

Corruption: Sin Enters the World

Adam and Eve sinned, and now we all sin.



K-1st Lesson

Review

Before we get started, let's do a quick review.

- ? Who was the first man God created? *Adam.*
- ? What did God give Adam dominion over? What was he responsible for? *The earth. The fish, animals, trees, etc.*

Refer to the Lesson 18 Flip Chart. God told Adam to be a good steward of his creation. And God wants us to do the same job!

- ? What does that mean—being a good steward? *Taking care of something that belongs to someone else.*
- ? Right. God wants us all to be good stewards. We can honor God by doing that. What are some ways to be good stewards of God's creation? *Allow discussion.*

Corruption—The Second C

- ? *Refer to the Seven C's of History Poster. Remember the Seven C's of History? When we talk about all the things God created, which C are we talking about? Allow discussion. The first C. Creation.*

Yes. Creation is the first C. Today we are going to talk about the second C of history. It is Corruption!

Pass out a small piece of white play dough to each student. Keep one piece for yourself. I'm going to give each of you a piece of white play dough.

Show your piece of white play dough. Let's say this nice, white play dough is like God's perfect creation. It's all clean and perfect.

But now, I'm going to give you another color. *Pass out a small piece of colored play dough to each student. Keep one piece for yourself.*

Show your piece of colored play dough. Let's say this color is like sin. What happens if you start mixing the "sin" play dough with the "perfect

creation" play dough? Show students how to mix the colors together.

Uh oh. What happened to our perfect white play dough? It's all mixed up, isn't it?

- ? The white play dough was really nice when we started, but when we added a different color, it corrupted the perfect white piece we started with. Can we fix it? *No.*

No. Our white play dough is ruined isn't it? It can never be white again. That's what corruption means—something that was good has been ruined and isn't good anymore. *Collect the play dough pieces and set aside.*

Today, we're going to learn from the Bible of a corruption that's much more important than play dough. We are going to talk about how God's perfect and good creation was corrupted by sin! It was an awful day in history.

God Gives a Command

It happened in the garden of Eden, the wonderful garden God created where Adam and Eve lived. The garden was full of beautiful trees with all kinds of delicious fruit.

- ? Who has the Bible? Please bring it up. We are going to read from God's Word now. *Make this a special time as the student brings the Bible and opens it to where the sticky note is.*

Genesis 2:16–17

Let's read Genesis 2:16–17 and find out what happened. *Read Genesis 2:16–17.*

- ? Someone gave a command in these verses. Who was it? *The Lord God.*
- ? Who was the Lord God talking to? *The man—Adam.*
- ? Which trees were Adam and Eve allowed to eat from? *Every tree of the garden except one.*

They could eat from all the trees in the garden except for one. It was called the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

- ? What did God say would happen to Adam and Eve if they ate from that tree? *They would surely die.*

The Serpent Lies to Eve

So, Adam and Eve could eat from any tree in the garden except for the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. There was only one tree they were NOT allowed to eat from. Just one. But there were lots of trees in the garden. They could still have all kinds of delicious fruit to eat.

- ? What kinds of fruit do you like to eat? *Allow answers.*

Refer to Lesson Flip Chart. Now the Bible says there was a serpent in the garden.

- ? What is a serpent? *A snake.*
- ? Right. Did God make snakes? *Yes.*

Yes. God created snakes, or serpents, along with the other animals. So they were good just like all the other things he created. But one day, the devil used the serpent to speak to Eve. He told her to go ahead and eat some of the fruit from the tree God had said not to eat from.

Genesis 3:4

Eve didn't want to at first; she knew God had said they would die. But listen to what the serpent said. It's in Genesis 3:4. *Read Genesis 3:4 emphasizing "you will not surely die."*

- ? What did the serpent tell Eve about eating the fruit? *She wouldn't die!*
- ? Was he telling the truth? *No!*

No. The serpent told Eve a lie! He was tempting Eve—trying to get her to disobey God! Remember, God told Adam if they ate the fruit from the special tree they WOULD die.

Genesis 3:6

Let's keep reading and see what Eve did! *Read Genesis 3:6.*

Eve saw that the fruit was good! She wanted some. And she believed what the serpent—the devil—told her about it.

- ? So what did Eve do? *She ate the fruit and gave some to Adam.*

Yes. Eve ate the fruit and gave Adam some to eat. They both sinned! They both disobeyed God. This was a terrible thing. Eve believed the serpent's lies instead of believing what God said. Adam and Eve both ate the fruit from the one tree God told them NOT to eat from.

Refer to the Seven C's of History Poster. This is when sin entered into the world and corrupted God's very good creation. That's the second C—Corruption. Say that word with me: corruption. Repeat word.

Sin spread through all of God's creation. It was ruined. It wasn't perfect any more. *Hold up a piece of the mixed play dough as a reminder of the example.*

Because Adam and Eve sinned, that sin has been passed down to every person, and now we ALL sin!

- ? Did you know you are a sinner? What does that mean—sin? *Allow answers.*

Sin is anything we do that is disobeying God. For example, God wants you always to obey your parents and your teachers. When you don't obey, it is sin! God wants all of us to be kind to each other. When we aren't kind, it is sin. Anything we do that is not pleasing to God is sin! And even when we have bad thoughts, it's sin. Adam and Eve sinned when they disobeyed God and ate fruit that he had told them not to eat. And since they were the very first people, now all people sin, including you and me.

God Must Punish Sin

- ? What does God think of sin? *He hates sin.*

God is holy. That means he is perfect and cannot sin. God hates sin and must punish it. He had to punish Adam and Eve for their sin, and he sent them out of the garden. Now they were separated from God! Adam and Eve would also die someday. Death came into the world because of sin.

God has to punish ALL sin—even ours—because he is holy. This is very bad news, isn't it? We deserve God's punishment because we are sinners, and that punishment is to be separated from God forever. But, do you remember the good news? God is also merciful and loving! And he made a way for us to be forgiven of our sins and NOT be punished!

- ? Who did God send to take the punishment for sinners on the cross? *Jesus.*

1 Peter 3:18

That's right. I'm going to read one more verse to you. It tells us what Jesus Christ did for sinners. *Read the first part of 1 Peter 3:18 emphasizing "Christ... suffered... for sins" to "bring us to God."*

- ? Who is this verse about? *Christ. Jesus.*
- ? What did Christ do? *Suffered for sins.*

Yes! God sent Jesus Christ to suffer for our sins when he died on the cross. Jesus is the only one who has never sinned. He was perfect and didn't deserve to die. But he did die and took the punishment for all our sins. And the Bible says that whoever believes in him and trusts him will be forgiven and will not be separated from God anymore!

Continue with the Lesson Review Game.

Adam and Eve sinned. We **ALL** sin. We **ALL** need the Savior—Jesus.

