

Garden Of Eden

Introduction

Scripture: Genesis 2:8-9; 15-17 and Genesis 3:1-14; 23-24

Key Verses: Genesis 2:8 and Colossians 3:20

Colossians 3:20 “Children, obey your parents.”

Make it stick: Have the children “write” the verse using pictures instead of words.

Using a plain sheet of paper, divide the paper into three equal parts. At the bottom of section one, write the word children. On the second section write obey and on the third section, write parents. Have the children draw a picture to illustrate each word. Let the children share their pictures with each other.

Bible Lesson

Lesson Goal: The children will know that Adam and Eve were the first people to commit sin. Their sin made God sad. Our sin makes God sad. We must obey God’s commands.

Hook: Tell children that today we are going to talk about two people that did not obey. Tell them that together you all will find out what happened when they did not obey.

Facilitate a discussion with the children on the topic of who we have to obey (God, teachers and parents...) and specific ways that we obey those people of authority in our life. What are the benefits in our life when we do obey?

Scripture to read: Genesis 2:8-9; 15-17 and Genesis 3:1-14; 23-24. You may want to have some of the older children help with the reading. It may also be helpful to read this passage from the New Living Translation. Be sure to let the children see you reading the Bible story from the Bible. It is important that they know that what you are teaching is from God’s word. Help the children follow along in their Bible as the passage is read.

Key Principles: After reading the scripture passage, discuss and emphasize these key principles from Genesis 3 with the children.

1. Adam and Eve were the first people to sin.
2. Their sin made God sad.
3. Just like when we sin, their sin cost them something they enjoyed. They had to leave the Garden of Eden.
4. We must obey the laws of God.
5. God still loves us even when we sin. Because God wants the best for us, it makes him sad when we sin.

Application:

The following questions are appropriate for older children.

1. What did God tell Adam and Eve they could do in the Garden of Eden? Genesis 2:16
2. What did God tell Adam and Eve not to do in the Garden of Eden? Genesis 2:17
3. What did the serpent tell Eve would happen if she ate the fruit? Genesis 3:4.
4. What happened after Adam and Eve ate the fruit? Genesis 3:7
5. What did God say to Adam and Eve after they ate the fruit? Genesis 3:23.

The following questions are appropriate for younger children.

1. What was the name of the place God created for Adam and Eve to live?
2. What did Adam and Eve do in the garden that made God sad?
3. What did God do after Adam and Eve sinned?

Activity

Draw a tree trunk on white construction paper. Color the tree trunk brown. Draw leaves on green paper. Cut the leaves out. Glue leaves to the tree. On each leaf, write one way children can obey the people of authority in their life.

Wrap-Up

Review the key principles. Remind the children that when we sin and disobey, God is sad. He still loves us even when we sin, but because He loves us and wants the best for us; our sin makes him sad. We have to obey God's commands.

Extension:

Have the children act out the story from the Garden of Eden.

Toddler Time:

On a piece of construction paper, write "I will OBEY". Have the toddlers glue cheerios on the word OBEY.

Supplies:

Construction paper – white and green

Scissors

Glue

Markers

Crayons

Cheerios (Toddler Time)