

Lesson 21

Effects of the Fall

God judges sin.

Studying God's Word

Lesson Time

Don't forget! Review the Optional Supplements and determine where you can use them.

Have the students assemble in a circle away from the tables—either on the floor or in their chairs.

Bring your stuffed animal, Bible, Flip Chart, and any items you prepared for this lesson.

Prayer

This prayer time is designed to help the students begin to understand some simple concepts about prayer and to encourage them to pray.

We start our Bible lesson with prayer. Turn to the Prayer Page in the Flip Chart. Briefly review the different types of prayer presented there.

Today let's say prayers of adoration—and tell God how much we love him. He is the Creator of everything. We should praise him for that.

I'll start. Dear God, I love and adore you because . . . (insert personal prayer here).

Pass a special stuffed animal—prayer bear—around the circle, giving all the students an opportunity to pray, or choose a volunteer to stand beside you and pray.

Very good! Now let's put our stuffed animal away, and we'll answer our Bible Truth questions.

I love you prayers—Adoration
I'm sorry prayers—Confession
Thank you prayers—Thanksgiving
Please prayers—Supplication

Bible Truths

These four questions will be repeated each week to help the students learn foundational truths.

Where do you learn how to love and obey God? In the Bible.
Where is God? God is everywhere.
Can you see God? No. I cannot see God, but he always sees me.
Does God know all things? Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.

Bible Pass Around

Before Bible Pass Around, place a sticky note in your Bible to mark the first passage to be read.

We are going to start out today by looking into God's Word, the Bible. Hold up Bible. God's Word is true, and we can trust what it says. But where should we look? One of you will help me with that. We're going to play Bible Pass Around. Whoever ends up with the Bible must hold it very carefully until it is time to look in it. When it is time to read, you can bring it to me, and we'll open it to see what we are going to talk about today! Here's what we're going to do. I want everyone to count with me up to the number choose a number. (You may also choose to recite the books of the Bible, sing one of the lesson songs, or recite the memory verse as you do this activity.) We'll start right here. Hand the Bible to the first student. As we say each number (or word), you must carefully pass the Bible to the person beside you. Remember, we don't want to drop it or tear it. Then when we get to the last number (or word), whoever has the Bible will hold on to it until we are ready for it in our lesson. Are you ready? Let's begin. Begin the lesson when finished with Bible Pass Around.

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Refer to the Genesis Poster. Then Adam and Eve sinned. They disobeyed God. How did they disobey God? What did they do? They ate the fruit they were commanded not to eat.

Yes. God must have been very sad when Adam and Eve ate fruit from the ONE tree God told them not to eat from. And when they disobeyed God, sin entered the world and corrupted God's perfect creation.

And who became sinners after that? Just Adam and Eve? Or all of us? We are all sinners.

Yes. Since Adam and Eve were the very first people and they sinned, every person after them is a sinner, including me and you. Who else was there in the garden when Adam and Eve sinned? Who lied to Eve? The serpent.

That's right. The serpent lied to Eve, and she listened to him instead of listening to God. Sin corrupted the world, and God's beautiful creation would not be perfect anymore. Life would completely change for Adam and Eve.

God Punishes Sin

How many of you have ever been punished for something bad that you did? Raise your hand. Show of hands.

God doesn't want us to sin, does he? The Bible tells us that God is holy, so he must punish all sin. That means God had to punish Adam and Eve—and the serpent.

We're going to read about that. Who has the Bible? Bring it up now, please. Make this a special time as the student brings the Bible and opens it to where the sticky note is. Show the students where the book is. Let them look at it. Carry it around your circle.

Genesis 3:14

First, God punished the serpent for his part in the sin. Listen as I read Genesis 3:14. Read the verse emphasizing "on your belly" and "dust you shall eat."

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Refer to the Lesson Flip Chart. What did God say to the serpent? How would the serpent move around from now on? On his belly. And what would he eat? Dust.

That's right. And that is what we see snakes doing today, isn't it? They slither on their bellies right in the dirt and dust! That was the serpent's punishment.

Show the same Lesson Illustration again. Remember our nice creation picture? Suddenly creation wasn't the same anymore. Tear the picture in half.

Refer to the Flip Chart. God then moved on to Eve. He had to punish her for her sin, too. God said that she would feel pain when she had babies. And the perfect love between Eve and her husband would not be the same anymore. Now they would both want to lead the family—and that was supposed to be Adam's job! It would be harder for them to get along. Even now, it's still hard for people to love each other the way God wants them to, isn't it?

Tear one piece of the Lesson Illustration in half. No. God's creation wasn't the same anymore.

Genesis 3:17–18

Let's talk about Adam's punishment. God cursed the ground and said something new would start growing. Listen and tell me what that was. Read Genesis 3:17–18 emphasizing "cursed is the ground" and "thorns and thistles."

What started to grow? Thorns and thistles.

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Refer to the Flip Chart. That's right. God cursed the ground and made thorns and thistles grow. The Bible says that Adam was working already, but now his work would be a lot harder—and painful! Dads and moms still have to work hard to provide for their families. Did God create it this way? No.

Tear the other piece of the Lesson Illustration in half. No. God didn't create it like this. This was part of the punishment for sin.

Refer to the Flip Chart. God gave one more punishment. He told Adam that he would one day return to the ground. God meant that Adam, and all people, would die.

And then the Bible says that God sent Adam and Eve out of the garden. Because of sin, Adam and Eve could not stay there anymore. Now they would be separated from God. That's what sin does; it keeps us apart from God.

God Shows His Love

Lay out the pieces of the Lesson Illustration and tape them back together as you continue. Because of sin, we all have pain, hard work, sickness, and death. That's really bad news, isn't it? But there is some REALLY good news, too! God showed that he loves us and wants us to be with him.

Do any of you know how God showed that he still loves us a lot? Who did God send to die on the cross for sinners? Jesus!

Yes! Jesus took all the punishment for sin on himself. We know that because of sin, everything must die. But God promises life for his children—with him forever! God's children are all those who turn away from sin and turn to Jesus, believing in him and putting their trust in him. This is a wonderful gift from God!

Show repaired Lesson Illustration. Look at this picture now. It looks better, doesn't it? When you become a child of God, God will make your heart new. But that doesn't mean everything will suddenly be great and you'll never have any troubles again. We still live in a world that's been torn apart by sin, and it shows just like the tears in this picture. The great

news is that God promises to be with his children always—even when things get tough.

A New Heaven and New Earth

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Refer to the Flip Chart. All the things sin brought into God's creation will be gone! And God will wipe away all of our tears. We won't need to cry anymore because everything will be good again, the way God wants it to be. And all God's children who believe in Jesus and trust him will be with him forever!

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creation would not be perfect anymore. Life would completely change for Adam and Eve.

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How many of you have ever been punished for something bad that you did? Raise your hand. Show of hands.

What were you punished for? Allow answers.

We know our parents don't want us to sin. And God doesn't want us to sin either, does he? The Bible tells us that God is holy, so he must punish all sin. That means God had to punish Adam and Eve.

We're going to read about what happened after they sinned and how God punished Adam and Eve and the serpent. Who has the Bible? Bring that up now, please. Make this a special time as the student brings the Bible and opens it to where the sticky note is. Show the students where the book is. Let them look at it. Carry it around your circle.

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And there was something else. The perfect love between Adam and Eve would not be the same anymore. Now they would both want to lead the family—and that was supposed to be Adam's job!

What happens when two people both want to be the boss or the leader? They argue or fight.

They have a hard time getting along, don't they? It's more difficult to love each other when we all want to be the leader. Now, because of sin, it would be harder for Adam and Eve—and all people—to love each other the way God wants them to.

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What did God curse? The ground.
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And then the Bible says that God sent Adam and Eve out of the garden. Because of sin, Adam and Eve could not stay there anymore. Now they would be separated from God. That's what sin does; it keeps us apart from God. The perfect life they had in the garden was gone. Because of their sin and our sin, we all have to live with the same problems. We are going to have pain, hard work, sickness, and death—all because of sin.

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Lay out the pieces of the Lesson Illustration in order. That's really bad news, isn't it? But there is some REALLY good news, too! Even though we are all sinners and live in this world that is corrupted because of our sin, God showed that he does love us and wants us to be with him.

Tape the Lesson Illustration back together as you continue. Do any of you know how God showed that he still loves us a lot? Who did God send to die on the cross for sinners? Jesus!
Who is Jesus? God's Son.

Yes! God sent Jesus, his only Son, to die on the cross for us. Jesus took all the punishment for sin on himself so that whoever believes in him will have everlasting life.

We know that life on earth will end. We know that because of sin, everything must die. But God promises life for his children—with him forever!

Who are God's children? Allow discussion.

God's children are all those who turn away from sin and turn to Jesus, believing in him and putting their trust in him. This is a wonderful gift from God!

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Revelation 21:4

Let me read a verse from Revelation, the book at the very back of the Bible. This verse tells about a new heaven and new earth. This is a place where there will be no more sin—at all! Listen for the other things that WON'T be there. Read Revelation 21:4.

What does the Bible tell us will be gone from this wonderful place? No death, no mourning, or sorrow, no crying, and no pain.

Refer to the Flip Chart. All the things sin brought into God's creation will be gone! And God will wipe away all of our tears. We won't need to cry anymore because everything will be good again, the way God wants it to be. And all God's children who believe in Jesus and trust him will be with him forever!

Continue with the Lesson Review Game below.

Lesson Review

We all learn best with review and repetition! We encourage you to play a lesson review game.

Basket Toss

Students give the correct answer and toss the beanbags to see how many points they can collect for their team. Each basket has greater points.

Materials

Review Questions
Two beanbags
Three laundry baskets or boxes
Masking tape

Instructions

Print one copy of the Review Questions for your use. Use masking tape to make a tossing line. Bring in three laundry baskets or boxes. Set the baskets in a line, making each one a little farther away from the tossing line. Label the baskets with 5, 10, and 25 points so the farther away it is the higher the score.

Divide the class into two or more teams depending on size. Have the teams line up at the tossing line. Take turns asking the first students in line from each team a review question. When a student answers correctly, he will have a chance to toss a beanbag into a basket then go to the end of the line. If the beanbag misses, there are no points scored. If someone does not answer correctly, he may ask his teammates for help. Keep track of the scores for each team on the board. Continue until all the questions have been answered. Repeat questions if necessary.

Board Game

Teams will answer questions and make their way to the finish on the Game Board.

Materials

Review Questions
Game Board (provided in the Teacher Kit)
Dice, numbered cards, or spinner
Buttons or other small items as game pieces for each team

Instructions

Print one copy of the Review Questions for your use. Divide the class into teams.

Team members will take turns answering the review questions. If they answer correctly, they will roll the dice, spin, or draw a numbered card and move that number of spaces on the Game Board. Follow the directions on the spaces to move ahead, fall back, or switch places with another team. If someone does not know or does not answer correctly, he may ask his teammates for help. Alternate between teams as long as time permits, repeating questions if necessary. The first team to make it all the way to the Finish wins.

Bible Baseball

Students will answer questions and run the bases!

Materials

Review Questions
Three chairs set out for bases
Optional: gift wrap tube and a large balloon

Instructions

Print one copy of the Review Questions for your use. Set out chairs as bases. Have the students line up by the home base area facing you (at the pitcher's mound). Each student up to "bat" will have a chance to answer a review question. If he can answer it correctly, let him run the bases. If he can't answer correctly, give the answer and ask him to go to the end of the line and try again.

You may want the students to sit on the chair at each base while they wait to run to the next base or have them run all the way around and return to the line. Repeat the questions until all the students have run around the bases.

For some added fun, you can use a gift wrap tube as a bat and toss a large balloon for students to hit after they answer each question.

Bowling

What do you do with extra water bottles and softballs? Go bowling, of course. Students will answer questions then bowl for points.

Materials

Review Questions
Six to ten empty water bottles
Softball or other small playground ball
Masking tape
Optional: dried corn or beans

Instructions

Print one copy of the Review Questions for your use. If available, pour a small amount of dried corn or beans into the bottom of each water bottle (to add weight) and tighten the lid. Set out the bottles on one end of the room. Use masking tape to form a "lane" from the bottles to where the students will line up across the room.

Divide students into teams. Have students line up. Ask the first student a review question. If he answers correctly, let him roll the ball down the lane toward the bottles. Each bottle that is knocked down is worth 1 point. A strike

(knocking down all the bottles) is worth 20 points. Take turns asking questions of each team. If a student gives an incorrect answer or does not know the answer, he can ask his teammates for help. Keep track of scores.

Goofy Golf

Hit the sock with the noodle? Teams must work together to answer the questions and putt to get a hole-in-one in this crazy golf game!

Materials

- Review Questions
- Swimming noodles or rolled up newspapers
- Rolled up socks
- Masking tape
- Ten sheets of paper
- Markers

Instructions

Print one copy of the Review Questions for your use. Use the markers to number sheets of paper 1–10 (use more or less depending on class size and time). Tape down the sheets of paper around the room in a random pattern to form a golf course. You may want to add chairs as obstacles in the path.

Divide the class into teams. Give each team a rolled up sock and a swimming noodle. Ask the first student a review question from the lesson. If he answers correctly, allow him to use the noodle to drive the rolled up sock toward the first sheet of paper labeled #1. Continue with the next team. Take turns allowing team members to answer questions and continue putting the socks along the course to each hole, continuing from where the last teammate left off. The sock must touch or roll over the sheet of paper to consider it in the hole. The first team to reach the tenth hole wins.

Toss for It

How many points? Toss for it! Students answer the questions and toss the beanbag to earn points for their team.

Materials

- Review Questions
- A deck of numbered cards, or numbers and “wild” written on index cards
- One beanbag
- Masking tape
- Two baskets or containers for cards

Instructions

Print one copy of the Review Questions for your use. Place several rows of numbered cards facedown with a few inches between them to form a grid pattern (make sure to put several wild cards or Jokers down, too). Use the masking tape to make a tossing line several feet from the cards.

Divide students into teams and have them line up behind the tossing line. Ask the first student a review question. If he gives the correct answer, have him toss the beanbag onto a card. Turn the card over to reveal the points he receives for his team. Face cards or word cards are 10 points each. Wild or Jokers are also 10—plus another turn. All other cards are face value.

Have the student pick up his card and put it in the team's basket to be counted at the end of the game. Next team's turn. If a student gives an incorrect answer, he should go to the end of the line. Give the answer and repeat that question later. Continue taking turns until all the questions have been answered. Add more cards to the grid if necessary.

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