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ADAM AND EVE SINNED

Genesis 2:15-17; 3

God placed man in the garden, but not without purpose. Adam was given the responsibility to work the garden and care for it. The garden provided a place of rest for Adam and, while his “work” involved some physical exertion, the idea of the Hebrew word *work* in a pre-sin world can be described as spiritual service to God Himself. While Adam worked, he communed with and worshiped God. Work in a world unmarred by sin was pleasant and easy. For Adam to continue to enjoy this work and worship relationship with God, Adam had but one rule: eat from any tree in the garden except for the one in the middle, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

So that Adam would enjoy companionship, God also created a helpmate for Adam whom Adam named Eve. Together the two would work the garden and care for it and bring forth more humans on the earth.

Enter the serpent, described in Genesis 3:1 as “the most cunning of all the wild animals.” Oddly, this serpent had the ability to communicate with humans through speech. The serpent posed a question which caused Eve to question God’s word and perhaps planted doubt in her mind about what God had truly said. Twisting God’s words, the serpent asked Eve if God had truly forbidden her and Adam to eat the fruit of any tree in the garden. Eve responded that God did allow them to eat from the trees, except the one. For from that tree, Eve said, they could not eat, nor touch its fruit, if they did, they would die. Again, the serpent deceived Eve by assuring her that physical death would not occur.

Enticed with the serpent’s response, Eve took the fruit, ate it, and gave some to Adam to eat. Immediately, sin caused the humans’ eyes to be opened. The pristine, easy, and pleasant environment in which Adam and Eve lived changed forever. No more would Adam and Eve look forward to community with God; instead, they hid. Work, once a worship experience, now became difficult. Yes, sin had come, but God had a plan for redemption.

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God created a helper for Adam. Later, Adam named her Eve. Adam and Eve lived in the garden of Eden and had one rule to obey. They were not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. They were allowed to eat from all the other trees in the garden. The world and everything in it was good and perfect, just as God created it to be.

One day, Satan came to Eve as a serpent. He asked Eve, “Did God actually tell you, ‘You should not eat of any tree in the garden?’” She answered, “We are allowed to eat the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘Do not eat the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden. You also should not touch it or you will die.’”

The serpent said, “You will not die. God knows when you eat of the tree your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” Eve ate the fruit of the tree. She also gave some to Adam, who was with her, and he ate of the fruit. Then both of their eyes were opened, and they realized they had sinned by disobeying God.

Later, they heard God walking in the garden and they hid. God called to them, “Where are you?” Adam answered, “I heard you and I was afraid so I hid.” God asked Adam if he had eaten of the tree.

Adam answered, “The woman you gave me, she gave me the fruit to eat and I ate it.” Then God asked the woman what she had done. She answered, “The serpent tricked me and I ate the fruit.”

God told the serpent, Adam, and Eve that they would have consequences for their sin. Sin has a price.

Adam and Eve would experience pain and hard work. And they would physically die one day. Adam and Eve were sent out of the garden of Eden.

CHRIST IN CONTEXT:

The Book of Genesis is a book of beginnings. In the beginning, God created a perfect world. Sin separated mankind from God and showed that people need a Savior. God called Abraham and promised him that one day his descendants would be God’s special people and one day, He would send a Messiah—Jesus—to rescue them.

DON'T FORGET TO SEND HOME THESE FAMILY RESOURCES EACH WEEK.

- “Explore the Bible At Home” (Printables)
- Explore the Bible: Kids Family Cards

BIBLE STUDY (35 MINUTES)

TOOLS:

- Jump In: slips of paper, “Adam and Eve Relief” (Slide)
- Examine the Text: Bibles, “Text Truth 2” (Slide), “The Gospel” (Printables)
- Play the Video: Explore the Bible on Location video
- Memory Verse: “Isaiah 40:28” (Poster Pack)
- Prayer: Family Cards

Need an Opening Activity? Choose one of the activities in the *Activities* section and adapt it to introduce the session.

JUMP IN

- **Write five jobs on the slips of paper. The jobs should be things kids can act out such as: building a house, washing dishes, working at the computer, farming, and so forth.**

- Greet the kids as they enter, recalling names of those who came last week and learning the names of those who are new.
- Give out the slips of paper with the names of jobs that you created. Instruct kids not to show their paper to anyone else.
- Say: “We are going to play a game of charades. Each of you will act out what is on your paper and the rest of us will try to guess what it is.”
- Play until all five kids have had a turn.
- Ask: “Did you notice anything similar about each thing that was acted out? Did they have anything in common?” (*They were all jobs.*)
- Say: “Right, you each acted out some kind of job. A job takes effort and many times it is hard work. It can cause us to sweat, or be stressed, or become weary. Work was not always this way, there was a time when work was only pleasant and always produced good results.”
- Display the “Adam and Eve Relief” slide.
- Ask: “Who do you think is pictured in this relief?” (*You can give them a hint that they were in last week’s Bible story, Adam and Eve.*)
- Say: “In this relief you can see that Adam and Eve are having to work. In today’s Bible story we will find out why the artist depicted them working and why work became a difficult and sometimes unfruitful task.”

EXAMINE THE TEXT

- Display the “Text Truth 2” slide.
- Say: “Open your Bibles to Genesis 2:15-17. Genesis is the very first book in your Bible. Last week we discovered as we read the creation account in Genesis that **God is the author and ruler of creation.**”
- Ask someone to read Genesis 2:15-17 (*or ask one person to read each verse*).
- Say: “After God created everything, He told Adam to not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and that if he did eat of it, that he would die. This meant that he could eat from ANY other tree in the Garden. Now turn to chapter 3 of Genesis where the story continues.”
- Ask a volunteer to read Genesis 3:1.
- Inquire: “Did the serpent truthfully say what God told Adam about the trees in the garden?” (*No*)
- Explain: “No, he did not. He tried to trick Eve and make her think that God was being unfair.”
- Continue telling the Bible story in your own words. A Bible story page has

been provided for you to use as a guide. Ask for the kids to listen for each time in the story that Adam and Eve could have chosen to obey God, but sinned instead.

- Refer to today's Text Truth and read it together: **The consequence of sin is that our world and our relationship with God are broken.**
- Conclude: "The art relief of Adam and Eve that we saw earlier depicted them working. Although work was done before Adam and Eve sinned, it was not hard. After they sinned, hard work has been required for anything to be accomplished because our world is broken and our relationship with God is broken. Anytime we have a hard task to complete or we commit a sin, we are reminded of Adam and Eve and how sin entered the world."
- Explain the good news of the gospel, using "The Gospel" page as a guide.

PLAY THE VIDEO

- Play the Session 2 video.
- Ask: "What amazing place did Joel visit in today's video? What did Joel learn about glass? Can we fix our relationship with God? Who provided a way for us to have a relationship with God?"

MEMORY VERSE

- *Bible Verse Option: The Memory Verse activity each week is focused on the monthly Memory Verse: Isaiah 40:28. If your kids quickly memorize the Memory Verse, you may opt to challenge them to learn an additional weekly Bible Verse. This week's Bible Verse is Romans 6:23.*

- Display the "Isaiah 40:28" poster and read aloud with kids.
- Inquire: "How did we see that God's understanding is not limited in our Bible story today?" (*He knew where Adam and Eve were and that they had sinned before they told Him.*)
- Ask kids to help you create actions for key words or phrases in the verse. Practice reading the verse while doing the actions. Repeat several times and change the volume at which you say the verse from a whisper to very loud.

PRAYER

- Say: "Even though sin broke our world and our relationship with God, our Memory Verse reminds us that we can pray to God anywhere and at anytime and He will not be too tired to hear us. He will always understand us."
- Encourage kids to pray silently as you introduce the four parts of the prayer time: praise and adoration, confession, thanksgiving, supplication (*asking for things/answers*).
- Distribute the Family Cards. Encourage girls and boys to talk about the questions on the back of the card with their family this week.

APPLY THE TRUTH (20 MINUTES)

TOOLS:

- Explorer Guides: Bibles, Explorer Guides, pens
- Review: “Review Questions” (Printables), chairs, music
- Tech Connect (Optional): a device with the LifeWay Kids app

EXPLORER GUIDES

- Distribute Explorer Guides and help kids locate today’s pages.
- Review today’s object by inviting a volunteer to read aloud about the “Adam and Eve Relief.”
- Direct kids to read about “A Bronze Tree from the Bronze Age.”
- Invite volunteers to read about the answer to “What is the Fertile Crescent?”
- Guide kids to complete “Missing the Mark.” As time allows, look up some of the verses and read them aloud. (*Answers: Genesis 1:1—God created everything; Romans 3:23—We sin; John 3:16—God sent His Son Jesus to rescue us; 1 Peter 3:18—Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sin and rose again; Romans 10:9-10,13—We can repent of our sin and trust Jesus as our Lord and Savior.*)
- Help boys and girls complete “Apply It” to think about how today’s Bible truths relate to them.

REVIEW

- *Tip: Use pieces of construction paper or x’s made out of tape on the floor if your room does not have chairs.*
- Set-up chairs for musical chairs (*one less chair than players*). Play music as kids walk around chairs. The kid who does not get a seat will answer a review question. If they do not know the answer, allow others to help. If more review questions are needed, use the previous week’s questions.
- Read the Text Truth together as a group: **The consequence of sin is that our world and our relationship with God are broken.**

TECH CONNECT (OPTIONAL)

- Prior to Small Group, download the LifeWay Kids app. Use the activity labeled “Explorer Plus” in the Explore the Bible: Kids section of the app.

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SIN HAS A PRICE.

ADAM AND EVE RELIEF

A **RELIEF** is a sculpture carved out of a solid background. This relief is carved from ivory and it shows **ADAM AND EVE**.

When God created Adam and Eve, God commanded them to work the land and take care of it. After Adam and Eve disobeyed God, their sin broke everything.

SIN HAS A PRICE. Some of the consequences for Adam and Eve would be pain, difficult work, and eventually, death.

THE PRICE OF SIN IS DEATH, BUT GOD HAD A PLAN. TURN TO ROMANS 6:23 TO DISCOVER IT!



IS THIS THE FERTILE CRESCENT? NO, BUT IT'S DELICIOUS! AND IT MIGHT GIVE YOU A CLUE FOR WHY THIS AREA IS CALLED THE FERTILE CRESCENT!

WHAT IS THE FERTILE CRESCENT?

The Fertile Crescent is a semicircle-shaped area of land in the Middle East that stretches from the Nile to the Tigris and to the Euphrates River. The land is very good for growing crops and the oldest people groups in the world started in this region.



THE TREE OF LIFE THROUGH THE CENTURIES

God made many trees grow in the garden, including the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and the tree of life. These are some artists' ideas of what the tree of life looked like.



725-700 BC
TERRACOTTA JUG

THIS UNUSUAL BARREL-SHAPED CONTAINER IS CALLED AN *OINOCHOE*. CAN YOU FIND THE TREE OF LIFE IN BETWEEN THE TWO GOATS?

1000-1200 AD
CHAIN

IN UKRAINE, BEAUTIFUL CHAINS LIKE THIS WERE WORN AS NECKLACES, BRACELETS, OR TO HOLD CLOTHING TOGETHER. SOMETIMES THEY WERE WORN HANGING ON EACH SIDE OF THE FACE. THIS ONE IS DECORATED WITH PAINTINGS OF THE TREE OF LIFE ALTERNATING WITH BIRDS ON EVERY OTHER MEDALLION.



17TH CENTURY
TAPESTRY

THIS TREE OF LIFE TAPESTRY WAS MADE IN ENGLAND BY SEWING SILK THREAD ONTO CANVAS. THE ARTIST IMAGINED MANY KINDS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES GROWING ON THE TREE. THE GRAPEVINE CURLING AROUND THE TRUNK OF THE TREE SYMBOLIZES JESUS' PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE.



MISSING THE MARK

One of the Hebrew and Greek words used for sin in the Bible means "to miss the mark." The word describes someone shooting an arrow and missing the target. God knew we would sin and need a Savior. Follow each arrow's path to match the Bible verse with what the verse tells us about God's plan to rescue us from sin.

- GENESIS 1:1 — WE CAN REPENT OF OUR SIN AND TRUST JESUS AS OUR LORD AND SAVIOR.
- ROMANS 3:23 — GOD CREATED EVERYTHING.
- JOHN 3:16 — WE SIN.
- 1 PETER 3:18 — GOD SENT HIS SON JESUS TO RESCUE US.
- ROMANS 10:9-10,13 — JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS TO PAY FOR OUR SIN AND ROSE AGAIN!

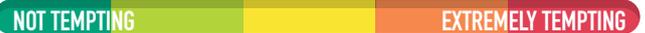
TEMPTATION SCALE

Adam and Eve sinned, and so do we! Sin can be very tempting. Mark on the scale how tempting each sin can be for a kid your age.

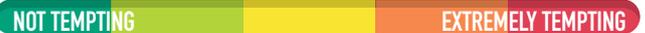
Tell a lie



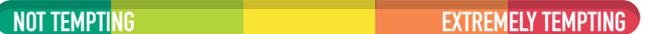
Take your brother or sister's things



Ignore your mom when she tells you to clean your room



Be mean to someone who is mean to you



When we are tempted to sin, we can remember to pray and ask God to help us to resist sin. And when we do sin, God will forgive us when we repent and ask His forgiveness.