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KEY PASSAGE:

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” Romans 3:23



BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

What does it mean to sin? To sin is to think, speak, or behave in any way that goes against God and His commands.



CHRIST CONNECTION:

- **Toddlers:** God planned to send Jesus to make everything right.
- **Ages 3-5:** Since Adam and Eve, all people have been sinners. God sent Jesus to rescue us from sin.
- **Pre-Primary:** Everything was different after Adam and Eve sinned. Since then, all people have been sinners. Sin keeps us from God, but God never stops loving us. He sent His Son, Jesus, to rescue people from sin and bring them back to God
- **Primary:** Ever since Adam and Eve sinned, all people have been born as sinners. Sin separates us from God, but God still loves us. God promised a Rescuer would come from Eve’s family. God sent His Son, Jesus, to rescue people from sin and bring them back to God.

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Does the story of the fall surprise you? How could Adam and Eve—who had everything they needed—rebel against a loving God? Do you think you would have acted differently? **Adam and Eve’s story is our story.** Think about the last time you blatantly sinned. What lies were you believing in that moment? Satan wants us to believe the same lie that Eve believed: Maybe God is holding out on me. Maybe He isn’t good or loving. Maybe I would do a better job than Him. Do you ever wonder if you know better than God?

Because of their sin, God cast Adam and Eve out of the garden. Though they did not die right away, sin’s effect was immediate and thorough. Their lives and their children’s lives—and the lives of all of humanity—would be forever affected by their choice. We see this in the world around us. **We experience God’s grace, but we are very aware that the world is broken. It was not meant to be this way.** Sin is a big problem that needs a big solution. At just the right time, God sent His Son into the world, born as a baby.

Matthew 1:21 says, “You are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” As the kids you teach become increasingly aware of the bad news— that we are all sinners from birth—rejoice with them over the good news: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1 Tim. 1:15).

1. WELCOME KIDS



SAY: Think about a time when you have disobeyed your parents. What did your parents tell you to do? What did you do instead? Did your parents find out that you disobeyed? What were the consequences?

OPTIONAL GAMES

OPTION 1: HIDE AND SEEK

Show the kids the small person figurine so they know what it looks like. Invite kids to close their eyes. Hide the small person figurine somewhere in the room. Challenge the kids to seek around the room for the small person figurine. The kid who finds it will be the next person to hide it. Continue playing until all kids have had a turn to hide the small person figurine.

SAY: Great job playing hide and seek! In today's Bible story, we're going to read about another game of hide and seek. Except this time, someone was hiding from God. We'll read more about that soon.

OPTION 2: GOOD FRUIT VS BAD FRUIT

Give each kid a sheet of paper and access to markers, colored pencils, or crayons. Instruct the kids to draw a picture of their favorite fruit, and a picture of a fruit they don't like.

SAY: You may like some fruit and really dislike other fruit. In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve had their pick of every fruit in the garden except one, and they still ate the wrong one. We will learn more about why the fruit they ate was off limits, and what happened when they chose to disobey God.

2. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

INTRODUCE THE SESSION

When Adam and Eve sinned, God led them out of the garden. God told them that life would be hard, the ground would be difficult to work, and bad things would happen, all because of sin

What exactly is sin? What does it mean to sin? We're going to be studying that very question for the next few weeks. We are going to learn that everyone, including you and me, has sin in our hearts. Every time we think or speak or do something that goes against God's commands, we sin. So, what does it mean to sin? To sin is to think, speak, or behave in any way that goes against God and His commands.





BIG PICTURE QUESTION

- **Toddlers:** What does it mean to sin? We sin when we disobey God.
- **Ages 3-5:** What does it mean to sin? To sin is to go against God and His commands.
- **Pre-Primary:** What does it mean to sin? To sin is to think, speak, or behave in any way that goes against God and His commands.

REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

Open your Bible to Genesis 3. Read the story.



SAY: Adam and Eve lived with God in His perfect creation. God gave Adam and Eve everything in the garden, except for just one tree. **Imagine for a second how wonderful that would be: living and talking with God, taking care of His garden, and never knowing pain, death, or sadness.** Why would anyone want to mess that up? The Bible says that the serpent was the most cunning of all the beasts in the field. Cunning means sneaky and deceitful. The serpent wasn't just any old snake. **Satan was using the serpent to deceive Adam and Eve.** The serpent told Adam and Eve that they could be like God, if they would only disobey Him.

Adam and Eve listened to the serpent's lies. They disobeyed God. They sinned against God. **God is so holy and righteous that He cannot be with sin.** Adam and Eve had to leave the garden forever. But they didn't just have to leave the garden, **they had to leave God's presence.** Once Adam and Eve brought sin into the world, the world was never the same. Everyone has sin in their hearts. The world is full of the consequences of sin: pain, heartache, difficulties, death, and sadness. You see, sin never makes things better. Sin always makes things worse. We must always be on guard against the schemes of the devil. Satan will always try to deceive and trick us into sinning against God.

3. GROUP DISCUSSION (10 minutes)

Ask the following questions. Lead the kids to discuss their answers.



SAY: Why do you think God put the forbidden fruit where Adam and Eve could find it?



SAY: What are some lies you believe when you choose to sin?

Romans 3:23 says that every person who has ever been born since Adam and Eve has sin in their hearts. We all need a Saviour to rescue us from our sin. God sent Jesus to be our Rescuer. **Jesus lived the perfect life that we could not. He died on the cross to pay for our sin, and rose again on the third day. His resurrection defeated sin and death forever.** When you have faith in Jesus, God forgives your sin, adopts you into His family, and gives you eternal life.



MISSIONS MOMENT (3 minutes)

Many years ago, a missionary couple named Jim and Elisabeth Elliot went to the Amazon jungle to tell people who had never heard of Jesus about Him. Explain that ever since Adam and Eve, every person has been born a sinner. Missionaries dedicate their lives to going and sharing the good news of Jesus so people can be free from sin and live with God forever.

REFLECTION AND PRAYER (5 minutes)

Distribute a sheet of paper and pencil to each kid. Ask the kids to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Who can I tell about this story?

Be sure to send the sheets home with the kids along with the activity pages so parents can continue to discuss the Bible story with their kids.

If time remains, take prayer requests or allow kids to complete the Bible story coloring page. **Pray for your group.**

NOTES:

4. ACTIVITIES

THE GOSPEL PROJECT

Sin Entered the World

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CHRIST CONNECTION

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Verse: John 1:14
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Says Who?! Match each quotation with who said it. Read Genesis 3 to check your answers.

- "Where are you?"
- "Did God really say that?"
- "If you eat fruit from this tree, you will die."
- "You will not die. You will be like God."
- "She gave me some fruit, and I ate it."
- "I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid."
- "You may eat from any of the trees except for one."
- "I've tricked me."
- "If you eat fruit from this tree, you will die."

Start _____ Finish

My Letters' Keeper

INSTRUCTIONS: Find the key words from the word bank hidden in the letters below.

Word Bank: Cain, Abel, sin, angry, God, offering, brothers, farmer, shepherd

Word Bank Grid:

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"Yes, but I told us not to eat from the tree in the middle of the garden. We will die."

"You will not die," the serpent lied. "You will be like God." So she took some of the fruit and ate it, and she gave some to her husband and he ate it. That was the beginning of sin. The man and his wife hid from God among the trees. God called out to the man, "Where are you?"

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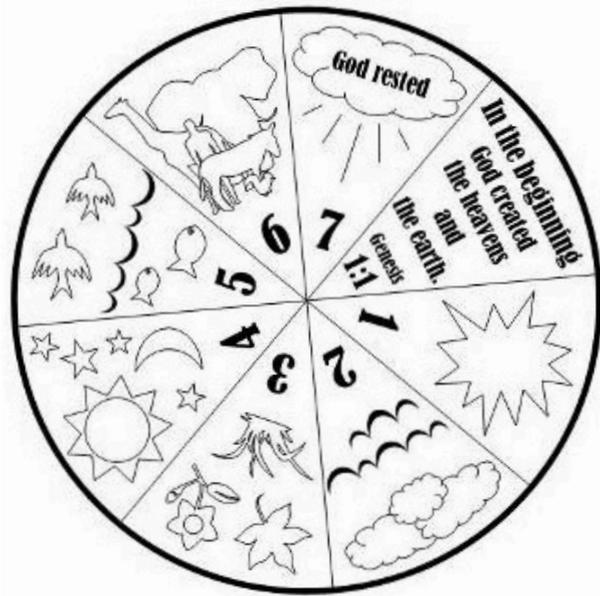
The man blamed his wife. "The woman blamed the serpent. He tricked me, and I ate the fruit because he said it was good for me. He said, 'All because of sin. But God promised that one of the woman's descendants would destroy the serpent. God sent them out of the garden.'

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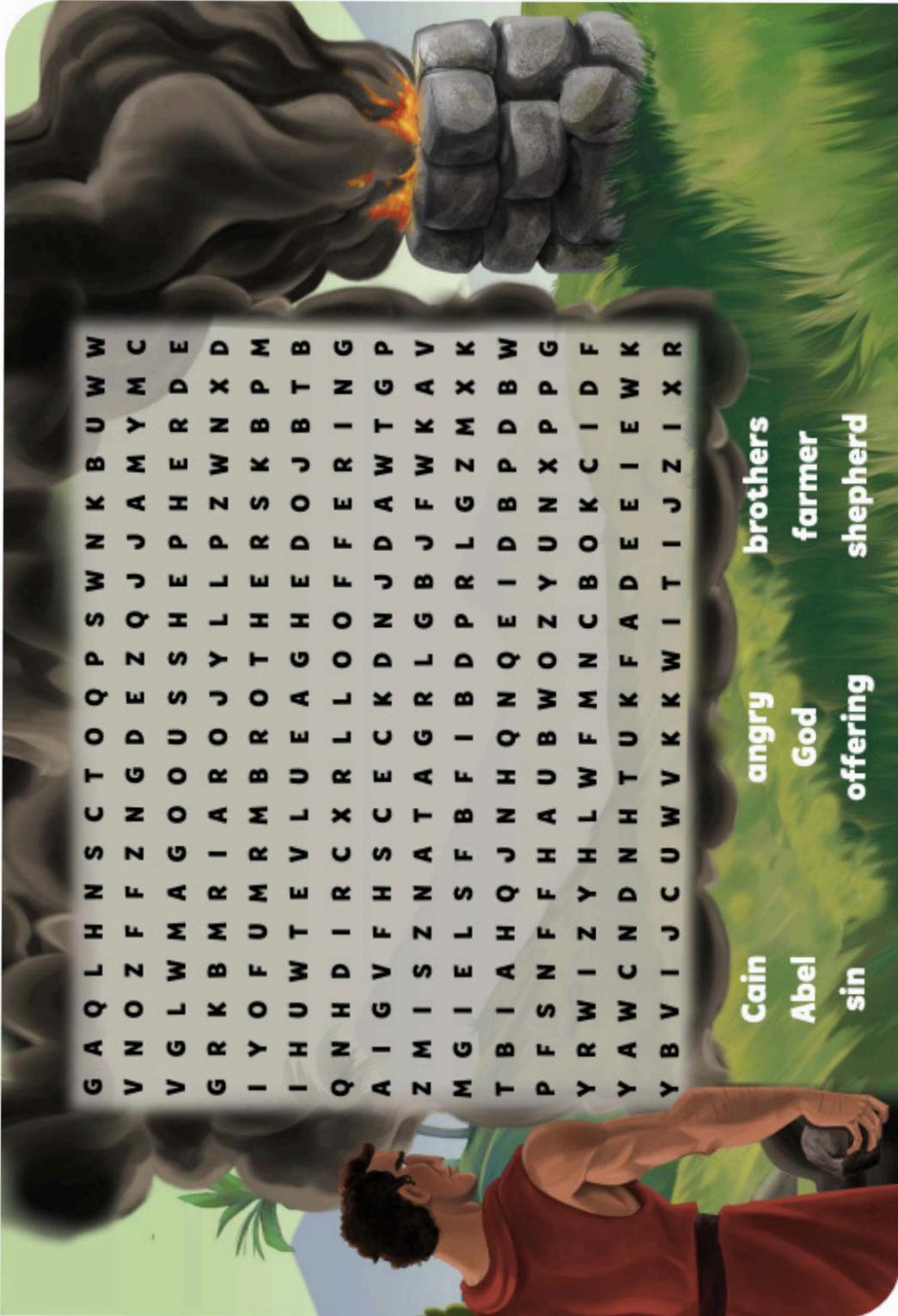
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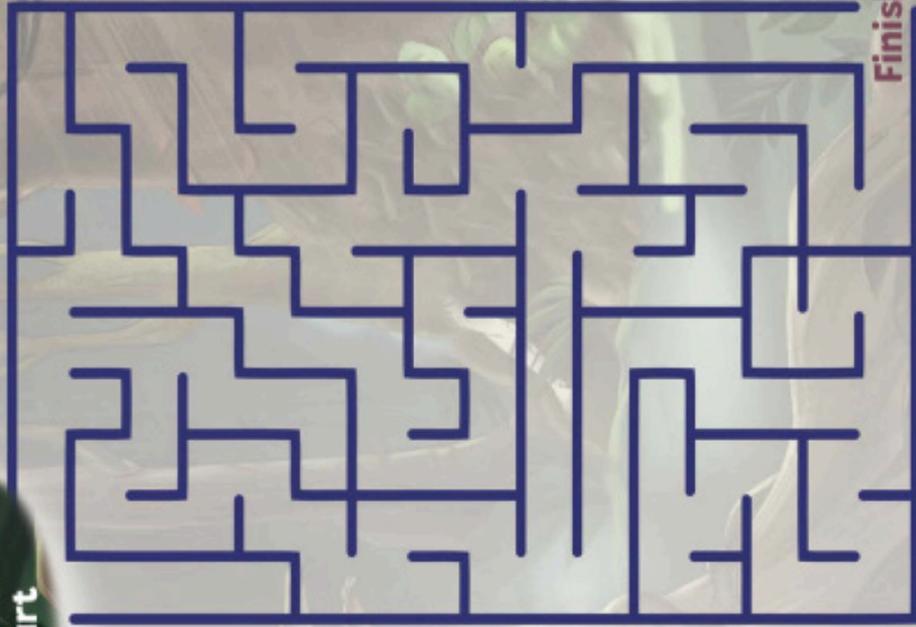
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