

Obeying God

Theme : Sin Enters the World

Opening Prayer:

Lord Jesus, Thank you for today. Help me to always be
Your child. Amen.



Aim:

- We sin when we do not obey God's rules.

Bible Reading: Genesis 3

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

⁸They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." ¹⁴The LORD God said

to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers, he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."¹⁶To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you. "

¹⁷And to the man he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you,

'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

²⁰The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the LORD God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them. ²²Then the LORD God said, "See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"— ²³therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.



Teacher's Preparation

In this lesson, we will learn about a bad choice that Adam and Eve made. Before you start the lesson, tell the class that you need for them to “watch over” a basket . Place a basket of healthy snacks, with some candy in it. Make sure you know how many candies are in the basket. Tell the students that they can pick a snack from the basket, but not the candy. Leave the room. Make sure you stand somewhere out of their sight, but try and listen in to their conversation and see their reaction. When you come, note what they said, and how they reacted.

God told Adam and Eve that they could have anything, but not to take the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. This is what we will learn about today.

Activities

1. The class could play the game “ Teacher Says”. The children should be given a command to follow using the phrase “ Teacher Says”. If you do not say, “Teacher Says” before the command, the children should not follow the command. You could make the children who did not follow the rules to sit down for the next round only.

This will help them move around and also follow rules.

2. Have the children reenact the story, with 3 characters— Adam, Eve and the Serpent. You could bring an apple or another fruit to add to the visual effect.

Make Adam and Eve stand on one side and the serpent will “crawl” to them.

Snake: Did God really tell you not to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil?

Eve: Yes, God said that if we ate from it, we would die.

Snake,: No, you will not die. God just did not want you to be wise like Him. The fruit is yummy.

Eve: This does look like good fruit. Why would God not want me to enjoy it? She then takes a bite of the fruit, and gives it to Adam who takes a bite too.

This was just a small example of what you could do to re-enact the story. Modify it as needed.

Student Introduction to the Lesson

After the activity, the teacher should observe if any candy was eaten. If any was eaten, ask the student/s why they made the choice to take candy when they were asked not to do that.

We will talk about a similar situation, where Adam and Eve were told by God not to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. They made a bad choice and disobeyed God because they ate from the tree that they were told not to touch. This made God very upset

Main Ideas

Use illustrations or even cut out figures to tell the story of how Adam and Eve disobeyed God. You will need cutouts of a man, woman, tree and a snake.

Emphasize :

- ◆ God created the beautiful world .
- ◆ Man was given all the freedom he (they) could have in the beautiful world.
- ◆ God gave him some rules to live by, and one of it was to not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- ◆ The serpent came and tempted Eve.
- ◆ Adam and Eve made the choice to disobey God’s rule. They made a bad (wrong) choice when they went against the rule of God.

Lesson Review

What was one of the main rules that God gave Adam and Eve? (Genesis 3:2)

What was the choice that Adam and Eve made ? Was it a good choice or a bad choice? (Genesis 3: 6-7)

How did God punish Adam and Eve? (Genesis 3: 16-20)

Why did God have to punish Adam and Eve?

Values for Life

God, parents, teachers and other elders may give us rules to follow. We must follow those rules. Disobedience can lead to Sin and we may be punished if we do not follow rules.

When we choose to sin, it takes us away from God. This makes God, and other people (like our parents) very sad. God loves us and He wants to make things right with us.

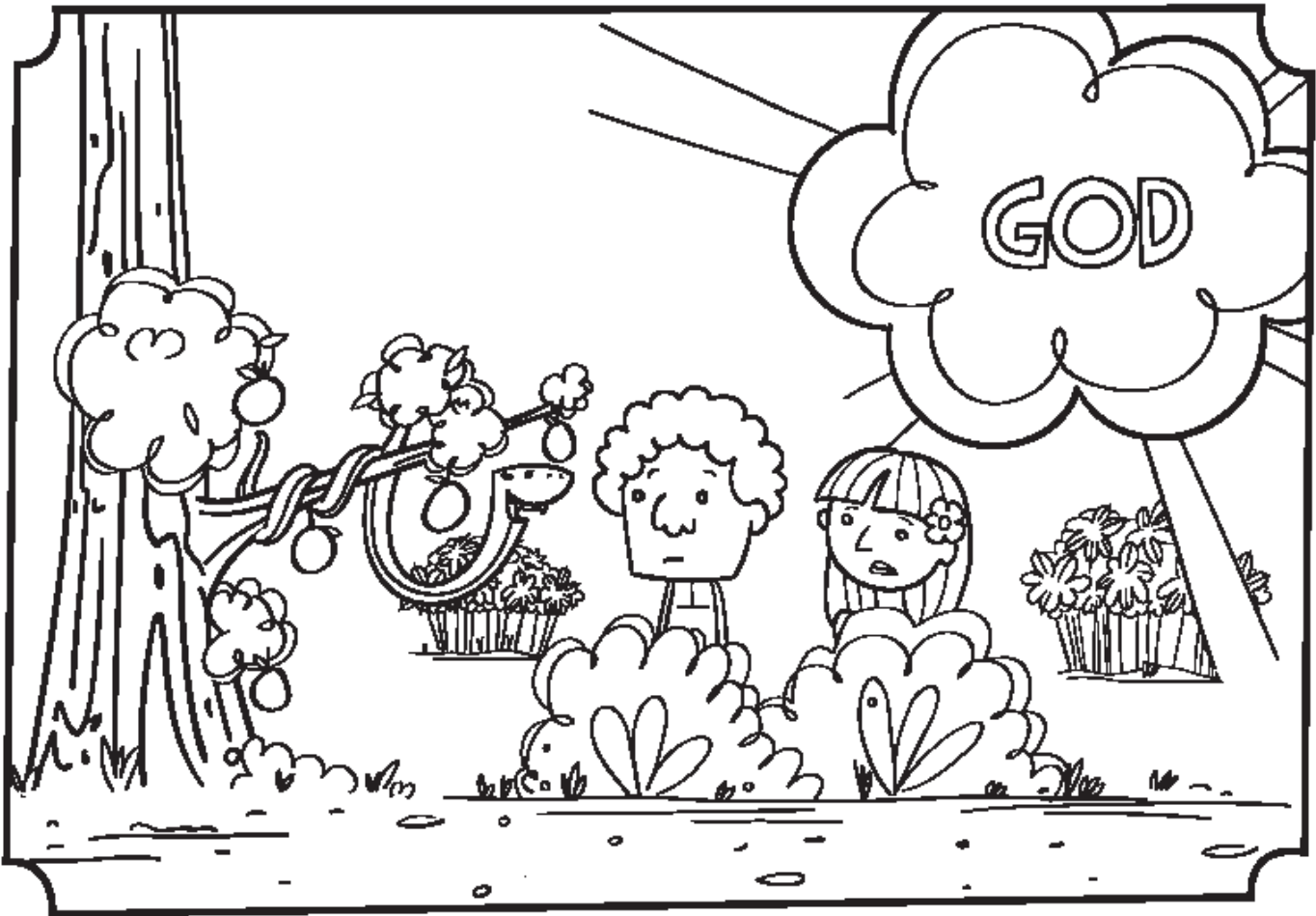


Memory Verse: Luke 11: 28b

“Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!”

Closing Prayer:

Thank you God for bringing us together to learn about Adam and Eve. We are sorry that we do not always follow rules, Help us to try our best to follow your rules this week. We love you. Amen



God gave Adam and Eve a choice and they chose to not listen to God. Sin entered the world when they were tempted by the Serpent and ate the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. - **Genesis 3**

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