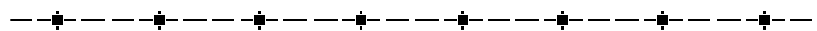


Old Testament

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Through the Old Testament in Two Years

Part One



Created for use with young, unchurched learners
Adaptable for all ages including adults

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Adam and Eve

Last week we learned how God made the world. Tell what God made each day. Don't forget to include what God did the seventh day. Today we will learn more about the two people that God made.

Genesis 2-3

Read the Bible

READ: Genesis 3:1-13 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Memory Verse:

Adam was not the one who was tricked. The woman was tricked and became a sinner. (1 Timothy 2:14 NIV)

Begin With Prayer

God took dust and made a man. Then He breathed life into him. God called him Adam. The Lord put Adam in His beautiful garden to care for it. He told him that he could eat any fruit except from the Tree of Understanding Good and Bad. (Genesis 2:7-8)

Next, God formed all kinds of animals, but none was the right kind of helper for Adam. So, God caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep. He removed one of Adam's ribs and created a woman. She was named Eve. (Genesis 2:15-24; 3:20)

Lesson Goals:

1. Understand that Adam and Eve sinned.
2. Understand that Satan is a liar.
3. Recognize that disobedience is sin.
4. Learn that there are consequences for sin.

Now, one of the animals that God made was a snake. It was very tricky and sneaky. One day, the snake spoke to the woman. It said, "Did God really say that you must not eat fruit from any tree in the garden?" (Genesis 3:1 NIV)

Eve told the snake that they could eat from all except the Tree of Understanding Good and Bad. She told him that they could not even touch it or they would die (notice that this was not what God said). (Genesis 3:2-3) But the snake said to Eve, "You will not die. God knows that if you eat that fruit, you will be like God—that's why He doesn't want you to eat it." (Genesis 3:4-5)

Eve looked at the fruit—it was beautiful. She picked the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to Adam. (When they disobeyed God, both Adam and Eve sinned against God.) Suddenly they looked down and realized that they were naked! They quickly sewed leaves together and made clothes for themselves. (Genesis 3:6-7)

Then they heard God and hid from Him. The Lord said, "Where are you?" The man answered, "I heard you and I was afraid because I was naked." God asked Adam how he knew this. Adam confessed that he and Eve ate the fruit that they were not supposed to eat. They tried to make

Adam and Eve — Bible Facts

1. God made man from the dust of the earth.
2. Satan tricked Eve.
3. Both Adam and Eve sinned.
4. God took them out of the garden.

excuses saying, “The snake tricked us.” (Genesis 3:8-13) Have you ever blamed someone else when you thought you were in trouble? Have you ever tried to hide so that you wouldn’t get caught for something you did? If you have, you did just what Adam and Eve did! God wants us to confess our sins and admit we have done wrong. He will forgive us when we do. (1 John 1:9) Let’s see what God did.

God explained to them that they made the decision to eat the fruit—they disobeyed God (this is sin). He loved them but He had to punish them for what they had done. (Genesis 3:14-20)

God forced them out of the garden and caused their life to be hard. (This was a consequence of sin.) However, He still loved them and cared for them. (Genesis 3:23-24)

Adam and Eve sinned—that means that they did something wrong. They purposely disobeyed God.

We have all done wrong, too. (Romans 3:23) That separates us from God. (Romans 6:23) The good news is that God loves us so much that He thought of a plan to help us (save us from sin). (Romans 5:8)

Review Questions

1. How did God make man? (from the dust of the earth)
2. Who tricked Eve? (Satan/serpent)
3. What did Adam and Eve do? (sinned against God)
4. What did God do? (took Adam and Eve out of the garden; punished them; sent Jesus to die for our sins)

Do You Know Jesus?

God sent His only Son to live on earth. Jesus lived a perfect life. He was put on a cross and died. He died in our place. He died for all the wrong things that WE have done. Instead of us dying for our wrong things, He did it for us. The best thing is that Jesus came back to life 3 days later! Because He is alive, we can have life forever with Him—if we believe. We must honestly trust Jesus and believe that He died and rose again so that we can have eternal life. If you want to talk about how you do this, please talk to your teacher.

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to die for our sin.
3. Ask God to help you obey Him.
4. Pray for friends and family members who need to obey God.

Application

When Adam and Eve were in the garden they sinned. Satan is a liar and he tricked Eve. Both Adam and Eve ate of the fruit and disobeyed God. Disobedience is sin. Sin has consequences. God took Adam and Eve out of the garden. There is Good News, God had a plan and sent Jesus to die for our sins. If we confess our sins, God will forgive us. (1 John 1:9)

Planning for the next week:

Cain and Abel — Genesis 4

Preschool Lesson

Read the Bible

READ: Genesis 3:1-13 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Teachers: Bring a sock puppet for a snake (or a rubber snake) and a piece of fruit. Bring other props to make the lesson come alive!

Decorate the room to look like a jungle. Bring a silk tree (ficus tree) or other props to help the room come alive! You may want to have jungle noises in the background.

When God made the whole world, He made the first person, too. His name was Adam. God loved Adam and put him in charge of naming all the animals. What are some animals that you know? (Let the kids name animals and make sounds like the animals—roosters, elephants, lions, bears, etc.)

God saw that Adam needed someone like him to be his friend. So, he made a woman. Her name was Eve.

God made a beautiful garden that Adam and Eve lived in. There were beautiful flowers and animals everywhere. They could eat any fruit from any tree, except for a special tree. God told them that they were not allowed to eat the fruit from one special tree in the garden.

One day a snake hissed by Eve. (Use your prop. Make a hissing sound)

He was trying to trick Eve. He told Eve that she should eat the fruit from the special tree because she would be like God. Eve looked at the fruit, picked it, and ate it! (Take a bite of the fruit.) It tasted good! Then, she gave some of the fruit to Adam.

They knew God was near and they were scared. They hid in the bushes because they knew that they had disobeyed God.

God called for them and asked them why they were in the bushes. Adam and Eve told God what they had done. God was very sad that they disobeyed Him. He still loved them but knew that He had to punish them for disobeying Him. God asked them to leave the beautiful garden. He told them that He would still take care of them, but life would be hard because they chose to disobey. God had a plan. He sent Jesus to die for our sins. Adam and Eve loved God. They learned a lesson from their mistakes. They listened and obeyed God after that. We need to listen and obey God too. We must also listen and obey our parents.

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus.
3. Ask God to help you obey.

Memory verse for younger children:

The woman... took some of the fruit and ate it. Genesis 3:6

Learning Activities

- **Memory verse activity**— Bring pictures of fruit trees. Print the memory verse at the bottom.

Practice the memory verse.

- **Test your memory**— Create a list of key words related to how sin entered the world. As you tell the story, stop and talk about appropriate action or reaction. Use key words to help point out appropriate behavior or response. For example: 1) When the serpent asked Eve about eating the fruit, talk about how Satan spoke **partial truth but not all the truth**. 2) When Eve heard the lies she did not **recognize the lie**, talk about how Satan tries to deceive us. 3) When the serpent had Eve **look at the fruit**, talk about how sin looks good, feels good, tastes good, etc. but is still sin. 4) When Eve ate the fruit, **she gave it to Adam**. Talk about how Adam knew better and we know what is right and wrong, even **after we sin we invite others to participate**, that is wrong, too.

- **Taste activity**— Bring pears or applesauce for a snack (or maybe Gummy worms for the snake!)

Think about it — Read Genesis 3:14-19. Talk about the consequences of sin. Talk about how hard/easy it is to obey. Talk about consequences in school, at home, and with God when we disobey. Ask the kids what it means to be punished. Ask them if what God did was fair.

Read Genesis 3:12-13. Talk about the importance of taking responsibility for our sin, confessing our sins, and asking God's forgiveness. Ask them questions about what sin is, is death a fair punishment for sin, what do they think about what God did—sending His Son Jesus. Talk about God's love for us.

- **Touch activity**— Make a booklet of things that help us avoid sin. (Know Christ, pray, read the Bible, attend Bible study, choose friends wisely, seek advice from godly older people, etc.) What would have been a better thing for Adam and Eve to have done in the garden? How will you handle the next situation when you are tempted to do something wrong? Plan now!

Decorate the room to look like a jungle. Bring a silk tree (ficus tree) or other props to help the room come alive! You may want to have jungle noises in the background.

- **Run and play**— Let the kids take an imaginary journey back to the Garden of Eden.
- **Listen**— As the children take time for silence, remind them that God sent Jesus to save us from sin.
- **Sing** — Sing a song related to the story.
- **Reach out** — During class, pray specifically for kids that did not come today. Make invitations for them to come to Bible study next week. Take several of the children with you and deliver leftover handouts of the story. Encourage them to read the story in the Bible.

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I Timothy 2:14

Word Puzzle

Trace the letters.

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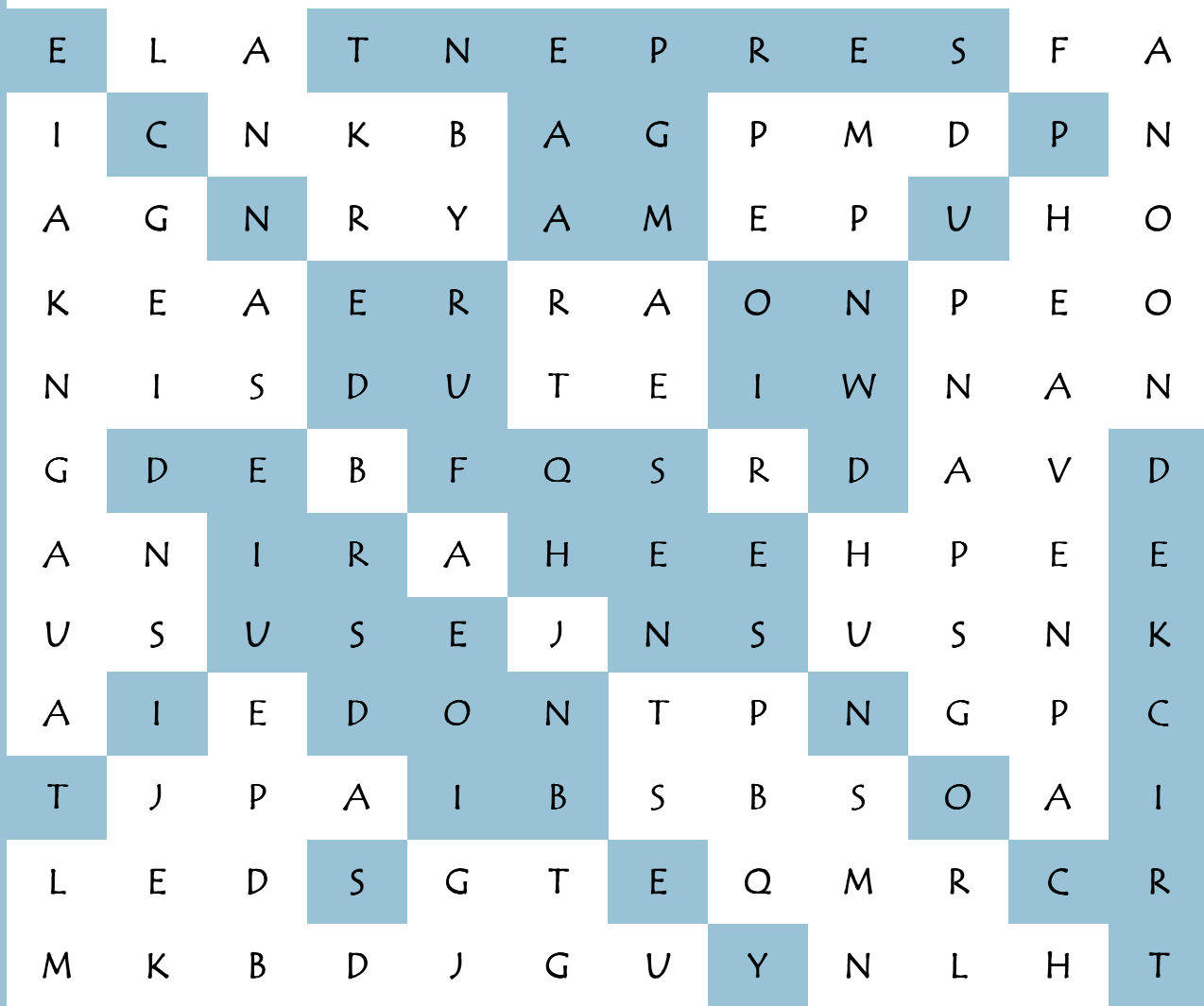
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