

Sunday School Family Sheet: The First Sin

Sunday, September 27, 2020

This sheet is for an adult member of the home to use as a guide for discussing the Sunday School Bible lesson with children.

For this lesson: You will need either:
1) a Bible, or
2) 365 Bible Stories and Prayers
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1. **Read.** Read aloud either Genesis 3 or page 16 in 365 Bible Stories and Prayers. Before reading aloud, ask the children to keep these questions in mind (go over answers after reading the text, see #2):
 - a. Did God give Adam and Eve enough food?
(Yes! He gave them a garden full of good food!)
 - b. Did God ask Adam and Eve not to do?
(Eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil)
 - c. What did the snake want Adam and Eve to do?
(To eat the fruit they weren't supposed to)
 - d. Why do you think he wanted that?
(To make God angry and get them in trouble)
 - e. What happened when Adam and Eve did not do what God wanted?
(They were punished and take away from the beautiful garden.)
2. **Talk.** After reading, return to each question and ask what the children think, and guide them towards the answers. Also ask some further questions: 1) We've learned that God created everything in love and treated Adam and Eve very well, giving them good food! Since He didn't want them to eat the fruit of just this one tree, do you think it was for their good, or because He was mean (answer: for their good!). 2) Have you ever found it hard to obey a rule, like Adam and Eve? 3) Have you ever been punished? Why do you think God punished Adam and Eve? *Note:* if the child asks who the snake is, say that he is the devil, or an angel who did not listen to God and tries to make things bad on earth.
3. **Teach.** After you've talked a bit, share these or similar thoughts: This story teaches us that God wants us to listen to His Word and trust it. When He says not to do something, it's for our good, and we should not do it. If he says to do something, it is also for our good, and we should do as He says. If we don't, then that is called sin. Not to listen to God's word is to sin. The rest of the Bible tells us how God has helped people (including us!) even though they sin, because God is love.
4. **Pray.** After you've taught that simple message—just one simple message will do!—pray this prayer or another like: “O God, we are sorry that we, like Adam and Eve, don't always listen to Your Word and sin. But we know that You are a kind God who loves us and forgives us. Forgive us every day, and hear our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen”