

God's Plan: 2 BE WITH US!

Bible Story

The Sin Separation

Genesis 2:8–9, 15–17;
3:1–24

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What happens
when I do wrong
things?

Bible Verse

"Everyone has sinned. No one
measures up to God's glory." Romans 3:23

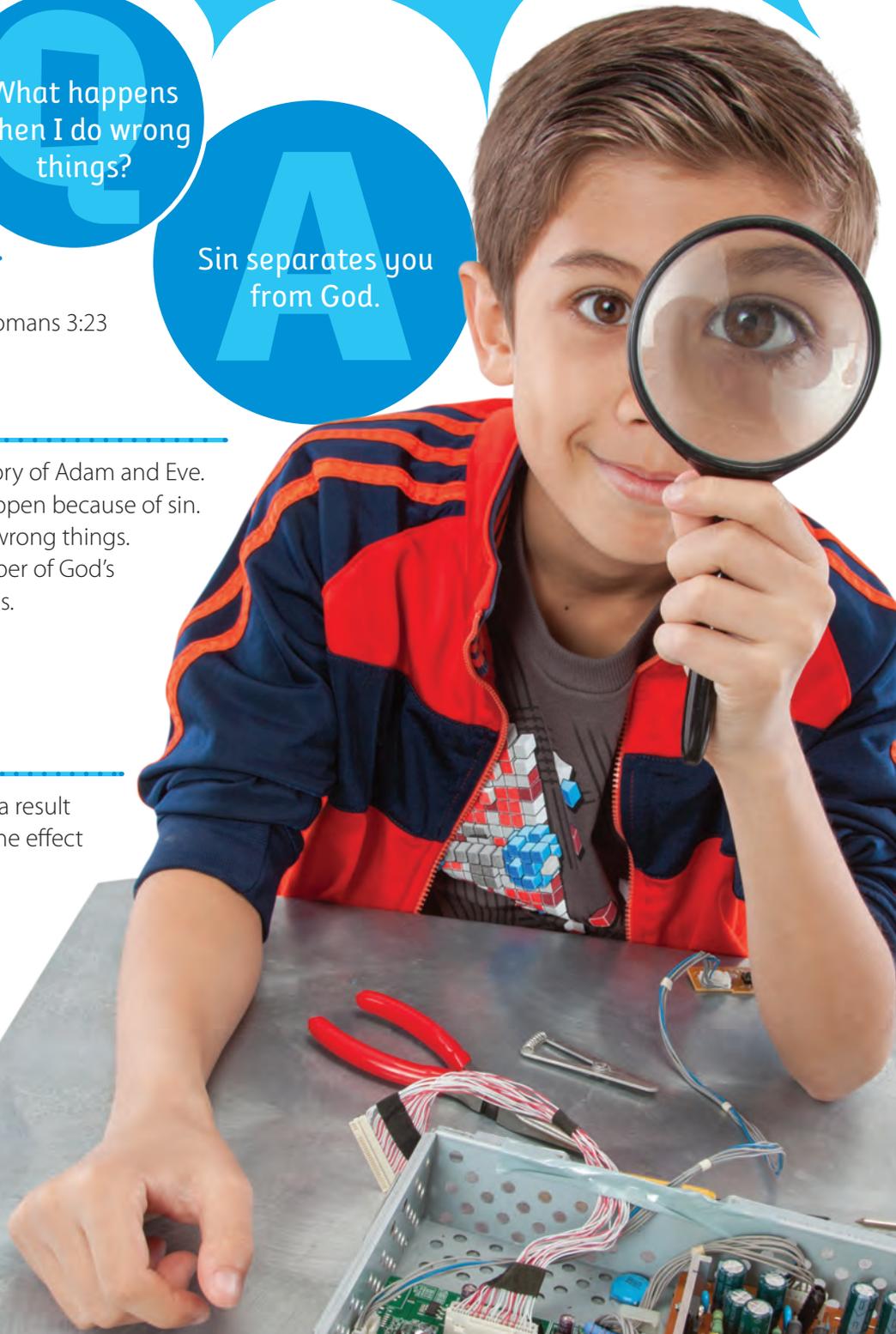
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Session Goals

1. PARTICIPATE in telling the story of Adam and Eve.
2. IDENTIFY things that can happen because of sin.
3. ASK God for help not to do wrong things.
4. CHOOSE to become a member of God's family, as the Holy Spirit leads.

Spark Principle— Cause & Effect

Whatever we do (a cause) has a result (an effect). Whenever we sin, the effect is separation from God.





Broken Heart

A broken heart has long stood for heartache caused by physical or emotional separation. When Adam and Eve sinned, the result was their separation from God—physical, emotional and spiritual. This separation results when we sin, too. The heartache caused by this separation is felt by God and by us as well.

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Although Adam and Eve were created without sin, God gave them the power to choose between right and wrong. They each had a free will. God placed them in a perfect place, the Garden of Eden, and told them they had the freedom and use of the whole garden, except for one thing. God said, “But you must not eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you do, you can be sure that you will die” (Genesis 2:17).

The temptation of Eve began when the serpent put in Eve’s heart the wicked, terrible thought that something other than God’s plan was best. He wanted to make Eve question God’s goodness and to shake her simple faith in God’s love.

All people since the fall, without respect to position or class, have been sinners before God. “Sin entered the world because one man sinned. And death came because of sin. Everyone sinned, so death came to all people” (Romans 5:12). The entire nature of people has been brought under the condemnation and curse of sin. We must have a Savior.

In the same chapter that records this story of sin is the promise of victory over it. Read Genesis 3:15, for here a Redeemer is promised! The Chief Engineer of heaven was working out all of this plan before the world’s foundation and long before people sinned or realized their need. The cross of Calvary stands so related to all the ages that the sacrifice of Jesus Christ “once and for all” (1 Peter 3:18) fulfilled the promise of a Redeemer and provided salvation to all who believe since the very fall of Adam and Eve.

Bible Story Recap

God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden to take care of it and enjoy it. They talked with God face-to-face every day in the cool of the evening.

Adam and Eve were free to eat from every tree that was in the garden—except for the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If they did eat the fruit, they would die.

Then one day, a serpent, the cleverest wild animal God created, spoke to Eve. This serpent was really God’s enemy, Satan. “Did God REALLY say that you couldn’t eat from EVERY tree in the garden?” the serpent slyly asked. When Eve told him about God’s one rule, he replied, “This fruit won’t make you die! It will make you WISE. You will be like God!”

Eve looked at the fruit. It WAS beautiful. And it WOULD be wonderful to be wise like God. She reached out her hand, took the fruit and bit into it. She handed it to Adam, and he bit into it as well. Suddenly, they both knew that they had chosen to do something terribly, terribly wrong.

Soon, Adam and Eve heard God walking in the garden. So they hid! For the first time in their lives, Adam and Eve didn’t want to talk with God. Something had come between them.

When God asked Adam what had happened, Adam blamed Eve. Then Eve blamed the serpent. The truth was that they both had chosen to disobey God. Because of their sin, Adam and Eve would have troubles that they had never known before—sadness and hard work and pain. They would grow old and they would die, just as God had warned them.

Daily Recap

At the end of each session, take time to reflect on what happened. Use these questions as a guide:

- 🕒 What was your greatest struggle today? How did you respond?
- 🕒 Thank God for wanting to be with you! Invite Him to prepare the hearts of the kids to respond to their need to be with Him.
- 🕒 Pray, asking God to help each child in your class understand His love and salvation this week.

Bible Story Review Game

Truth Tellers

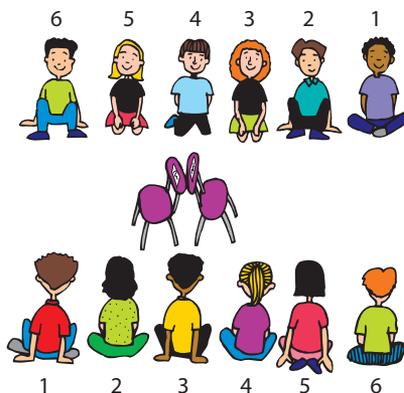
Preparation

Photocopy Session 2 Question Sheet and True and False Cards. Keep Question Sheet on hand during the game. Cut True and False Cards apart and tape one to each chair. Use masking tape to make two parallel lines about 8 feet (2.4 m) apart. Place two chairs back-to-back between the lines.

Procedure

Group divides into two teams. Teams sit on the floor behind the lines, facing each other. Indicate which chair has been designated "True" and which one is "False."

Players in each line count off from left to right.



in the correct chair wins a point. A bonus point is awarded if the team can correct any false statement.

For each round, call out a different manner of movement: walking backward, crawling, crab walking, moon walking, etc. Ask a tiebreaker question if players arrive at the chair at the same time.

Conversation

What is our Daily Plan today? I'll start it and you finish: God's Plan is . . . Pause for children to respond, "2 BE WITH Us!" **Isn't it great that God wants to be with us? The problem is, sin gets in the way and separates us from God. It's like how when we do something wrong to someone, we often don't want to be around that person. Even though God loves us, the wrong things we do separate us from Him. God loves us too much to leave things that way. He made a way for us to be with Him, even though we sin! And that way is through Jesus. Remember: God's Plan for You = Jesus!**

Materials

- Bible
- Session 2 Question Sheet (p. 46)
- True and False Cards (p. 47)
- scissors or paper cutter
- masking tape
- 2 chairs

We have been filling our brains with a lot of awesome information about God's plan. Let's make sure all our data is correct. Read aloud a question from the Question Sheet. Then call out a number and a manner of moving to the chairs. **Number 3! Walk heel-to-toe!**

The two players with that number walk in the manner called out to the chair with the card that correctly answers the question. The team whose player is the first to be fully seated



Bible Verse Game

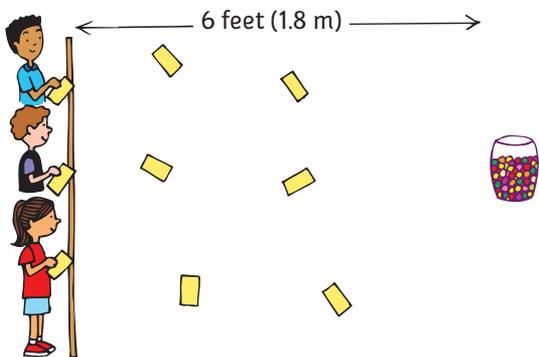
Jumpin' Jelly Beans

Preparation

Post Session 2 Bible Verse Poster where children can see it. Place jar of jelly beans on the floor. Use masking tape to make a line about 6 feet (1.8 m) away from the jar.

Procedure

Welcome back to SonSpark Labs! In our game lab, we have devised a test to see how far young Homo sapiens can jump when given a reward. If you can make it to the jar of jelly beans in one jump, the jar is yours! Children write their initials on the three Post-it Notes and number them 1, 2 and 3. They are given three chances to jump from the masking-tape line to the jar of jelly beans in one jump (no running starts).



With each jump, children say a phrase from Romans 3:23: first jump—"Everyone has sinned;" second jump—"No one measures up;" third jump—"to God's glory." With each jump, children place a Post-it Note to mark where they landed.

Conversation

How did you do in reaching the goal? Children point out their Post-it Notes. **Who reached the jar of jelly beans?** (No one.) **Why not?** (It was too far away. It was impossible.)

Jelly beans are nice, but they're NOT the most important goal in life. Our Bible verse talks about our most important goal and how we've done in reaching it. Children read verse together.



- ⦿ **What does it mean to not measure up to God's glory?** (God is perfect; we aren't. We do wrong things, but God never does.)
- ⦿ **In the Bible, the wrong things we do are called sin. Why do you think all people sin?**

Though some of you got closer than others to reaching the jelly beans, no one's jump measured up. None of us can measure up to God and become a part of His family on our own. Our sin keeps us away from God.

What is our Daily Plan today? I'll start it and you finish: God's Plan is ... Pause for children to respond, "2 BE WITH Us!" **That's why God sent Jesus to Earth to make a way for us to be members of His family. That's what we mean when we say that God's Plan 4 U = Jesus!**

Materials

- ⦿ Bible
- ⦿ Session 2 Bible Verse Poster from *Bible Teaching Poster Pack*

- ⦿ jar of jelly beans
- ⦿ masking tape

For Each Child

- ⦿ 3 Post-it Notes
- ⦿ pencil

Recreation Game

Magnet Tag

Materials

- 🕒 Bible
- 🕒 chalk, rope, tape or other way to mark game boundaries

Preparation

Use chalk, rope, tape or other way to mark the boundaries of a large playing area.

Procedure

Choose one player to be The Magnet. The object of the game is for The Magnet to tag the other players. The other players try to avoid being tagged, but they must remain within the boundaries.



When The Magnet tags someone, the players hold hands to become a larger "magnet." Only the players on either end of the magnet may tag others. Play continues until all the players have been tagged.



Conversation

In order to have fun playing our game, we had to obey the rules. In life, when we do wrong things and don't obey God's rules, that's called "sin."

- 🕒 Today's question is "What happens when I do wrong things?" How would you answer that question?
- 🕒 The answer to our question is that "Sin separates you from God." Why is it important to know that sin separates us from God?

Adam and Eve were close with God before they sinned. Now sin is a part of the world God created to be perfect. Each of us sins, and we need God's forgiveness to be close with Him.

Younger Elementary Adaptation: Make playing area smaller.

Older Elementary Adaptation: Whenever the number of players in The Magnet reaches six, players break into two groups of three.



Alternate Recreation Game

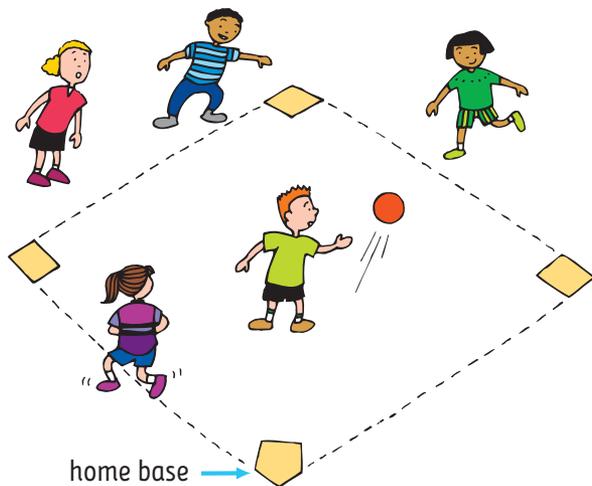
Back It Up!

Preparation

Set up bases, traffic cones or markers in a diamond shape as in regular kickball. Bases should be about 20 feet (6 m) apart.

Procedure

Divide group into two teams. Explain that the game is played like regular kickball; but in this “reverse universe,” players must run around the bases backward (going to third base first). Runners must be tagged with the ball to be out. If a runner reaches home base without being tagged, his or her team gets one point. Teams take turns after three outs. (Optional: In-



crease the challenge by having players run the bases facing backward as well.)

Conversation

Today we're discovering that God wants to be with us. But our sins separate us from Him.

- **What is sin?** (The wrong things we all do.)
- **What are some of the wrong things kids your age do?** (Cheat on a test. Argue with friends. Not do chores. Be mean to brother or sister.)
- **What can happen as a result of these wrong things, or sins?** (Get in trouble at school. Not be able to play with friends. Get grounded or have a time-out.)

Another thing that happens when we do wrong things is that we become separated from God. But God had a plan so that we don't have to stay apart from Him. That plan is all about Jesus—GP4U = J! Every day at SonSpark Labs, we're going to discover more about this amazing plan of God's.

Materials

- Bible
- 4 bases, traffic cones or other large markers
- rubber kickball

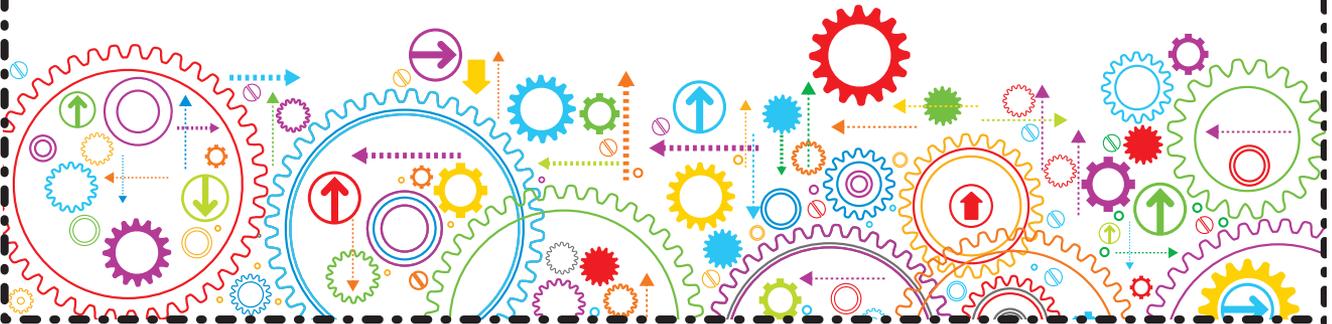


Session 2 Question Sheet

- ⦿ **God created Adam and Eve to know Him and to love Him. True or False?** (True.)
- ⦿ **God told Adam and Eve they could eat ANYTHING from any tree in the Garden of Eden. True or False?** (False. They were told not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.)
- ⦿ **God said that if they ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, they would fall into a deep, deep sleep. True or False?** (False. God said that they would die.)
- ⦿ **The serpent, Satan, told Eve that she wouldn't die if she ate the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. True or False?** (True.)
- ⦿ **One result of Adam and Eve's disobedience to God is that now sin is in the world. True or False?** (True.)
- ⦿ **The only people who sin are criminals. True or False?** (False. All people sin.)
- ⦿ **Even though Eve sinned and ate the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, Adam didn't eat the fruit. True or False?** (False. Adam also ate the fruit.)
- ⦿ **According to our verse, no one measures up to God's glory. True or False?** (True.)
- ⦿ **When we say that something or someone doesn't measure up, it means that the person or thing is too short. True or False?** (False. It means that we aren't good enough.)
- ⦿ **When our verse says that we don't measure up to God's glory, it means that we aren't as good and perfect as God is. True or False?** (True.)
- ⦿ **"Sin" is a Bible word for the wrong things we all do. True or False?** (True.)
- ⦿ **Even though kids sometimes do wrong things, it doesn't count, because they're just kids. True or False?** (False. It doesn't matter if you are a kid or a grown-up. Sinning separates you from God.)
- ⦿ **As a result of doing wrong things, a kid could get in trouble at school, not be able to play with friends, get grounded or have a time-out. True or False?** (True.)
- ⦿ **Most people feel really good because of the wrong things they've done. True or False?** (False. Most people feel bad. The separation from God makes them feel sad.)
- ⦿ **When we sin, we are not close to God anymore. True or False?** (True.)
- ⦿ **God promised to make a way to be close to us again. True or False?** (True.)
- ⦿ **God did something to end the separation caused by our sin because He loves us and wants to be close to us. True or False?** (True.)

True and False Cards (Session 2)

True



False

