

5th Grade

Unit 3: Sin and Its Consequences

Truth 15: Adam and Eve sinned against God.

INTRODUCTIONS/ WEEKLY TRUTH:

- **Booklet:** Write today's truth: "Adam and Eve sinned against God."

MEMORY WORK: Lead the group in a discussion about why memorization is important when it comes to scripture and other important works of faith. See if they remember the following points:

- **Booklet:** Have kids write the unit Bible verse: Romans 6:23 ~ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- **Game:** Reinforce the verse for today by using one of the activities in the Memory Verse Activity Box.

BIBLE TRIVIA

- **Booklet:** Have Instruct kids to fill in the blanks for the following Bible trivia and then go over the answers as a class. Use one of the games from the list to review the answers.
 14. Adam was the first man God created. He formed Adam in His image from the dust of the earth. He then formed Eve from Adam's rib.
 15. Satan tricked Eve into eating fruit from the forbidden tree. She gave the fruit to Adam who also ate.
 16. Because of Adam and Eve's sin, death entered into the world.
 17. Cain and Abel were Adam and Eve's first two children. Cain killed Abel out of anger because God favored his sacrifice over Cain's.
- **Game:** Reinforce today's trivia by doing an activity from the Trivia list.

APOSTLE'S CREED: Recite the Apostles' Creed together. Point out that the Apostle's Creed begins with "I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth..." Explain that you've been studying who God is and what he's done in the world. You've learned how God the Father created all things good. Soon you'll be studying how Jesus came to save us. But first, the next unit (on sin) will show us why the Father needed to send his Son to save us.

DISCUSSION:

Read Genesis 2:15-17.

Think of the awesome world God created, and think of all the wonderful things God gave to Adam and Eve. In this passage we learn that there was just one thing God withheld from them. What did God command? ("You must not eat the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.")

If Adam and Eve disobeyed God's command and ate from the forbidden tree, what would be the consequence? ("If you do, you will certainly die.")

Who did God give the command to not eat from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, was Eve there? (God told Adam before Eve was alive. Therefore it was his responsibility to make sure that she knew.)

Read Genesis 3:1-6.

What animal came along and spoke to Eve about the forbidden tree? (The animal was a serpent.)

Why do you think it was extra sneaky for the serpent to talk to Eve and not to Adam who was nearby? (It was Adam that God had told not to eat, yet the serpent approached Eve.)

How did the serpent tempt Eve to disobey God? (He caused her to doubt God's clear instructions. He caused her to doubt God's truthfulness and goodness. He lied to her and told her she wouldn't die if she disobeyed God.)

Did Eve listen to God or to the serpent? (Help kids to see that she not only listened to the serpent, she also convinced Adam to as well.)

Did Eve need the food from the tree? (No, there was plenty of food in the garden for Adam and Eve to eat. God had provided for all of their needs.)

Why do you think Eve listened to the serpent? Does her decision surprise you? What do you think you would have done? (Encourage discussion.)

Read Genesis 5:5.

Did Adam die? (Yes, after 930 years, Adam died.)

What does this tell you about God's timing and how He follows His word? (God always follows His word, but His timing isn't the same as ours. While Adam and Eve didn't die immediately, they did eventually die just as God said they would.)

Extended Discussion: It is easy to judge Adam and Eve for succumbing to temptation in the garden. They didn't need food, and wanted something that they had never had. They didn't even know if the fruit tasted good! It is important to remember that we are just like them. Can you think of a time when you really wanted something and then once you got it, you realized that it just wasn't worth it? (Encourage discussion.)

Summary: To understand sin, you have to remember that God made us to love him above anything else - above family, above friends, above our favorite activities, above our desires, above our possessions - truly, above *anything* else! Sin is making anything in our lives more important than God, and that is exactly what Adam and Eve did. In that moment when they stood in front of the tree, they desired a beautiful piece of fruit more than God. The Bible calls this "going our own way." This story shows us we need a better Adam. We need someone who perfectly obeys God.

You might be wondering: Where did sin start? The Bible tells us that it actually started in heaven. God's most powerful angel became proud and turned against God. Since that day, the rebellious angel has been called Satan, or the devil. The Bible also calls Satan the "father of lies." He would love to take over the world and spread evil. He tricked Adam and Eve into disobeying God, and he is still lying to us today. The Bible tells us to be aware of Satan and his ways; we need to be "watchful" and we need to pray. We can pray that we will "love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind and with all our strength."

PRAYER: Ask kids if they have any prayer requests. Lead the kids in reciting the **Lord's Prayer** together, then pray as you feel led.

SNACK AND COMMUNITY TIME: Pass out snacks and water if needed. Spend the rest of the time in fellowship or consider doing a communal game from the list if kids are getting antsy and need more structure.

- **Memory Challenges:** Allow any kids who want to attempt one of the memory challenges to do so.