Relational – Lesson 4

Memory Verse: Genesis 1:27 "God created man in his own image."
Key Point: God created us to have a relationship with him!
Bible Verse: Genesis 3, John 3:16–18

SCHEDULE:

Center Time
around 10 minutes
Help the individuals transition by actively engaging them from the beginning. Try setting up centers to color, play with blocks and Play-Doh, or do puzzles.

Memory Verse
Use the Memory Verse page and images to go over the memory verse by placing them in the correct order on the board (personal or pocket chart).

Activity/Coloring Sheet (optional)

Big Group Time (optional)

Lesson
- Read through the lesson below. For a shortened version, just read the bolded words.
- Within the lesson, there are numbers that correspond to the story point pictures. For example, (1) corresponds to the first story point and picture, and so on.
- Allow individuals to place pictures on the board (personal or pocket chart) in sequential order.
- Key Point
- Use the review questions to check for understanding.

Video (optional)

Repeat Key Point & Memory Verse
Use the activities below for repetition of the story points, key points, and memory verse.
- Act out the Story.
- Bean Bag Toss: restate part of the story, memory verse, or key point when tossing.
- Hangman: play hangman using key points or parts of the story.

Activity/Coloring Sheet (optional)

Five Finger Gospel (optional)

LESSON:

God created the heavens and the earth. He made day and night, seas and dry land, flowers, trees, all the animals, and even people! And it was good! He also made a beautiful garden called Eden. **God put Adam and Eve in the Garden to "work it and watch over it. (1)"**

There was one rule Adam and Eve were supposed to follow (2) in Eden. **They were told** by God, "**You may eat the fruit of every tree in the garden-except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (3)**." **Adam and Eve chose to sin by eating the fruit** (4). Because of their sin, they couldn't live in the Garden of Eden with God anymore. **Because of sin**, brokenness is in the world and life is not the way God wanted it to be for us. **Adam and Eve broke their relationship with God and could not fix it** (5) and neither can we.

God loves us so much that he wants us to be in a good relationship with him (6). He doesn't want our relationship with him to be broken. Even though we choose sin, God chose to make a way to fix our relationship with him. **God sent his son Jesus to take the punishment for us** (7). He is the only person who NEVER disobeyed God or sinned.

Because **Jesus never sinned**, He did not deserve to be punished for sin. **But because he loves us, Jesus died on the cross and took all of our sin** (8) on himself. He took our punishment in-stead. If we trust him as the one who paid for our sin and we are sorry we disobeyed, he for-gives and forgets all of our sin! **Not only does Jesus fix what we broke, but he makes it even better than before** (9)! The Bible says he makes us brand new. **Even though we do sin, we can have a relationship with God because of Jesus** (10). He loves us that much!

Sin is the cause of brokenness, but Jesus makes relationships with God whole again. We can choose to follow Jesus and have our sins forgotten and our relationship with him whole again.

Key Point: **God created us to have a relationship with him!**

Review Questions

Group A	Group B
Were Adam and Eve given instructions and rules in the garden/Eden? (Yes)	What breaks our relationship with God? (Sin.)
Did Adam and Eve follow the rules? (No)	Who made a way to fix our relationship with God? (Jesus, God.)
What happened when they disobeyed God? (Sin)	Who does God want a relationship with? (Us.)
Who was sent to take the punishment for our sins? (Jesus)	Who lived a perfect life and never sinned? (Jesus.)
Does everyone Sin? (Yes)	Who took the punishment for our sin? (Jesus.)
Did Jesus sin? (No)	Who should we follow? (Jesus.)
We can have a relationship with God because of who? (Jesus)	