

GOD'S BIG STORY



BEFORE YOU BEGIN

A FEW MOMENTS TO PREPARE.

USE THESE ICONS TO HELP YOU NAVIGATE THIS WEEK'S LESSON



TALK TOGETHER

Family conversations with God's Word.



MORE TO EXPLORE

Answers to kids' questions.



THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.



COLORING PAGE

Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.



WHAT DOES MY SIN DESERVE?

If you could live in a perfect place, what would it be like? Who would you want to live there with you?

Adam and Eve, who God perfectly created in His image, lived in the beautiful garden of Eden. They listened to God and spent time with Him. They lived peacefully and happily with each other and with all of God's creation. **Everything was perfect.**



God, the Creator of all things, knows what's best for His creation. He loved Adam and Eve and gave them rules about the garden to protect them. Adam and Eve were allowed to eat fruit from any tree in the garden, except the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Let's read what God said about the tree in Genesis. Can you help me find Genesis 2, verses 15-17?



THE LORD GOD TOOK THE MAN AND PUT HIM IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN TO WORK IT AND KEEP IT. AND THE LORD GOD COMMANDED THE MAN, SAYING, "YOU MAY SURELY EAT OF EVERY TREE OF THE GARDEN, BUT OF THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL YOU SHALL NOT EAT, FOR IN THE DAY THAT YOU EAT OF IT YOU SHALL SURELY DIE."

GENESIS 2: 15-17.

Even though Adam and Eve lived in a perfect place and had a perfect relationship with God, they disobeyed Him. Instead of listening to their Creator who made them in His image, they listened to the serpent who told them they could eat from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Adam and Eve sinned. **Sin*** is anything we think, say or do that disobeys God. (Big kids can read about this in Genesis 3.)



When Adam and Eve sinned, everything changed. They were ashamed of their nakedness and tried to make clothes for themselves from leaves. When God came to speak to them, they were afraid and hid from Him. God is perfect and holy, and He cannot be around sin. Because of this, Adam and Eve's sin immediately caused separation between them and God. God told them they could no longer live with Him forever.

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Even though they sinned, God still loved and cared for Adam and Eve. Before God sent them out of the Garden He clothed Adam and Eve with animal skin. An animal died because of their sin, and death entered the world.

Adam and Eve no longer lived in a perfect world. Because they sinned, pain, suffering, sickness and death are now present. There are now floods and fires, disasters and devastation. We can see sin affects all of creation, just as God said. It would be easy to blame Adam and Eve for all the sin in the world. But the Bible says we are all sinners. **Can you help me find Romans chapter 3, verse 23? Romans is the sixth book in the New Testament and was written by the apostle Paul.**

***FOR ALL HAVE SINNED
AND FALL SHORT OF THE
GLORY OF GOD.***

ROMANS 3:23

This verse says we have ALL sinned. Every single one of us is separated from God because of sin. But that's not all the book of Romans says. Can you help me find **Romans chapter 6, verse 23?**

***FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS
DEATH, BUT THE FREE GIFT OF
GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE IN
CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.***

ROMANS 6:23

The payment, or wages, God requires for sin is death. When Adam and Eve sinned, the death of an animal covered their sin. When you and I sin, a payment of death is also required. But just like Adam and Eve, God still loves us and cares for us and has a perfect plan for how to save us. **Sin is a big problem, but God's Big Story isn't over yet!**

END OF TALK TOGETHER

★ THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

WEEK OF MAY 08, 2022

♥ MEMORIZE

"FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH, BUT THE FREE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD."

ROMANS 6:23

Q: WHAT DOES MY SIN DESERVE?

A: THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH.



PRAY

DEAR FATHER.
YOU ARE PERFECT AND HOLY.
THANK YOU FOR LOVING US, EVEN
WHEN WE ARE SINNERS. AMEN

SHARE

Share a time with your children when you listened to God's words and followed Him, instead of listening to someone else. Was it difficult? How did God take good care of you?

CREATE



Help your little kids create and decorate a megaphone by rolling and taping together a piece of paper in the shape of a cone. Ask them to repeat, "I will listen to God's words."

SNACK



Place several pieces of fruit together on your table. Place one piece by itself in the middle of your table. Explain to your little kids that they can eat any fruit, except the fruit in the middle. Help them follow your words. Remind them God's words are always good.

ENCOURAGE

Encourage a friend or family member who is struggling with sickness, sadness or the death of a loved one. Write a card, make them a special treat or send them a thoughtful text.

DEFEND!

Ask your children to look up 1 John 1:8 and 1:10. Then, ask them how they will respond to someone who says they have never sinned.



SCAN HERE TO LISTEN WHEREVER YOU ARE!

SING



Listen to this playlist throughout this series to sing about God's Big Story.


Talk About



MORE TO EXPLORE

WHAT IS SIN?

Adam and Eve disobeyed God and sinned. Our sinful nature is a result of the fall. Sin is anything we think, say or do that disobeys God. Often sin is our desire to be in charge — to be in control and create our own rules. Sin usually begins with our attitudes, which turns into our actions (James 1:14-15). Sin causes separation between us and God.

AM I TOO MUCH OF A SINNER FOR GOD TO LOVE ME?

Sometimes you might feel like you want to give up. Maybe it's because you are sad or discouraged, or perhaps it's because you feel like you've messed up big-time. This is a difficult feeling, but we can remember there is hope! God loves you because He made you, not because of what you do or don't do. Sometimes the wrong things we do have terrible consequences, just like they did for Adam and Eve. You can talk to God about this! Say you're sorry for anything you've done that was wrong and ask God to help you figure out what to do next. You can have hope and remember God still loves us and provides the way through Jesus for us to start again from wherever we are.

WHY DID GOD ALLOW ADAM AND EVE TO SIN?

When God created us, He gave us the ability to make choices. He didn't want us to be robots, so He gave us the ability to think, feel and make decisions. We could choose to trust Him, or we could choose to trust ourselves and go our own way. When Adam and Eve ate the fruit in the garden, they chose to disobey God. But God is gracious and offers us forgiveness when we sin. "Grace" means God gives us good things, even when we do nothing to deserve it! 1 John 1:9 says, If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. God showed us grace when He sent Jesus Christ to Earth to save sinners!

WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT THE WRONG THINGS I DO?

We can't fix our sin on our own, but God's Big Story isn't over yet! Next week, we'll learn how God sent Jesus to rescue us from sin and restore our broken relationship with Him!



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