



OLD TESTAMENT: THE FALL

Lesson 3

BIG IDEA

God commanded Adam and Eve to avoid eating fruit from a certain tree in the garden. When they disobeyed him, he showed them mercy and love by promising them a Savior.

MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 8

KEY VERSES

Genesis 3

• PREPARATION & MATERIALS •

BIBLE LESSON

- Cast: TL wearing baseball cap. Bear wearing bear ears.
- Prop: rubber snake
- *EM provides baseball cap and bear ears*

GAME - LISTEN AND LEARN

- No materials needed

CRAFT - FRUIT CHAIN

- colored paper (colors of fruit like red, yellow orange)

WORKSHEETS

- Photocopies of Coloring Sheet (1 per child)



EM PROVIDES

- scissors
- hole punch
- staplers

Psalm 8

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!



(extend hands to sides)

You have set your glory in the heavens.



(extend hands high)

Through the praise of children and infants you have



("stop" hand)

established a stronghold against your enemies,

To silence the foe and the avenger.



(index finger over lips)

(wiggle fingers both hands)

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,



The moon and the stars which you have set in place,



(point to moon and stars)

What is mankind that you are mindful of them,



(shrug shoulders)

Human beings that you care for them?

You have made them a little lower than the angels



(flat hand at waist)

And crowned them with glory and honor.



(make crown with hands)

You have made them rulers over the works of your

hands;



(open hands)

You put everything under their feet:



(stomp feet)

All flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,



(hands like claws)

The birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim

the paths of the seas.



(hands together wiggle like fish)

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!



(arms up as if cheering)



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CAST

TL wearing baseball cap. Bear wearing bear ears.

SCRIPT

TL and Bear (enter from opposite sides)

TL Howdy Bear. How did your den organizing go yesterday?

Bear You know, I thought a lot about that creation story yesterday, and about how God gave his creatures natural organization like Him. So I went home and did my very best to organize all of my treasures, I even asked my sister to help me!

TL Really? Did she help you at all?

Bear She did, she was a big help. I can't believe how creative she was and we actually had fun doing it. It was very tiring, but it sure looks good. Now I can find all my stuff when I need it. AND, I have room for more treasures!!

TL (Chuckling) Wonderful.... Well, are you ready to hear the next story?

Bear Let's do it!

TL Bear, do you remember yesterday when you asked me why you felt so bad about cleaning your den and why it made you frustrated?

Bear Yes. Does today's story explain that?

TL It does. But I'm afraid it's not as peaceful and happy as yesterday's story. Yesterday we talked about how God made a person on the sixth day of creation.

Bear And bears, don't forget bears!

TL That's right, and bears. Up to that point God had made male and female fish and birds and land animals, but he had only made a male person. This man's name was Adam. God gave him a big job, he had to name all the animals.

Bear Wow, that's amazing! What a cool job!

TL I'm sure it was a pretty amazing time for Adam. But when he was done he found that there was no other person for him to help him, there was no person for him to talk to or enjoy the new world with.

Bear Gee, that must have been lonely. I'm sure the bears would have kept him company though, we are friendly creatures you know.



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TL (Laugh) Perhaps that is true, but it's not quite the same as having another person to share life with. God had a plan though, he put Adam to sleep, a deep, deep sleep. And while he was sleeping he took a rib from Adam's side and he formed in into a female person. Her name was Eve. Adam and Eve got to enjoy God's perfect creation. God let them live in a perfect and beautiful garden called Eden. It was filled with God's plants and creatures and it was peaceful and it was very good. God only had one requirement. In the middle of the garden were two trees. One tree was the tree of life and the other tree was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God let them eat from any tree in the whole garden, but he warned Adam and Even not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He said, "If you do, you will surely die."

Bear This is getting tense. (Worried) They listen to him, right? They don't die right at the beginning of the bible...right?

TL They may have obeyed him for a while, but one day they made a very bad choice. In the garden there was a clever animal called a serpent, or a snake. He was the trickiest of all the animals on the earth. The serpent asked Eve, "Did God really say you must not eat from any tree in the garden?"

Bear (Worried) That's not what he said! Right? He said not to eat from that knowledge of good and evil tree, right? Oh no, I can't take it. They're going to die!!

TL Now hold on Bear, let's not get carried away. Listen to the rest of the story. Eve explained to the serpent that God let them eat from any tree except the tree in the middle, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Bear (Relieved) Whew! I knew she wouldn't do it. Why would someone disobey God when he gave them such a perfect life?

TL Oh, Bear, if only that were the case. You see, the crafty serpent kept pushing Eve, he said, "That's not true! You won't die! God just said that because he knows when you eat it you will be like him, knowing good and evil."

Bear That rotten snake! I hope Eve set him straight.

TL Eve thought about it for a little while, and she thought about the fruit, and the thought about how nice it looked and how good it might taste.

Bear (Cover eyes) Oh no....

TL And she thought about how wonderful it would be to have wisdom like God, to know good and to know evil, so she took a bite. Then she gave some to Adam and he ate it too, and suddenly they knew....

Bear Knew what?

TL The understood evil. Before that they only knew good and had no idea or concept of evil. They were suddenly embarrassed that they had no clothes on so they covered themselves with leaves. And then they heard God walking in the garden and so they hid.



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He called to them, “Where are you?” Adam finally came out from his hiding place and he said, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.” And God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I told you not to eat from?”

Bear Oh it gets worse and worse! First they listen to the snake, then they hide, and now they won't even tell God what happened!

TL You're right. Adam tried to blame Eve for giving him the fruit, then he tried to blame God for putting Eve in the garden with him!

Bear The nerve! I bet God saw right through that one.

TL He did.

Bear What did God say?

TL God said to the serpent, “As punishment, from now on you will have to crawl on your belly in the dust. And your kind will be the enemies of the people forever.” To Eve he said, “You will have great pain when you give birth to your children.” To Adam he said, “You will have to work hard and sweat to make the ground produce enough food. You will work until you die. You were made from the dust of the ground and you will become dust again.” The God made Adam and Eve leave the garden. He put guards there so that one could eat from the tree of life and live forever.

Bear Oh gee. What a terrible turn of events! Is that why there is so much bad stuff in the world today?

TL Yes. When Adam and Eve made that disobedient choice sin entered the world...and it has never been the same. That is why there is anger, fear, frustration, pain and suffering in the world today. That is why organizing your den was difficult and frustrating yesterday.

Bear Oh...I'm just so sad. I could cry. The world is doomed!

TL Well Bear, there's good news. If you keep hanging out with me and hearing all the wonderful stories in the bible, you'll find that God had a plan to save man from sin.

Bear (Relieved) Oh, good. I'll be back tomorrow. Thank you for the story, TL. (Bear exits)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Who was created first, Adam or Eve?
- Which things could Adam and Eve eat?
- What was God's only requirement?
- Did Adam and Eve have to listen to the serpent?
- What could they have done if they were unsure or confused? (talked to God)
- What is it called when we disobey God? (sin)



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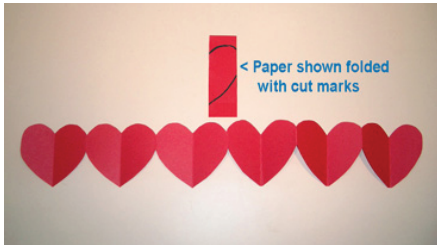
OBJECTIVE: FRUIT CHAIN

Kids will make a chain of fruit or hearts

MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM

- Scissors, hole punches, staplers

EXAMPLE



MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- colored paper (colors of fruits like red, yellow, orange)

DIRECTIONS

- 1) Fold a piece of paper accordion style making sure each segment of paper is the same size as the one beside it. Make each segment about 3-4 inches long.
- 2) Cut out the shape of a heart or familiar fruit. Cut through all the pieces but be sure to leave a portion of the folded edges in tact.
- 3) Unfold fruit into a long heart or fruit chain.



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• GAME •

OBJECTIVE: LISTEN AND LEARN

Kids will try to follow a growing sequence of direction without forgetting one.

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- no materials needed

INSTRUCTIONS

This game can be played in a large group. The adult leader will call out a single direction (see examples below) and the kids follow that direction. The leader will then add a second direction to the first and the kids follow both directions in order. The leader continues to add a direction and the kids continue to follow the directions in order. When the kids forget or mess up they sit down. Last one standing is the winner.

1. Clap your hands 3 times
 2. Jump on your right leg 5 times
 3. Spin in a circle
 4. Touch your toes
 5. Touch your nose
 6. Rub your belly
 7. Tickle your knees
 8. Jump straight up
 9. Spread your arms wide
 10. Sit on your knees
 11. Flap your elbows like a chicken
 12. Count to 10
 13. Pull out your ears
- Etc.



When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it.

Genesis 3:6 (NIV)