Early Childhood — Level 2



#24 - The Fall of Man Genesis 3:1-13

PICTURES NEEDED

24-1 Adam and Eve with the serpent

REVIEW

• Big Question: What happens when God is our shepherd?

When God is our shepherd, we have everything we need.

Lesson Rhyme: Review the lesson rhyme.

M—M Make sign of "M"

Marriage Circle R palm over L & then clasp hands together

Joins a husband Make boy sign (like beak of ball cap)

to a wife Make girl sign (stroke cheek with R thumb, closed fist)

Clasp hands together like marriage

M—M—Marriage Same as above

Is to last for life Clasp fingers of both hands tight together in front of body

LESSON CONTENT

• Introduction: Show visual (picture 24-1)

What is this a pictures of?

Adam and Eve lived in the beautiful garden God had planted for them. God was with them and everything was peaceful in the Garden. God had only told them one thing they shouldn't do.

Do you know what that one thing was? God had told Adam and Eve not to eat the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. God said that they would die if they ate that fruit.

Satan came in the form of a serpent and tempted Eve. Eve ate the fruit and gave some to Adam to eat. They disobeyed God and brought sin and death into the world. That is called the Fall.

The big question for this week is: What causes us to sin?

Listen as I read the lesson book and see if you can answer the question afterwards.

Lesson Book: Read the book. Refer to the discussion questions.

Title: What is sin?

Page 1—Genesis 3:1-2
(picture of Adam and Eve and the tree)
In the garden Adam lived
along with Eve his wife.
God created them to live
a happy, perfect life.
The one rule that God gave them
was the fruit they shouldn't eat,
But as they gazed upon that tree
it seemed like quite a treat.

Page 3—Genesis 3:6
(picture of Adam and Eve leaving the Garden)
Then Adam also ate the fruit and followed Eve in sin.
Their perfect life was over, once evil entered in.
From the garden they were sent and no longer lived in joy,
They then passed on their nature to every girl and boy.

Page 2—Genesis 3:4-5
(picture of the serpent talking to Eve)
Satan is God's enemy;
he hates what God does say.
He roamed about the garden,
tempting Eve to disobey.
He told her that the fruit was good,
and she should take a bite.
And Eve believed what Satan said,
although it wasn't right.

Page 4—1 Peter 5:8

(picture of girl being disobedient)
The devil he still roams around,
telling lies to everyone.
He says that disobeying God
will make our lives more fun.
When we follow Satan,
we choose to do what's bad.
We will enter into sin,
and make God really sad.

Page 5—Romans 6:23
(picture of two paths)
There are two paths and we will choose, which one we want to follow.
One will lead to what is good; the other leads to sorrow.
God's path leads us to treasure, joy and eternal life.
While Satan's leads to death, misery and strife.

Page 6—Romans 8:5
(picture of child thinking about the paths)
God wants us to walk upon
his path of truth and light,
While Satan wants us to sin
and do what isn't right.
Remember to be mindful
of which path you're walking on,
And turn away from Satan
when you're tempted to do wrong.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

<u>Day 1:</u> What kind of life did God want Adam and Eve to live? What was the one rule God gave Adam and Eve?

Day 2: Who is Satan? What did he want Eve to do? How did he get her to do that?

<u>Day 3:</u> What happened when Adam also ate the fruit? What kind of nature do all people have now? Why?

<u>Day 4:</u> What does the devil still do? How does Satan get us to sin?

<u>Day 5:</u> What is the difference between the two paths we have to choose from? What is misery? What is strife?

Day 6: How do we keep from going down Satan's path?

Review: Select a couple questions from above to ask the students again.

<u>Prayer:</u> Thank God that he wants for us what is good and right. Pray that you would follow him and not believe the lies of Satan. Pray that you would want what is good and right.

The Big Question: What causes us to sin?

If we want what is wrong, we will sin.

ACTIVITIES

Any age appropriate activity can be included which fits into the club time. The activities with a star are included on the class notes handout sheet.

★ <u>Lesson Rhyme:</u> Practice the lesson rhyme with movements.

S—S Make sign of "S"

Sin Point index fingers together and then make

circles, R clockwise, L counterclockwise.

Is doing Thumbs down sign

what is bad

S—S—Sin Same as above Makes God Arms up look up

really sad Fists in front of eyes like rubbing tears

★ Activity: Design a fruit

Instructions: Explain that we don't know what the fruit was that Adam and Eve ate. It is often represented by an apple but nowhere in the Bible does it describe it other than to say "the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom." Let each child color the odd shape fruit in a way that would make it pleasing to the eye (nice to look at).

★ Coloring: Color the lesson picture

★ Letter/Sound Recognition: Say the sound of and trace over each letter in the boxes. With which sound does sin begin?

★ Song: Oh Be Careful!

Oh, be careful little eyes what you see,

Oh, be careful little eyes what you see,

For the Father up above is looking down with love.

Oh, be careful little eyes what you see.

Other verses

Oh, be careful little ears what you hear

Oh, be careful little mouths what you say

Oh, be careful little hands what you do

Oh, be careful little feet where you go

Oh, be careful little minds what you think

• Craft: Make a snake

As a reminder that Satan took on the form of a serpent in the Garden of Eden when he tempted Eve, make a snake.

Materials: cover stock paper, crayons, markers or color pencils, scissors

Preparation: Run off craft 24 on cover stock paper

<u>Instructions:</u> According to a pattern color the snake and then cut along the lines of the spiral to make a coiled snake.

• Activity: Choosing what's good

Instructions: Put out a healthy snack and some candy. Ask the children which snack they would most want to eat and why. Explain to them which snack is best for their body and why. Explain that candy tastes good but that it isn't good for them and how eating too much candy hurts the body. Make the connection between the candy and sin. At first sin seems good when we do it but in the end it ends up hurting us. Satan wants us to do things that will end up hurting us. He makes them seem good for us but they really aren't.

<u>Questions:</u> What makes something good for food? What makes something pleasing to the eye? Where do we wisdom?

• <u>Activity:</u> Memorize the rhyme: Thinking something's good for you, doesn't make it right to do.

JOURNAL

The journal is passed out at the end of class for the students to complete at home. It has six poetic readings and related Bible verses. It would be beneficial for the teacher to read through and be familiar with its content.