leave the garden. But even though they had to leave the garden, God still loved them and gave them what they needed. Adam and Eve learned that they should have done what God said because God knows what's best for them. Who knows what's best for you? God knows what's best for me."



Prayer

"God, You loved Adam and Eve so much. You told them not to eat the fruit, but they ate the fruit anyway. Even though they made a wrong choice, You still loved them. Help us to remember that You know what's best. We should obey You because You know what's best. Amen!"