



Parent Newsletter



Session 2 God's Plan: 2 BE WITH Us!

Q
What happens when I do wrong things?

A
Sin separates you from God.

Bible Verse

Preschool: Everyone has sinned. No one is as good as God is.

(See Romans 3:23.)

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

Spark Principle—Cause & Effect

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

Parent Devotional

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 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.

Discussion Questions

- ❖ **What was God's one rule for Adam and Eve?** (They could not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.)
- ❖ **Who told Eve that she would NOT die if she ate this tree's fruit?** (The serpent. Satan.)
- ❖ **What happened when Adam and Eve disobeyed God's one rule?** (Sin came into the world.)
- ❖ **What are some wrong things, or sins, a kid your age might do?** (Cheat. Argue. Fight. Lie. Disobey. Not do chores. Be mean to brother or sister.)
- ❖ **What happens when we do things like these?** (We get in trouble. We're put in time-out or grounded. We feel bad, mad, ashamed.) **What happens to our relationship with God?** (We are not close to God anymore.)
- ❖ **What did God do about the separation caused by our sin?** (Sent Jesus to make a way for our sins to be forgiven.)



God's Plan 4 U = Jesus!

Cause and Effect

