

Date – September 13, 2020
Scripture/Bible Story/Theme Genesis 2-3 Adam and Eve Children's Illustrated Bible p. 20-21 God's great love for us offers us forgiveness for our sins.
Workshop Name Adam and Eve stick puppets/optional press conference
Opening Prayer Dear God, Help us to fully understand the story of Adam and Eve. With your guidance we can learn how Jesus Christ came to save us from our sins because of God's great love for us despite the mistakes that we make. Amen
Objectives – Note these would be the objectives for the three weeks of our study of Adam and Eve. These are included for the adults so that you can see what we are trying to accomplish in this unit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find the story in the book of Genesis • Retell the story in their own words • State in their own words some of the various conclusions or meanings of the story • Identify temptations and wrong choices in their own lives and ways to be obedient to God • State their understanding of Adam and Eve's sin and Jesus' death and resurrection • Know that God has forgiven them even when they do wrong and that he is our guide to doing right • Understand that God did not abandon mankind but promised a Savior who restores us and Creation <p>In additional to the objectives above it would be helpful to go over these symbols and images and what they represent in the story.</p> <p>Rib = God makes us companions and helpers for one another Garden = God's desire and gifts for our lives Tree of Life, Tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil = Listen to God or don't listen, choose what God wants, or decide you can make your own choices. Fruit = Choices and Consequences. Right and wrong. Serpent = The temptation to think we know better than God. Nakedness and Fig Leaves = Shame and cover up Animal skin Clothing = The beginning of redemption</p>
Supplies – ALL ITEMS BELOW ARE IN YOUR MATERIALS BAG Male and Female stick puppets

Pipe cleaners for hair
Small pieces of felt for clothes
Google eyes

Supplies I hope you have at home:

Glue
Sharpie or marking pens to add mouths and noses

Activity

Please understand that it is not that I don't think you know this, but having a quick analysis of the story might give you some additional insights.

In the beginning we learn that God is the life-giving force and loving parent. We learn that human beings are God-inspired, and are made to be companions for one another. We have a choice to ignore God and decide for ourselves what's right and wrong. We have a hard time accepting responsibility for our bad decisions. God expects obedience and provides for our forgiveness. God teaches us hard lessons, but does not abandon us. We learn that God's way is the right way.



Hopefully, having the stick figures, it will be easy for the students to complete the facial features and add the clothes.

Totally Optional if you want to add to the lesson and have the kids read with you.

Press Conference

Characters:

Reporter – to ask the questions

Eve

Snake
Adam

Reporter: Eve, why did you listen to the snake, and ignore God's rule regarding eating the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden?

Eve: The temptation was too great. The fruit looked yummy, and the snake convinced me into wanting the wisdom that God had.

Reporter: Snake, were you trying to get Adam and Eve into trouble?

Snake: No, no, no. I simply gave Eve a different view of God's rule. It was their decision to actually take a bite from the fruit. Perhaps I tempted them just a little.

Reporter: Adam, you were there and might have seen all of this happening. Why didn't you stop Eve from eating the fruit?

Adam: Well, the Bible doesn't actually say that I saw Eve eat the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden. I guess I figured that if Eve could eat the fruit, then I could eat the fruit too.

Reporter: Do you feel that your punishment from God was fair?

Adam: We sinned, and we were punished. There is always a consequence for sinning, and I am very thankful that God still loves and cares for us. God created us, God judges us, and God loves us.

Eve: I agree with Adam. The punishment could have been much worse. God could have abandoned us.

Snake: I was framed! I certainly don't deserve to crawl on my belly and eat dirt the rest of my days for a little temptation. I guess it could be worse to be a worm, though.

Reporter: Adam and Eve, why did you hide from God when he came looking for you?

Adam: After eating the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden, I knew that I had sinned. I felt ashamed and embarrassed.

Eve: It wasn't easy to talk to God after disobeying Him. I thought he would be angry with us, and I was frightened.

Reporter: Did you think that you could hide your sin from God?

Adam: I guess we did, but God is all knowing and all loving. He knew right away that we had eaten fruit from the forbidden tree. It might have been better to admit our mistake right away, and asked for forgiveness.

Reflection/Evaluation

Discuss with them that God gives us the right to make choices in everything we do. Like Adam and Eve, we sometimes make bad choices. When we do, there are consequences. Point out the consequences in the Bible story. Like Adam and Eve, we are also given forgiveness for our bad decisions through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

What things do people do to disobey God?

Why do God's children hide from God rather than admit they are wrong?

What tempts you the most?

Why do you hide your sins from God?

Lord's Prayer