



## Session 2



# ADAM AND EVE'S SIN

**Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-24**

God's creation was pristine and perfect. God provided everything Adam would need to flourish. God gave Adam work to do and one command to follow—do not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The work God gave Adam in the garden was not tiresome because God was present with Adam in the garden. Adam enjoyed one-on-one fellowship with his Creator. Unfortunately, the idyllic setting of the garden would not last.

Chapter 3 introduces the serpent. The serpent is called the most cunning of all the creatures God made. The serpent had knowledge of God's command not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God's command for obedience came with a stiff consequence for disobedience—death. When the serpent challenged Eve in the garden, he twisted the words of God and asked if God had really said Adam and Eve couldn't eat from any tree in the garden. Eve's response was true, in part, when she declared God's words instructed them to eat from any tree except one. Eve, however, added additional caveats which forbade her from even touching the tree.

The serpent tricked Eve by announcing that she would not die if she ate from the tree, but her mind would be open to know both good and evil. Everything God created He declared good. Eve saw the fruit was good and pleasing, and she ate it, desiring to gain wisdom as the serpent had promised. She offered some to Adam and immediately the course of all human history changed. Sin entered the world.

Sin has consequences, the greatest being our separation from God. Adam and Eve experienced that separation as they tried to hide from God. God desires obedience. This week, help kids know they should obey everything God says to do. Help kids see from the story of Adam and Eve's sin that sin separates us from God, but God has a plan to rescue us from our sin.

## SESSION FOCUS

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-24

**MEMORY VERSE:** Genesis 1:27

**BONUS VERSE:** Romans 6:23

**TEXT TRUTH:** Sin separates us from God, but God has a plan to rescue us from our sin.

**BIBLE SKILLS SPOTLIGHT:** Know the Bible tells about God’s plan to rescue us.

### BIBLE STUDY

(35 MINUTES)

- Jump In:** “Objects: Garden of Eden Valance” (Printables), “Christ in Context: Genesis” (Printables)
- Examine the Text:** Bibles, Item 4: “Text Truth 2” (Poster Pack), Optional: “The Gospel: God’s Plan for Me” (Printables)
- Play the Video:** Explore the Bible on Location video
- Memory Verse:** Item 1: “Genesis 1:27” (Poster Pack), letter tiles
- Prayer:** Family Cards

### APPLY THE TRUTH

(20 MINUTES)

- Explorer Guides:** Bibles, Explorer Guides, pens
- Review:** Item 13: “Tree” (Poster Pack), “Fruit Game Pieces” and “Review Questions” (Printables), scissors, tape

### ACTIVITIES

(20 MINUTES)

- Bible Skills:** Item 14: “Bible-gories” (Poster Pack), paper, pencils, timer
- Move:** “The Gospel: God’s Plan for Me” (Printables), sticky notes, pens, dry erase board and marker
- Make:** “The Gospel: God’s Plan for Me” (Printables), “The Gospel on the Go” (Printables), cardstock, hole punch, string, markers, scissors
- Explore:** “Aaron Taylor Photo” (Printables), inflatable pool rings or hula hoops (3 per team), painter’s tape, cones

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## ADAM AND EVE'S SIN

### Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-24

*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 could 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 really say, ‘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 the fruit. Then both of their eyes were opened, and they realized they had sinned by disobeying God.*

*Later, Adam and Eve 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. Sin broke Adam and Eve’s relationship with God. Adam and Eve would experience pain and hard work. And they would physically die one day. So, Adam and Eve were sent out of the garden of Eden.*

*But God made a special promise. One day, one of Eve’s descendants—Jesus—would defeat sin and Satan.*

*Since Adam and Eve’s sin, people have continued to sin. And our sin separates us from God, but God had a plan to rescue us from our sin through His Son, Jesus.*

### 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.



**TOOLS:**

- Jump In: "Objects: Garden of Eden Valance" (Printables), "Christ in Context: Genesis" (Printables)
- Examine the Text: Bibles, Item 4: "Text Truth 2" (Poster Pack), Optional: "The Gospel: God's Plan for Me" (Printables)
- Play the Video: Explore the Bible on Location video
- Memory Verse: Item 1: "Genesis 1:27" (Poster Pack), letter tiles
- Prayer: Family Cards

**OPTIONAL:**

If you are not planning to use the "Hide and Seek" or "The Gospel on the Go" activities, share the gospel with kids after you read John 3:16 using "The Gospel: God's Plan for Me" as a guide.

**BIBLE STUDY (35 MINUTES)**

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

**JUMP IN**

- Welcome each boy and girl as they arrive.
- Ask the group if they remember what book of the Bible they studied last week. (*Genesis*) Ask a volunteer to tell the group which division *Genesis* is in. (*Law*)
- Display the "Garden of Eden Valance." Direct kids to study the picture.
- Ask: "What do you notice about today's object? What story from the Bible do you think it's depicting?"
- Share that the valance shows parts of the story of Adam and Eve in the garden.
- Display the "Christ in Context: Genesis" statement and invite a volunteer to read it.
- Teach: "Adam and Eve lived in a beautiful garden. They had the perfect life, free from danger and misery, until they disobeyed God. Listen for how they disobeyed God and what the price for Adam and Eve's sin would be."

**EXAMINE THE TEXT**

- Say: "Last week, we read in our Bibles about how God created the heavens and earth and everything on it, including people. God created a helper for Adam, and Adam named her Eve. Open your Bibles to Genesis 2:15-17."
- Invite a leader or volunteer to read Genesis 2:15-17.
- Say: "God gave Adam clear directions to not eat from the tree. Now we are going to continue reading in Genesis 3 to see what happens."
- Ask a volunteer to read Genesis 3:1-3.
- Tell the rest of the story, using the Bible story page as a guide.
- Ask: "What creature talked to Eve?" (*the serpent*) "What happened after Adam and Eve disobeyed God?" (*consequences for their sin*)
- Say: "God's world was perfect until Adam and Eve disobeyed God. This is how sin and suffering came into the world."
- Display the Text Truth: **sin separates us from God, but God has a plan to rescue us from our sin.**
- Say: "Sin is anything we think, say, or do that breaks God's law. Adam and Eve broke God's law by eating the fruit of the tree. No one really knows what kind of fruit Adam and Eve ate. What the fruit looked and tasted like isn't what is important. What is important is that Adam and Eve disobeyed the one command God had given them."
- Conclude: "We all have consequences when we sin, but we can be thankful that God has a plan to rescue us from our sin."
- Read John 3:16 and share that God had a plan to send Jesus to pay the price for our sin.

**PLAY THE VIDEO**

- Play the Session 2 video.
- Inquire: “What unique place did Joel visit? What do they do at the garage? Which car was your favorite? Who restores us when we repent and trust in Him?”

**MEMORY VERSE**

*Bonus Verse Option: The Memory Verse activity each week is focused on the monthly Memory Verse, Genesis 1:27. If kids quickly memorize the Memory Verse, you may opt to challenge them to learn an additional weekly Bonus Verse. This week’s Bonus Verse is Romans 6:23.*

- Place the letter tiles on the table.
- Encourage the kids to work together to spell out the Memory Verse using the letter tiles.
- Invite the group to whisper while they read the verse together.
- If time allows, encourage the group to try to put the weekly Bonus Verse together.

**PRAYER**

- Review the Text Truth: **sin separates us from God, but God has a plan to rescue us from our sin.**
- Give each kid a Family Card.
- Encourage each boy and girl to use the card to retell their families the story from Genesis.
- Pray together, asking God to help each boy and girl turn away from sin. Thank God for having a rescue plan for us.

**LEADER TIP:**

To make your own letter tiles, write the alphabet on a piece of paper and make several copies. Cut apart each letter.

## APPLY THE TRUTH (20 MINUTES)

### TOOLS:

- Explorer Guides: Bibles, Explorer Guides, pens
- Review: Item 13: "Tree" (Poster Pack), "Fruit Game Pieces" and "Review Questions" (Printables), scissors, tape

### EXPLORER GUIDES

- Distribute Explorer Guides and help kids locate today's pages.
- Select two volunteers to read about this week's object, the "Garden of Eden Valance."
- Help boys and girls review the Bible story by completing the activity "Right or Wrong." (*Answers: wrong, village/garden; right; wrong, Esther/Eve; right; wrong, cereal/fruit; right*)
- Invite volunteers to take turns reading about each location in "Do Not Enter!"
- Direct girls and boys to examine each part of "What Are Cherubim?"
- Lead kids to complete the maze to review "God's Rescue Plan."

### REVIEW

- **Tape the "Tree" poster to a focal wall. Cut out the "Fruit Game Pieces" and put a piece of tape on the back of each game piece.**
- Guide the kids to form two teams.
- Explain that each team will get to answer a "Review Question." If the team gets it right, they can move their fruit up the tree. The team that gets to the top of the tree first wins.
- Ask the first team a question from the "Review Questions." If the team answers correctly, instruct them on how many spaces they can move their piece. If the questions are difficult, allow them to move more than one space.
- Continue to play until all the questions have been answered correctly or one team's fruit is at the top of the tree.
- Conclude the game by reading the Text Truth together: **sin separates us from God, but God has a plan to rescue us from our sin.**

## ACTIVITIES (20 MINUTES)

- Select one or more of the activities to complete as time allows.



### BIBLE-GORIES

Tools: Item 14: "Bible-gories" (Poster Pack), paper, pencils, timer

- Display the "Bible-gories" poster where boys and girls can see it.
- Group the boys and girls into teams and provide them with pencils and paper.
- Read the Bible categories to the group. Select a category and announce it to the group.
- Explain to the group that on your mark, they will have 60 seconds to list as many words as they can think of that fit the category you named. To make it harder, you can give the groups a letter that each answer must start with.
- Set a timer for one minute. Say "go" and start the timer.
- At the end of each round, identify the group that listed the most items on their paper. Invite them to read the list aloud.
- If time allows, invite the kids to create a few categories of their own and challenge the adult leaders to play against each other.
- Conclude with high fives all around for doing a great job!



### HIDE AND SEEK

Tools: "The Gospel: God's Plan for Me" (Printables), sticky notes, pens, dry erase board and marker

- Write the following Scripture references on the dry erase board: Romans 6:23; Genesis 1:1; John 3:16; Romans 5:8; Acts 16:31; Romans 10:9.
- Give each boy and girl a stack of sticky notes and a pen.
- Say: "People have continued to sin since Adam and Eve. **Sin separates us from God, but God has a plan to rescue us from our sin.** His Son, Jesus, died on the cross to save us from our sins."
- Invite a volunteer to read "The Gospel: God's Plan for Me."
- Point out the verses on the dry erase board.
- Guide each kid to pick a verse from the board, look it up in the Bible, and write it on the sticky notes.
- Explain that the group will leave the room with a leader and then another leader will hide the sticky notes around the room.
- Lead the boys and girls out of the room and hide the sticky notes.
- Say: "We heard today how Adam and Eve hid from God because they were afraid. When Adam and Eve heard God walking around the garden, they hid from Him because they knew what they did was wrong. Adam and Eve disobeyed God."
- Guide the group to look around the room and find the verses that are hidden. Explain that each verse is part of the "The Gospel: God's Plan for Me."
- End with a leader sharing the gospel and closing in prayer. Communicate with parents if any boy or girl would like to talk more about trusting Jesus to be their Savior.





## THE GOSPEL ON THE GO

Tools: “The Gospel: God’s Plan for Me” (Printables), “The Gospel on the Go” (Printables), cardstock, hole punch, string, markers, scissors

- Print enough cardstock copies of “The Gospel on the Go” for each kid to have one, then cut it apart.
- Punch a hole at the top and cut pieces of string.
- Review the Text Truth: **sin separates us from God, but God has a plan to rescue us from our sin.**
- Share “The Gospel: God’s Plan for Me” and remind each boy and girl that Jesus was God’s rescue plan to save us from our sin. Jesus took the punishment for our sin. After sin entered the world with Adam and Eve, we’ve all continued to sin.
- Guide the group to decorate their “Gospel on the Go” printable. Encourage the group to write a verse from the “The Gospel: God’s Plan for Me” on their paper. Share that they are making a tool to help them share the gospel with their friends and family wherever they go.
- While the group is decorating their own “Gospel on the Go,” talk about what items the kids can attach it to so they can share the gospel. Encourage the group to attach it to their backpacks, lunch boxes, or sports bags.
- Allow time for the boys and girls to practice sharing the gospel using their creations.



## OHIO RING TOSS

Tools: “Aaron Taylor Photo” (Printables), inflatable pool rings or hula hoops (3 per team), painter’s tape, cones

- Use the tape to create a throwing line.
- Point out that Columbus, Ohio, has a diverse population with many young people, partly due to it being home to a large university. Columbus is also a place filled with art, music, theater, museums, culture, and a busy and energetic workforce.
- Show the photo.
- Say: “Aaron Taylor started a church called Living Hope Church in Columbus. The church has been a big influence to help people know about Jesus. In just a short time, his church began two local nonprofits and a new ministry center called the Finding Hope Center.”
- The center provides a place for families to get the help they need and tells them about Jesus. The ministry center helps their local communities with day-to-day local ministries, and it helps churches as they minister to the people in their areas.
- Form two teams. Lead the teams to line up behind the throwing line. Place two cones about six feet away from the line to be the targets. Show the tubes or rings and tell kids it forms an *O*, which can remind them of Ohio. Players will take turns tossing three rings to try to ring a cone. Teams get 2 points for a full ring of the cone and 1 point if it is leaning or touching the cone. The first team to 21 wins.
- Pray for Aaron and his wife, Elizabeth, and their two daughters as they serve at Living Hope Church. Pray for the ministries of Living Hope Church and the Finding Hope Center.