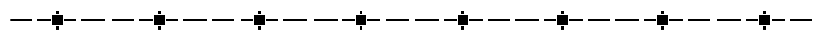


# Old Testament

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# Families of the Old Testament



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God Establishes the Family

Adam and Eve

Genesis 1-3

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Genesis 2:15-25

### Memory Verse:

Because of Adam, all people die. So because of Christ, all will be made alive. **1 Corinthians 15:22 (NirV)**

### Lesson Goals:

1. Understand that God established the first family
2. Understand that God created Eve to be a companion and helper for Adam.
3. Understand that Adam and Eve sinned and suffered consequences for their sin.

The Bible teaches us that God created Adam from the dust of the earth. Then God created someone especially for Adam. Let's find out more.

### Read the Bible

**READ: Genesis 2:20-24 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)**

### Begin with Prayer

God created the heavens, the earth, the sun, the moon, the stars...etc. And on the sixth day God created the first man, Adam. (Genesis 1:27) When God created Adam, God placed him in a beautiful garden. Adam was to work it and take care of the garden. (Genesis 2:15) God also told Adam that he could eat the fruit that was in the garden except one. "But you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die." (Genesis 2:17)

God gave Adam another job to do. He was to name all the animals. (Genesis 2:19) God walked and talked with Adam in the garden. God saw that Adam did not have a partner. So God said, "I will make a helper suitable for him." (Genesis 2:18)

God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam. While Adam slept God took a rib from Adams' rib cage. From the rib, God formed a woman. God presented her to Adam. Adam said, "Her bones have come from my bones. Her body has come from my body. She will be named 'woman,' because she was taken out of a man." That's why a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife. The two of them will become one. (Genesis 2:23-24 NirV) Eve was the partner that was just right for Adam. The animals had partners and now Adam had a partner to serve as his friend, companion and helper. God saw all that He created and it was very good.

Then the serpent came and lied to Eve. The serpent was the devil. The serpent told Eve that they would become like God if they ate from the tree. The serpent said they would not die. The serpent said the opposite of what God said. The serpent lied. Satan is a liar and the father of lies. (John 8:44) Eve believed the lie. Eve ate from the tree. Then Eve gave Adam the fruit from the tree. Even though God said don't eat it, Adam ate it. (Genesis 3:1-7) Adam and Eve disobeyed God. Because of Adam, all people die. So because of Christ, all will be made alive. (1 Corinthians 15:22) Romans 3:23 says that everyone has sinned. We have all disobeyed God. Disobedience is sin. Sin separates us from God because God is holy. (Leviticus 19:2) When God came to walk and talk with

### Adam and Eve Bible Facts

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| 1. Were created on the 6th day. | 2. Were the first man and woman.    | 3. Walked and talked with God. |
| 4. Sinned against God.          | 5. Received a promise of salvation. |                                |

Adam and Eve in the garden they hid. God asked them what they did. Adam blamed Eve. Eve blamed the serpent. Neither one said, "I have disobeyed."

God took Adam and Eve out of the beautiful garden. They could not stay there. If they ate of the tree of eternal life they would live in sin forever. (Genesis 3:22) God cursed the ground. Working the ground would be a hard job. (Genesis 3:17-19) God told Eve that having children would be a very painful experience. (Genesis 3:16) God cursed the serpent and made it crawl on its belly. God made the serpent an enemy of man. God told the serpent that it would eat dust. The serpent would be crushed by the seed of the woman, (Genesis 3:14-15) her offspring or descendant would crush the serpent. This was the promise of God to send a Savior. Jesus would come to deliver us from our sin. Jesus would take away our sin. (Romans 11:26-27)

In today's lesson we learned that God established the first family when He created Adam and Eve. God made Eve from Adam's rib. Eve was to be a companion and helper for Adam. Adam and Eve disobeyed God. God had to punish them. But God promised to send a deliverer who would take away the sins of man. That deliverer was Jesus.

#### Review questions.

1. On what day did God create man? (sixth)
2. Who were the first man and woman? (Adam and Eve)
3. How did they disobey God? (ate of the fruit of the tree)
4. What did God do? (God took them out of the garden, cursed the ground, cursed the serpent, increased the pain of having children and promised to send a deliverer)

**Do you know Jesus?** Jesus died on the cross for our sins but He rose from the dead. **Romans 10:9-10: Say with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord." Believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead. Then you will be saved. With your heart you believe and are made right with God. With your mouth you say that Jesus is Lord. And so you are saved.** You can know Jesus by doing two things. First you have to confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord. Second you have to believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead. When you do those two things, He comes to be a part of your life forever.

#### Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to deliver us from sin.
3. Ask God to help you be a helper in your family.
4. Pray for your family and your church family.

#### Application

Families are not perfect because we are not perfect. We make mistakes. Sometimes we do not do the things we are supposed to do. Sometimes we do things we know we are not supposed to do. We should forgive like God forgives us. Adam and Eve disobeyed God. Disobedience is sin. Sin separates us from God. Sin has consequences (something that follows when we do something wrong). God had to punish Adam and Eve. He had to take them out of the garden.

God is a holy God. God hates sin. But He loves us. He loved us so much that He sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. God wants to walk and talk with us. If you know Jesus, you can. If you don't know Jesus you can invite Him to be a part of your life. You can be a part of God's family.

#### Planning for the next week:

**Cain and Abel (A Family Member Gives God His Best) — Genesis 4**

# Preschool Lesson

**READ: Genesis 2:20-24 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)**

**Sing** a song about creation.

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## **Prayer Time**

**Did you know?** Preschoolers can learn while they are playing.  
Consider using the pictures they color to tell the story.  
Consider allowing the children to color while you teach.

# Learning Activities

- **Memory verse activity**— Use index cards to write the verse. Write one word on each card. Don't forget the reference. Have the children practice the verse by putting the cards in order.
- **Test your memory**— Make up questions about the story. Have the children get into two teams. The boys on one side and the girls on the other. Perhaps you can call the teams Adam and Eve. Play several times to reinforce the story.
- **Taste activity**— Bring apples or another fruit for a snack. Remind the children that the fruit was not bad, but the action that Adam and Eve took was wrong. Talk about the consequences.
- **Think about it** — Create some scenarios of things the children might do wrong.
  1. Ate a snack without permission
  2. Failed to clean room
  3. Did not share a toy
  4. Broke in lineEncourage the children to take responsibility. To say, "I'm sorry." Reward their behavior with a sticker, a star or a snack (they can be first).  
Talk about the importance of asking God for forgiveness.
- **Touch activity**— Bring different fruits or flowers or leaves (real or fake). Let the children touch and hold the items you have brought. Talk about the garden where God walked and talked with Eve. Remind the children that God wants to walk and talk with us all the time.
- **Run and play**— Play tag. Choose an area that can be a safe place where no one can be tagged. Tell the children that when we invite Jesus into our lives He takes away our sin. Jesus is our safe place. He helps us choose to stay with Him where we are safe.
- **Listen**— Take time for silence. Ask the children to listen as they are silent. Talk about the things they can hear. Talk about God's creation. Tell the children that God hears them when they pray.

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1 Corinthians 15:22

## Word Puzzle

Trace the letters.

Adam

and

Eve

## Word Art

Y L A T N E P R E S F A  
I T N O I N A P M O C N  
A G B R Y R I E P H H O  
K E A I M R A N G P E O  
N I S R Y T E K E N A N  
G L N B D I T Y E A V D  
A F L D A E O E H P E E  
U S R E M J N B U S N L  
A V E U M N T O E V E I  
F J P A I G S S S V A V  
L E D N G T O I M R A E  
M A N D O G U D N L H R

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DELIVER

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COMPANION



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I T N O I N A P M O C N  
A G B R Y R I E P H H O  
K E A I M R A N G P E O  
N I S R Y T E K E N A N  
G L N B D I T Y E A V D  
A F L D A E O E H P E E  
U S R E M J N B U S N L  
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