

IN THE BEGINNING PRESCHOOL

JUNE 21ST

BIG IDEA

Sin separates us from God.

BIBLE

Adam and Eve Sinned: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-15, 22-23

BIBLE LESSON

OBJECT LESSON: Cookie Temptation ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Get a cookie and show it to the kids.*
- **How would you feel if I set this delicious cookie in front of you and told you not to eat it? Would you be sad? Frustrated? Would you be tempted to eat it anyway? What if I left the room and left you alone with the cookie for one hour?** It might be hard to resist temptation!
- We're going to hear a story from the Bible about two people who didn't resist, and because they gave in to temptation and did something they weren't supposed to do, there were lots of consequences that impact us today.

BIBLE STORY: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-15, 22-23 ▲

- **Have you ever had a hard time following the rules?** Maybe it's hard for you to not want to eat this cookie. Maybe it's hard to obey your parents or teachers. That's called temptation it's hard to do the right thing. We're going to learn about some people in the Bible who were tempted . . .
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Look up the story in your Bible and read it to your preschoolers.*
- Adam and Eve were in a beautiful garden, called the Garden of Eden. **Have you ever been in a beautiful garden?** It might have had big flowers

and a waterfall. It was beautiful and perfect. Adam and Eve had a perfect relationship with God. But He gave them one rule.

- **What was the one rule God gave Adam and Eve?** He told them not to eat of the fruit from one specific tree in the Garden.
- But the serpent talked them into eating the fruit anyway. He tricked them. He told them God was trying to keep something good from them. They gave in to the temptation and ate the fruit.
- **After they ate the fruit, what did Adam and Eve do when they heard God walking through the garden?** They hid because they were ashamed.
- **Have you ever tried to pretend like you didn't do something when you got caught doing something wrong?**
- When Adam and Eve ate the fruit and disobeyed God, sin entered the world. Sin is anything we do that God doesn't want us to do.
- **Do people still sin today?** Yes, we all sin. **What are some examples?** It could be lying, disobeying our parents, hitting or kicking, stealing a toy from someone, being mean to something. It could also be when we know something good that God wants us to do, but we don't do it. If you know God wants you to help someone, and you don't help them, that could be sin too.
- God didn't want us to have to live with this sin problem forever. He had a plan to send His Son, Jesus, to rescue us from sin. He even mentioned him in Genesis 3:15, where He promised that, one day, Jesus would destroy all evil! This happened when Jesus died on the cross for our sins.
- We can thank God for sending Jesus so we don't have to be separated from Him. All we have to do is ask Jesus to forgive our sins, and He will do it! Then we can have a relationship with Him.

PRAYER

- Let's spend time with God in prayer.
- Dear God, we're sorry for the times we sin and disobey you. Help us not to sin. We love you. Amen!

ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY: Tricky Serpent Chain



- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Cut one-inch strips of green and yellow paper. You need between 12-16 strips per child (half green and half yellow). Have the kids help make loops of each strip. Staple them together to form a chain, alternating between green and yellow. Let the kids glue wiggly eyes or color eyes on the front.*
- **Who tricked Adam and Eve to get them to disobey God?** That's right, the serpent tricked them! The serpent lied to them and told them that if they ate the fruit from the tree, they would be like God. **Was that true?** No! When they ate the fruit, sin came into the world.
- This leads us to our memory verse for the month. Let's work on it together!

ACTIVITY: Coloring Page of the Week



ACTIVITY: Cars and Tracks



- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play with cars and car mats with roads and tracks (or make your own roads and tracks using paper and markers). Tell them that there are rules for driving cars, like staying on the road and following the rules of driving. Remind them that the rules of the road are there to help us, like God's rules in the Garden for Adam and Eve.*

DISCUSSION:



- **INSTRUCTIONS:**
- **Where did Adam and Eve live?** *(In the Garden.)*
- **What one rule did God give Adam and Eve?** *(He told them not to eat the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden.)*
- **What animal tricked Adam and Eve to get them to sin?** *(The serpent.)*
- **What did Adam and Eve do after they sinned?** *(They tried to hide from God.)*
- **What did God do to help people with sin?** *(He sent His Son Jesus.)*
- **What are some consequences for sin?**

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 3:23



- **INSTRUCTIONS:**

FOR ALL HAVE SINNED (*spread your arms far apart and then do thumbs down with both hands*)

AND FALLEN SHORT (*pretend to fall over by leaning forward*)

OF THE GLORY (*put both hands up above your head and pump your arms*)
OF GOD (*point up*).