



THE GOSPEL PROJECT SR. Unit 1 Lesson 3 -Sin Entered the World

Date: Sunday March 16, 2020 **Teachers:** Rebecca, Monica B, Sophia B

Bible Passage: Genesis 3:1-24

Main Point: Adam and Eve's sin separated them from God.

Key Passage: 1 Corinthians 8:6

Big Picture THOUGHT: What is sin? Sin is breaking God's law, and sin separates people from God. The gospel is the good news that Jesus through his life, death and resurrection makes us right with God.

OPENING ACTIVITY: "Follow my directions" (Sophia) materials: (markers/paper plates in black bin)

Give each child a plate and a marker. Ask kids to put the plate on top of their heads. Guide them to draw shapes on the plate while continuing to hold it on their heads. Ask kids to draw a circle, and then a square around it. Continue to add more shapes, but be specific as to where kids should draw them. Ask kids to look at their plates and determine if they drew the shapes correctly.

No one was able to draw the shapes perfectly. Do you think it is possible to follow all of God's instructions in the Bible perfectly? Only Jesus is perfect. Everyone else who has ever lived on the earth has sinned.

In today's lesson we are going to hear about what sin is and how it affects us.

KEY PASSAGE (Review) (Monica): 1 Corinthians 8:6 " There is one God, the Father. All things are from Him, and we exist for Him. And there is one Lord, Jesus Christ. All things are through Him, and we exist through Him."

(Write the verse with blanks the kids need to fill in- see if they can fill them in from memory)

INTRO TO LESSON (Rebecca)

Today , we won't see the beginning of creation or of people. We'll see the beginning of something else. It's actually a sad beginning. Today, we'll see the beginning of sin. Let's review where we've been over the last two sessions. Remember when time began and God created all things? Well, you weren't there, but you've probably heard about it. Before the earth or animals or birds or bugs existed, there was only God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. God wasn't created, but He created all things, God created everything for His glory. When God created people, He didn't create them in the same way that He had created the rest of creation. God had created all things by speaking it into being. To create man, God collected dust from the ground and formed it into a man. He breathed life into what He had created. Then, He created a woman from the man's rib. They were special. God created people in His own image; God created them male and female.

Today's Bible story is about when sin entered the world. Since then, nothing has been the same. **Sin is not just doing bad things. Sin is a failure to be human and love God and others.** Adam and Eve's sin separated them from God. Why does sin separate us from God? (ask kids for answers)

God is holy (light) and without sin and He cannot dwell with evil (darkness). He created us to dwell with Him, so when Sin entered the picture that condition meant separation from the One we are meant to dwell with. And because Adam was the representative of Humanity we all inherited the condition of being sinners.

- Thankfully, God had a plan for our sin problem, and this plan was Jesus. In our key passage, we learn that Jesus is the one Lord, and through Him alone we live. Jesus was the WAY that we would be able to dwell again with God. Jesus would become our life and our righteousness, so even though in ourselves we still Sin, how we appear to God is SINLESS and IN CHRIST. In fact, in the Christmas Narrative, One of the names The Angel told Mary to Name Jesus is Immanuel which means “God with us”

WATCH THE BIBLE PROJECT VIDEO: BAD WORDS in the Bible: Kata/Sin

BIBLE STORY REVIEW (Rebecca)*(Form the kids into two teams that stand on either side of the white board, allow them to choose a writer (put a strong writer on each team) and give them a marker*

Explain that you will ask a question and the team will work together to remember the answer. The writer for each team will write the answer and reveal it when you give the signal. Keep score to see which team best remembers the details from the Bible story.

Where did Adam and Eve live before they sinned? (the garden God made in Eden, Gen. 2:8)

What one command did God give Adam and Eve? (They could not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, Gen. 2:16-17)

What did the serpent tell Eve about the fruit? (If Eve ate the fruit, she would be wise like God, Gen. 3:4-5)

What did God say to the serpent? (He would be cursed, Gen. 3:14-15)

What were the consequences of Adam and Eve’s sin? (Eve would have greater pain when she had children. Adam would struggle to work the ground for food. They also had to leave the garden; Gen. 3:16-24)

How did God show mercy to Adam and Eve before He sent them away? (He made them clothes from animal skins, Gen. 3:21)

Are we able to keep all of God’s commands? (No, we all sin; Rom. 3:23)

What consequences of sin do we face today? (We are separated from God and we need a Savior; Gen. 3:22-24; 1 Tim. 1:15)

Activity page (5 minutes)

Guide boys and girls to complete the activity page.

CLOSE IN PRAYER/DISMISS

THE BIBLE STORY

Sin Entered the World Genesis 3:1-24

God gave the first two people—Adam and Eve—a beautiful garden to live in. The garden was full of food they could eat. God also gave them one command. He told Adam that he could eat from any tree in the garden except for one. It was called the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God said that if Adam did eat from the tree, he would die.

Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals. One day, the serpent went to Eve. He asked, “Did God really say, ‘You can’t eat from any tree in the garden?’”

Eve answered, “We can eat the fruit from the trees in the garden. But God told us not to eat from the tree in the middle of the garden. He said that if we eat the fruit or touch it, we will die.”

“No! You will not die,” the serpent said. The serpent told Eve that rather than dying, she and Adam would be like God! They would know good and evil.

Eve looked at the fruit God had said not to eat. It did look delicious, and the serpent said it would give them wisdom. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Eve also gave some of the fruit to Adam, who was with her, and he ate it.

Then their eyes were opened, and they knew they were naked. Adam and Eve sewed together fig leaves and made clothes for themselves.

That evening, Adam and Eve heard God walking in the garden. They hid among the trees. God called out to Adam, “Where are you?”

Adam said, “I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.”

God asked Adam, “Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

Adam blamed Eve. “She gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it,” he said.

Eve blamed the serpent. “He tricked me,” she said.

God said that because of the serpent’s trick and Adam and Eve’s disobedience, bad things would happen. Eve would have more pain when she had children, and Adam would struggle to work the ground for food. God said that the snake would crawl on its belly and be an enemy to the woman. But God promised that one of Eve’s descendants would destroy the serpent.

Everything changed after Adam and Eve sinned. Sin separated Adam and Eve from God. God made them clothes out of animal skins and then sent them out of the garden. God put an angel at the entrance of the garden. The angel had a sword of fire to guard the way to the tree of life. Christ Connection: Since Adam and Eve, everyone has sinned against God. Our sin separates us from God. God promised that one of Eve’s descendants would put an end to sin and death. God sent His Son, Jesus, to live as Adam didn’t—perfectly sinless. God the Son came into the world to rescue people from sin and bring them back to God