

# Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What are some ways people sin?
- Has anyone ever been perfect and without sin? (2 Corinthians 5:21)
- How does God show He loves us even when we sin? (Romans 5:8)

## Sin Entered the World

Genesis 3

**STORY POINT: ADAM AND EVE BROKE GOD'S LAW, AND THEIR SIN SEPARATED THEM FROM GOD.**

God gave Adam and Eve everything they needed, and He gave them one command: "You may eat from any of the trees in the garden, except for one. If you eat from that tree, you will die." Now the serpent was the most cunning animal.

One day, the serpent asked Eve, "Did God really say, 'You can't eat from any tree in the garden?'"

Eve answered, "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. Eve took some of the fruit and ate it. Eve also gave some of the fruit to Adam, and he ate it. Then their eyes were opened, and they knew they were naked. That evening, God called out to Adam, "Where are you?"

Adam said, "I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid." God asked Adam, "Did you eat from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

Adam blamed Eve. Eve blamed the serpent. "He tricked me," she said.

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 and then sent them out of the garden.



*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.*

# Who's the Boss?

INSTRUCTIONS: Rank each person or set of people from who has the most authority (1) to the least (5).

Queen



Parents



Teacher



Police Officer



Child



Younger Kids Activity Pages

Unit 1 • Session 3

Sin Entered the World

**BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

- God commanded Adam and Eve not to eat a certain fruit.
- The serpent lied to Eve, and she disobeyed God.
- 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.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- What is sin? Who sins?
- Why does God hate sin?
- What did God do to save sinners?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

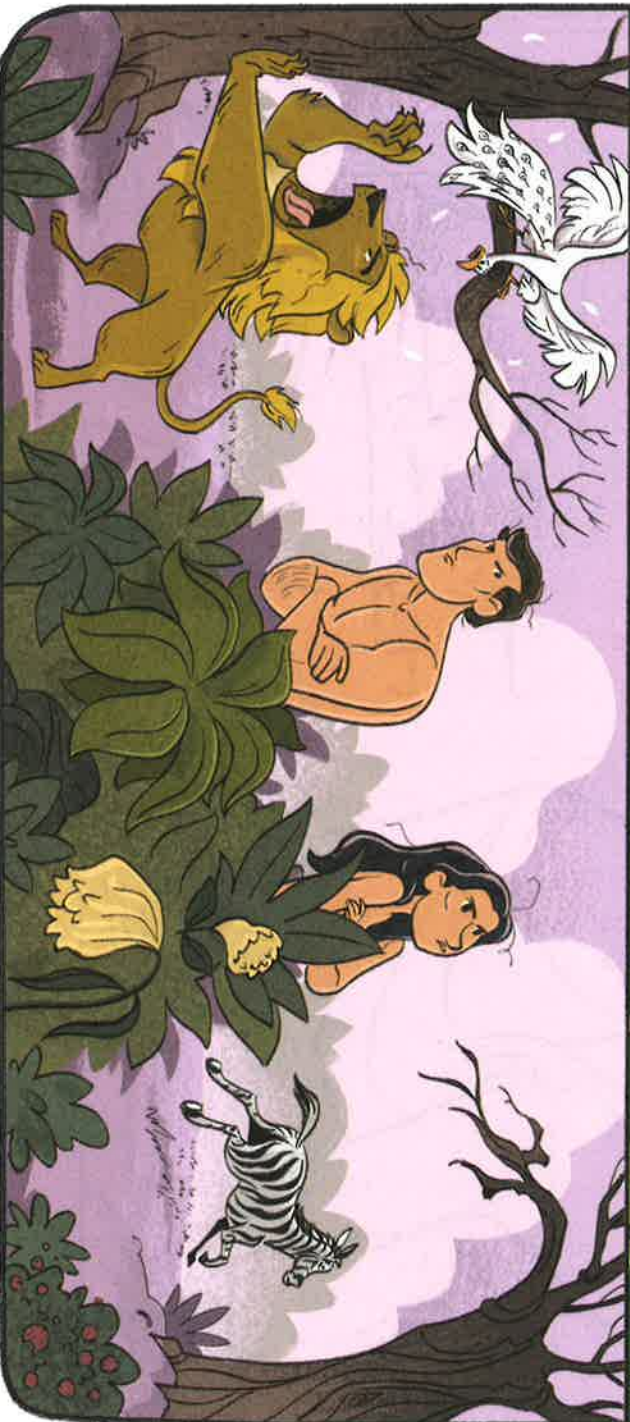
- Use the Internet to research some unusual laws in effect around the world. For example, in parts of Georgia, USA, children under 16 cannot play arcade games after 11:00 p.m. Talk about silly laws with your kids, and ask them to come up with their own silly laws for your household. Then discuss why God's laws are not silly, but for our good.



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# What Changed?

INSTRUCTIONS: Look at the two pictures. Circle the things that are different in the second picture.



Preschool Activity Pages

Unit 1 • Session 3

**Sin Entered the World**

**BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

- God gave Adam and Eve one rule: they could eat from any tree in the garden, except for one.
- The serpent tricked Eve.
- Adam and Eve broke God's one rule.
- Everything was different after Adam and Eve sinned.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Colossians 1:16b

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

- Who is God? God is our Creator and King.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- How did the serpent trick Eve?
- How did sin change the world? How does sin affect us?
- Why is sin such a terrible thing?
- Whom did God send to fix our sin problem?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- List the rules in your household. Talk about how God's rules are for our good and our joy.
- Go on a walk as a family. Notice ways sin has affected the world, such as overgrown or dead plants, buildings or sidewalks in need of repair, litter, and so forth.



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# SIN ENTERED THE WORLD

## Genesis 3

**Key Verse:** "All things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together!"  
Colossians 1:16b - 17

## BIBLE & SCIENCE

### POP CHOICES

*Supplies: balloons, markers, pointy wooden skewers, cooking oil*

**TRUTH EXPLOSION: We honor God when we control our selfish impulses and make wise decisions.**

1. Stretch out the balloons and blow them half full.
2. Have kids draw or write a few words on their balloon about an unfair event or situation that might cause them to pop off (get upset), and talk about it as they write. **Things happen to us that aren't fair. But that doesn't mean we have to "pop off!" It's the harder choice but the right one.**
3. Have kids brainstorm trusting, positive responses to the situations printed on their balloons. **Because God is fair and just, we can trust him to make things come out right. God can help us develop thick skin so we don't "pop off", but choose careful responses.**
4. Coat a skewer with oil.
5. Using a gentle twisting motion, push the skewer through the "dark circle" (the thickest part of the balloon) on top. The balloon shouldn't pop. Demonstrate, then let kids try their own balloons.

### Lab Results:

1. What kept the balloon from popping? (Careful work, going slow, self control)
2. Why is it sometimes hard to control ourselves when we want to "pop off"?
3. What will help you remember to make good choices the next time you're tempted?

**In our Bible lesson today Adam and Eve failed to control their choices and suffered the consequences. When we control our own impulses when things are unfair, we honor God with our actions and attitudes. Self-control takes the prize every time.**

## STAMP A TREE

*Supplies: print out a bare tree printable, paper towel tubes, green paint, dobbers or other colors of paint*

1. Cut paper towel tubes into 3-inch lengths. Flatten one end of each tube so the edges form a leaf shape.
2. Squirt green paint onto a foam plate, and invite children to drip the flattened edge of the tube into the paint and then stamp it onto their "bare" tree to create a leaf.
3. Encourage them to repeat the process until their tree is full of leaves.
4. Give them the paint daubers to add fruit to their tree (or for older kids, have them paint fruit onto their trees).

\*God filled the garden with many trees for Adam and Eve to eat from, but Adam and Eve broke God's one rule and ate from the tree God said not to. Their sin changed God's perfect world. Since then, everybody has sinned. Sin keeps us from God, but God never stops loving us. He sent His Son, Jesus, to rescue people from sin and bring them back to God.



### BEANBAG TOSS

Use masking tape or painter's tape to outline a target (three concentric circles) on the floor at one side of the room. Line up the kids on the other side of the room. Instruct players to take turns tossing a beanbag toward the target. Award a point for each beanbag that lands in the center circle. For an added challenge, have them throw with their non-dominant hand.

*How often did you miss the mark? The word sin comes from a Greek word that means "to miss the mark". When we sin, we miss the mark of God's standard for us. What did we learn about sin in today's Bible lesson?*

### DON'T COME DOWN

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

*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. But thankfully we have Jesus, who died for our sins, to help bring us closer to God, since we can't do it on our own.*

### SORT FRUITS & VEGGIES

Set out an assortment of fruits and vegetables (toy or real, or even printed pictures can work). Encourage your young kids to sort the items. They could sort by whether they are a fruit or a vegetable, by color, or size.

*God gave Adam and Eve all the food they needed in the garden, but they ate from the one tree God said not to eat from. Adam and Eve broke God's one rule. Everything was different after Adam and Eve sinned. Since then, everyone has sinned. Sin keeps us from God, but God never stops loving us. He sent His son, Jesus, to rescue people from sin and bring them back to God.*

# DOWNTOWN ZOO QUESTIONS

*After watching our video and reading the provided Bible passage go through these questions as a family. These are great questions to discuss as a family. Don't just have your child answer, answer them together and discuss the lesson.*

1. What did God put in the garden for Adam and Eve to eat from?
2. What was the one rule God gave Adam and Eve? Who tricked Eve into breaking that rule?
3. What happened after Adam and Eve ate the fruit?
4. What did God make for Adam and Eve?

## UPTOWN KIDS QUESTIONS (LIGHTHOUSE & THRIVE)

1. What are some rules your parents have for you? Why do you think they give you those rules?
2. What was God's one command to Adam and Eve?
3. What did the serpent suggest would really happen if they disobeyed God?
4. Why do you think Adam and Eve disobeyed God?
5. Why do you think people sin against God?
6. What does sin do to us and our relationships with God and other people?