

LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

Sin is never worth the consequences.

OBJECTIVE:

Kids will discuss how sin is never worth the consequences that come from it.

KEY PASSAGE:

Genesis 3:1-13, 21-24, The Fall of Man

MEMORY VERSE:

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SUMMARY:

The Fall - Adam and Eve lived in paradise until they sinned against God. Kids will learn that all of us have done things that don't measure up to God, but God still loves us.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for loving us in spite of our sin.

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*

MEMORY VERSE

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LARGE GROUP:

As a group, see if the kids can recite the memory verse without seeing it on screen. Then put the verse on screen and read it once more together.

SMALL GROUP:

Have the kids practice saying their memory verse, and then see who can say it backwards.

SKIT

NEVER BE THE SAME

ITEMS NEEDED:

An all white costume for Light

An all black costume for Dark

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:

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CHARACTERS:

Light

Dark

Light is on stage. Dark enters.

LIGHT: Oh thank goodness you're here. I thought this day would never end!

DARK: Well, hello to you too, pal. Everything okay?

LIGHT: No, nothing is not okay. Nothing will ever be okay again!

DARK: Bad day?

LIGHT: The worst. Take a look and see.

DARK: Okay. What am I looking at? Hey, where is everybody? There's no one in the garden!

LIGHT: They're outside the garden. They've been kicked out.

DARK: Kicked out? Why?

LIGHT: You remember the tree that God said, "Do not eat this one?"

DARK: No!

LIGHT: They ate it. They disobeyed God!

SKIT

DARK: I don't believe it. After all He's given them?

LIGHT: They've been cursed, Dark. They're going to live without God from now on. And when they get old, they will die.

DARK: Did they apologize to Him?

LIGHT: They tried.

DARK: Well maybe they can make it up to Him some way.

LIGHT: No. They've changed, Dark. They're sinners now. They thought eating the fruit would make them like God, but it separated them. There's nothing they can do to make up for that.

DARK: I'm really sorry to see that.

LIGHT: It's over, Dark. All of this, it's over. It'll never be the same.

DARK: No, it can't be over. I'm sure God has a plan to fix it.

LIGHT: Yeah, how do you know?

DARK: The world's still here, isn't it? The world he made for them, has it stopped turning?

LIGHT: No.

DARK: The animals are still here. The plants are still here. He hasn't asked any one else to care for them, has he?

LIGHT: No.

DARK: Hey, you and I are still here. Darkness falls in the evening, light comes in the morning.

LIGHT: I hope so.

DARK: I know they messed up, and that breaks my heart. But something tells me God's not done with them. He went to a lot of trouble to make this world, and I've seen the way He looks at those two. He loves them! He's not going to let them get away.

LIGHT: Then what's he gonna do?

SKIT

DARK: I have no clue. But if He can speak the two of us into existence, form a world in seven days—

LIGHT: Six days.

DARK: Six days, and form the two of them in His image, He will find a way to save them.

OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

ITEMS NEEDED:

A cast, splint, or air cast

How many of you, at one time, have had to wear one of these?

Ask a few kids what they did to end up in a cast/splint.

Some people end up in one of these by accident. Other people end up in one of these because they thought they were a Hollywood stuntman. They thought to themselves, “I can jump that far.” Or, “It’s not that far to the ground.” Or, “I bet the weight of that thing will hold me.” One slip, one misstep, and they’re in the emergency room, not because of an accident, but because they really thought they knew better.

Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit because they thought they knew better. They believed the lie, that they would become like God, and they learned too late that sin is never worth it. Whatever we think we may gain from our sin, it’s never worth it, because sin separates us from the one thing we need most – our Creator.

Sin is never worth the consequences. Even if no one else on Earth knows, God knows. But God also loves us, and He is quick to forgive when we ask.

Let’s say no to sin, and let’s say yes to obeying a God who loves us!

LARGE GROUP GAME

LET'S MAKE A DEAL

ITEMS NEEDED:

A McDonalds gift card

A box

Broccoli

INSTRUCTIONS:

Choose one player for this game. Bring them up on stage and give them a McDonalds gift card for a small amount (\$1 to \$5). Tell them they can keep the card, or trade it for what is in the mystery box. Let the player decide what they want to do, and if they want the mystery box, take away the gift card. Then reveal what is in the mystery box - a bunch of broccoli!

(You may opt to give the player back the McDonalds card - especially if it's a younger player - once the point is made.)

VARIATION:

If time allows, you can do 2-3 rounds of this. Sometimes the mystery box has a better prize. Other times it does not. Just like the old game show.

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INTRO:

Sometimes something looks like a great idea on paper, but it turns out to be a disaster. Even the brightest, most creative people in the world sometimes make mistakes that can be very costly. Many years ago, there was a very popular kids program called The Lone Ranger. The Lone Ranger was the story of a law man in the Old West who wore a mask and brought bad guys to justice. It was a huge hit in the era of radio and TV, and kids everywhere loved to dress up as the Lone Ranger and his best friend Tonto. There were Lone Ranger masks, toys, lunch boxes, T-shirts, you name it. The Lone Ranger was easily one of the most popular characters of his day.

A few years ago, Disney decided to remake The Lone Ranger as a movie. They spared no expense. They went out and hired one of the most popular actors in the world, Johnny Depp, to play Tonto. They spent millions advertising the movie. They had toys and T-shirts and Legos ready to sell to a new generation of kids. It was a disaster! The movie wasn't very good. It was a violent, PG-13 action film that most parents wouldn't allow their kids to see. It also wasn't very good. The movie was a complete failure, and stores were left with millions of dollars in toys, T-shirts, and Legos nobody wanted.

Disney was lucky. They have the money and the power to survive a million dollar flop like The Lone Ranger. Many other companies have gone out of business because they invested in something they thought was a good idea that turned into a disaster. Jobs have been lost and careers ruined because someone made the decision to put all their money into a bad idea.

For the last several weeks, we've been studying the Book of Genesis and the story of Creation. We saw how God made the world, and how beautiful and good it was. There were no bad choices in God's Creation. Everything had a purpose. Everything was in its proper place. Today, however, we're going to see that one bad idea nearly ruined God's perfect plan.

LARGE GROUP LESSON

READ GENESIS 3:1-13, 21-24

MAIN POINT:

Adam and Eve were given a paradise. God told them to tend to the animals and plants. He held back nothing from them except one tree. They were not allowed to eat the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Adam and Eve had no trouble following God's rule until the crafty serpent fed them one little lie: if you eat from the tree, you will be like God!

Adam and Eve thought they knew better than God. They gained the knowledge of good and evil that the serpent promised, but they learned too late that the consequences for their actions were separation from God. Sin is never worth the trouble. Whatever we may gain from disobedience is not worth the price because sin separates us from God.

DRIVE IT HOME:

It would be easy to sit and judge Adam and Eve for their actions. They had one rule to follow, and they blew it. But how often do we do the same thing? We cheat on a test to try to gain a few extra points. We steal something so we don't have to spend our money on it. We take something our parents told us not to take. We use God's name in anger. We allow ourselves to become jealous and bitter. We lie to get ahead.

When we sin we tell ourselves that it's worth it. I deserve that better grade. I deserve to get ahead. I can eat that cookie and no one will ever know. These are all lies, just like the lie the serpent told Adam and Eve. Even if you don't get caught, no sin goes unnoticed. God knows your heart. He knows what you have done. Every sin separates us from God.

The Bible tells us that there's nothing we can do to make up for our sins. There's no amount of good deeds or apologies that can undo the sin and reunite us with God. Only God could bridge the gap caused by sin, and that's exactly what He did. God did not give up on Creation, or us. He loved us so much, He sent His Son Jesus to be the perfect sacrifice for all the sins of the world. Without Jesus there would be no hope, but thanks to Jesus, we can have eternal life!

God wants us to receive Jesus as our Savior, and He wants us to turn away from sin. He knows it is impossible for us to truly go and sin no more, but when we ask for forgiveness, He will forgive, and He will help us to do better the next time. By doing better we will not only draw closer to God, we will avoid the sometimes terrible consequences of our sins.

Sin is never worth it, but even when we sin, God still loves us. Ask Jesus to forgive your sins, and He will give you new life and a second chance!

LARGE GROUP LESSON

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for loving us in spite of our sin.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

ICEBREAKER:

Have you ever had to go to urgent care or the emergency room with a crazy injury?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Psalm 24:1

Have the kids practice saying their memory verse, and then see who can say it backwards.

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

Play a few rounds of musical chairs, and see who can be the last person sitting.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Genesis 3:1-13, 21-24

What was the one thing Adam and Eve were forbidden to do?

What did the serpent say about the forbidden fruit?

What happened after Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit?

Is doing the wrong thing ever worth it, or are there always consequences?

What should we do when we are tempted to do something wrong?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Forgive us for our sins, and help us to always do better.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

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What did the serpent say about the forbidden fruit?

Why do you think Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit?

Why were Adam and Eve punished for eating the forbidden fruit?

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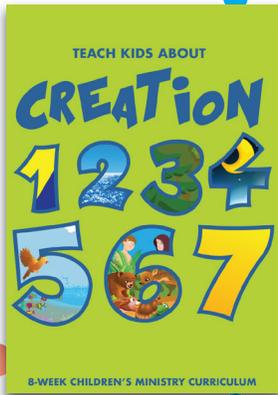
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POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. What was the one rule in the Garden of Eden?
 - A. Do not eat after midnight.
 - B. Do not eat the forbidden fruit.*
 - C. Do not leave the garden.
2. Who tempted Adam and Eve to sin?
 - A. A serpent*
 - B. No one
 - C. An angel
3. What did the serpent say would happen if Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit?
 - A. They would live forever.
 - B. They would become more like God.*
 - C. They would be super strong.
4. What happened when Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit?
 - A. Nothing.
 - B. They died immediately.
 - C. They were cast out of the garden.*
5. Is sin ever worth it?
 - A. Yes, if no one catches you.
 - B. Yes, if it helps you get ahead.
 - C. No, never.*



MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

Creation Lesson 7

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: THE FALL



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

Adam and Eve lived in paradise until they sinned against God. All of us have done things that don't measure up to God, but God still loves us. Genesis 3:1-13, 21-24, The Fall of Man



HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Bad choices have consequences, whether it's breaking rules at home or at school or breaking God's rules. Talk with your kids about the natural consequences that come with making bad choices. Ask them if it's ever okay or worth it to break God's rules.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- What happened when Adam and Eve disobeyed God?
- Why do you think Adam and Eve sinned?
- Is it ever worth it to break God's laws?



AT BEDTIME:

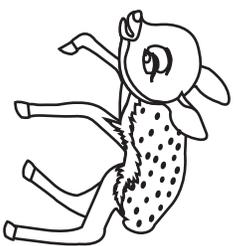
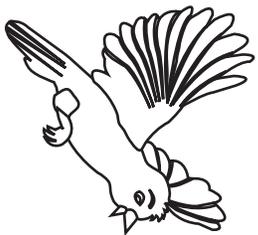
Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

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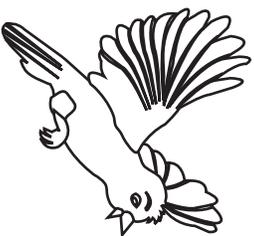


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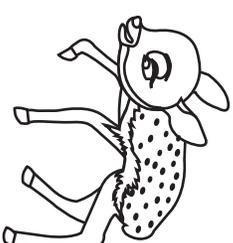
What you need to know: Sin separated us from God. There are no small sins, no little white lies. Even if we think no one will ever know, God knows. The consequences of sin can be big or small, but they are never worth it. If your child has questions about sin or the consequences of bad choices, talk with them about it this week. Pray with them, and ask God to help them to become stronger when they face temptation.



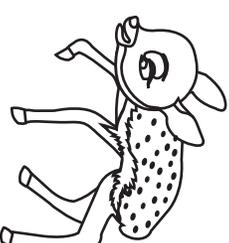
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CRAFT ACTIVITY

Have the kids make STOP signs using red construction paper and white construction paper (for the lettering). You can also print the included stop sign template and let kids color it in with red crayons or markers. Kids can stick these in their Bibles or hang them up as a reminder to say NO to sin.

