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## Unit 1 • Session 3

# Sin Entered the World

### BIBLE PASSAGE:

Genesis 3

**STORY POINT:** Adam and Eve broke God's law, and their sin separated them from God.

### KEY PASSAGE:

Colossians 1:16b-17

### BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

Who is God? God is our Creator and King.

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## LEADER Bible Study

Adam and Eve enjoyed all that was good in the garden of Eden. The Lord gave them only one restriction: “You must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil,” and the punishment for disobeying was severe: “You will certainly die” (Gen. 2:17).

Before the fall, Adam and Eve enjoyed a loving, two-way relationship with God. The garden was a true paradise. God filled the garden with good gifts so that they might enjoy them and give thanks to God. This glorifies God. All of that changed when Adam and Eve gave in to the serpent’s temptation. Eve believed the lie that leads many of us to sin: Maybe God is holding out on me.

Adam and Eve desired something more: the wisdom the fruit offered. But when their eyes were opened, they were aware of their nakedness and they felt ashamed. Surely the Lord’s heart broke at their act of disobedience and rebellion. Because of their sin, He cast them 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 mankind—would be forever affected by their choice.

God did not leave Adam and Eve without hope. He promised that one of Eve’s descendants would strike the head of the serpent. (Gen. 3:15) Each generation after Eve hoped that one of their children would be the promised One—the One who would crush the head of the snake and put an end to the curse over creation.

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).

# The BIBLE Story

## Sin Entered the World

*Genesis 3*

God gave the first two people, Adam and Eve, a beautiful garden to call home. He gave them everything they needed, and He gave them one command. God said, “You may eat from any of the trees in the garden, except for one.” The garden had a tree in it called the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God warned Adam, “If you eat from that tree, you will die.”

Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals. One day, the serpent went to Eve. “Did God really say, ‘You can’t eat from any tree in the garden?’” he asked.

Eve answered, “We can eat the fruit from the trees in the garden, but God told us not to eat from the tree in the middle of the garden. He said if we eat the fruit or touch it, we will die.”

“No! You will not die,” the serpent lied. The serpent told Eve that she and Adam would be like God. They would know good and evil.

Eve looked at the fruit. It did look delicious, and she wanted to be wise. So she **took some of the fruit and ate it**. Eve also gave some of the fruit to Adam, who was with her, and he ate it. Then their eyes were opened, and they knew they were naked. Adam and Eve sewed together fig leaves and made clothes



for themselves.

That evening, Adam and Eve heard God walking in the garden. They hid among the trees. God called out to Adam, “Where are you?”

Adam said, “I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.”

God asked Adam, “Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

Adam blamed Eve. “She gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it,” he said.

Eve blamed the serpent. “He tricked me,” she said.

God said that bad things would happen. Life would be hard and painful, all because of sin. The snake would crawl on its belly and be an enemy to people. But God promised that one of Eve’s descendants would destroy the serpent.

Everything changed after Adam and Eve sinned. They were not close to God like before. Sin separated Adam and Eve from God. God made them clothes out of animal skins and then sent them out of the garden. God put angels and a sword of fire at the entrance of the garden to guard the way to the tree of life.

## Bible Storytelling Tips

• **Use lighting effects:** Begin telling the story with a cheerful voice in a brightly lit room. After describing the fall, use a serious voice and cue an adult volunteer to dim the lights.

• **Dramatic conversation:** During dialogue, stand in various places for each speaker.

*Christ Connection: Ever since Adam and Eve sinned, all people have been sinners. Our 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.*

# INTRODUCE the Story



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## Welcome time

Greet each kid as he or she arrives. Use this time to fill out attendance sheets, and help new kids connect to your group. As kids arrive, ask them about ways they struggle to obey their parents.

**SAY** • We all make wrong choices sometimes, and none of us obey all the time. We have sin in our lives, but where does sin come from? When did sin begin? Today, we will learn more.

## Activity page (5 minutes)

- "Who's the Boss?" activity page,
- 1 per kid
- pencils or markers

Invite kids to complete the "Who's the Boss?" activity page. Instruct the kids to number the different people based on who they think has the most authority (number one being the person with the most authority).

**SAY** • All people have other people in authority over them. *Authority* means the right to tell others what to do. Ultimately, God has authority over everything. He is the only One who has the right to tell anyone and everyone how to live. But we disobey God. Today we will learn about the first time people disobeyed God and how that messed up God's world.

## Session starter (10 minutes)

**LOW  
PREP**

### OPTION 1: Don't come down

Invite the kids to have a competition. Explain that kids can only win by jumping up and staying in the air. Whoever can stay in the air the longest wins.

**SAY** • We can't stay in the air after jumping because gravity always pulls us back to the earth. It's impossible not to come down after jumping up. On our own, we also cannot obey God. We have sin in our lives, and it is impossible for us to please God.

## The Gospel: God's Plan for Me

Ask kids if they have ever heard the word *gospel*. Clarify that the word *gospel* means “good news.” It is the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. Use the following guide to share the gospel with kids.



**God rules.** Explain to kids that the Bible tells us God created everything, and He is in charge of everything. Invite a volunteer to read Genesis 1:1 from the Bible. Read Revelation 4:11 or Colossians 1:16-17 aloud and explain what these verses mean.



**We sinned.** Tell kids that since the time of Adam and Eve, everyone has chosen to disobey God. (Romans 3:23) The Bible calls this sin. Because God is holy, God cannot be around sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. (Romans 6:23)



**God provided.** Choose a child to read John 3:16 aloud. Say that God sent His Son, Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. Read and explain Ephesians 2:8-9.



**Jesus gives.** Share with kids that Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! Read Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; or 1 Peter 3:18.



**We respond.** Tell kids that they can respond to Jesus. Read Romans 10:9-10,13. Review these aspects of our response: Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus.

Offer to talk with any child who is interested in responding to Jesus. Provide *I'm a Christian Now!* for new Christians to take home and complete with their families.

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## Key passage activity (5 minutes)

- Key Passage Poster
- "Key Passage Flip Cards" printable

Before class, print the "Key Passage Flip Cards" double sided and cut apart the cards. Distribute one flip card to each kid and help her fold it in half. Instruct the kids to fill in the missing words on each side, progressing through the levels from one to four. Each time they move on to the next number, they should fold the previous side underneath and attempt the harder level without peeking at previous levels.

**SAY** • Our key passage is about God the Son. Everything was created to bring glory to God. Sin does not bring glory to God, and God is right to punish sin. We must understand the ugliness of sin to understand why we need Jesus. God sent Jesus to die on the cross and rise again to save us from sin.

## Discussion & Bible skills (10 minutes)

- Bibles, 1 per kid
- Story Point Poster

Distribute a Bible to each kid. Help kids understand how to use the table of contents to find Genesis 3. Explain that Genesis is the first book in the Bible. It is the start of the Old Testament and part of the Law, the first five books of the Bible.

Option: Retell or review the Bible story using the bolded text of the Bible story script.

Read Genesis 3 to your kids, or review the Bible story

using the bolded words on the Bible story page. Then ask the following questions, guiding discussion as suggested.

1. What was God's one command to Adam and Eve?  
*(You must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, Gen. 2:17)*
2. What did the serpent suggest would really happen if they disobeyed God? *(They would become wise like God, Gen. 3:5)*
3. Why do you think Adam and Eve disobeyed God?  
*Lead the discussion toward the truth that Adam and Eve began to doubt that God's will for them was best. They thought they knew better than God did, and chose to disobey Him.*
4. What are some of the reasons we choose sin today?  
*Guide kids to see that we choose sin for much the same reason; we tend to think we understand more than we do, and we desire things we think will be good for us.*
5. What does sin do to us and to our relationships with God and other people? *Lead the discussion toward the idea that sin damages our view of God, His creation, and ourselves. It makes us selfish and cruel, and damages our relationships with God and other people.*

**SAY** • At first, it may seem that God's command to Adam and Eve was small: "Don't eat the fruit from a certain tree." Sounds easy. How did Adam and Eve mess up that? But tied up in that command was another bit of instruction: trust that God knows what is best.

God did not command them not to eat the fruit just to see if they could obey Him, He commanded them not to eat the fruit because the knowledge of good and evil was a heavy weight that He did not want Adam or Eve to carry. God knows what is

best. **Adam and Eve broke God's law, and their sin separated them from God.**

## LOW PREP

• "Rigney Family Prayer  
Card" printable

Tip: Use this  
activity option  
to reinforce the  
missions moment in  
Teach the Story.



### Activity choice (10 minutes)

#### OPTION 1: Prayer

Give a prayer card to each kid. Ask if kids remember the name of the missionary family living in London, England. Explain that the Rigney family moved to London so they could share the gospel with the many different people there.

**SAY** • Can you guess how many languages are spoken in London? More than 300 languages can be heard in this city, and God loves every person speaking them! Remember to pray for the Rigneys as they share the gospel in London, England!

If time allows, introduce some of the languages spoken in London. Invite kids to practice speaking in other languages:

- *Good morning!* / Spanish: "Buenos días" (booEHN-os DEE-as)
- *Hello!* / Arabic: "Marhaban" (MAR-ha-bahn)
- *How are you?* / Chinese: "Ni hao ma?" (NEE-how-mah)
- *Thanks!* / Polish: "Dzięk" (jen-key)
- *How are you?* / Portuguese: "Como vai?" (koh-moh VIGH)
- *Good day!* / German: "Guten Tag" (GOO-tehn tahg)

## Reflection and prayer (5 minutes)

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

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

Make sure to send the activity page and any other pages home with the kids so that parents can see what their kids have been learning.

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

· pencils and crayons  
· paper  
· Bible Story Coloring  
Page, 1 per kid

Tip: Give parents this week's Big Picture Cards for Families to allow families to interact with the biblical content at home.