



LESSON 3

1st and 2nd Grade

Principle: Running from God when we sin, blaming others, and the consequences of sin.

Bible Character: Adam and Eve

Scripture Reference: Genesis 3:1-13, 22-24



PERSONAL PREPARATION: As you prepare for this weekend, read through Genesis

3. Think about how sin entered our world, and what the consequences of sin were. Adam and Eve disobeyed God's command, and broke their perfect, harmonious relationship with God. Eve acted autonomously in taking the fruit, and Adam passively stood by, as they brought sin into the world and disorder in all of creation.

Spend some time evaluating the sin in your own life. What is your immediate response to your sin? Do you choose to run *from* God or run *to* God? Sin disrupted the perfect relationship that man had with God. The consequences of sin are what we still struggle with today: guilt and shame, hiding from God and others, blaming others, and ultimately separation from God.

How do you fight against the temptation to sin? What kinds of tactics does Satan use to tempt you to sin? Do you recognize when Satan is trying to tempt you to sin? The most powerful tool to fight off temptations to sin is God's Word. Studying God's Word is an important part of following God and creating a lifestyle of glorifying Him. Study Ephesians 6:10-18 this week to learn more about how God's Word is our armor. Spend time in prayer asking God to expose how you handle sin, and reflect on what God's Word reveals to you about dealing with sin.

PLUG IN TIME - 5-10 minutes as the kids begin to arrive

Arrive early to check the supplies in the bin and review the lesson. Write today's principle on the whiteboard. Remember to greet all campers upon arrival; meet their parents; welcome and introduce all visitors. Create a welcoming cabin for all campers!

Ask your campers what their favorite kind of fruit is. (Allow responses.) Pick up the piece of fruit from the supply bin and place it on the table. Ask the kids not to touch it.

Read Genesis 2:16-17.

16 But the Lord warned him, “You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden – 17 except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.”

Ask the children to look at the piece of fruit and tell you what they see. Let them hold it and smell it if they want. Prompt them with these questions: Does it look good? Smell good? Are you tempted to eat it? This little piece of fruit looks good to eat and smells like it would taste good. God told Adam and Eve that they were not to eat fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, or they would suffer the consequence of death.

What does “consequence” mean? Do you know what consequences are? For example, if your mom tells you not to eat a cookie before dinner but you do anyway, you may not finish all of your dinner. And you may get in trouble for disobeying your mom. Those are both consequences of not obeying what your mom asked. Consequences are the result of actions you take. After Big Group, we are going to talk about the consequences of being disobedient. What’s a consequence for disobedience that you have experienced?



BIG GROUP TIME - 35-40 minutes

As you line up, remind campers we are going to have fun as an entire Camp Grace group! We are going to live out GRACE by **Glorifying God** through worship, **Respecting All Leaders**, and **Accepting Responsibility** to listen with attentive ears, minds, and hearts – fully **Celebrating Christ** with passion! We should **Encourage Others** to do the same, by not distracting them from their worship of God.

The Bridge to Small Group

Today we are going to study about sin. We will look in God’s Word to see when sin first entered into our world. We will also study what the consequences of sin are, and how we can recognize and fight against Satan’s attempts to tempt us to sin.

Small Group Time - 25-30 minutes

Getting Started

If your cabin did well in Big Group, acknowledge it. If not, take a couple of minutes to talk about how they can do better next time.

What did you learn in Big Group? Who had the right answers in the game? (Adam.) But did those answers show the way God wants us to act? (No.) So why did Adam keep winning? (He was blaming others and the show was called the Blame Game.) Today we’ll talk about how blaming others is a consequence of sin and got started with Adam and Eve, but first let’s remember what we studied last week.

How did God create man and woman? (Allow response.) God created man by breathing life into him. He created woman from man, and for man. Why did God create man and woman? (Allow response.) God created man and woman in His own image to be in relationship with Him, to worship Him, and to

reflect who He is to the world. This is our purpose, as well. God has a specific plan for each of us. He met Adam's needs by creating Eve (He created woman to be a helper to man); God meets our needs as well.

God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, put them in charge of all living things, and created a beautiful life for them by giving them everything they would ever need. He let them do whatever they wanted in the garden, except they were not allowed to eat any fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. We read about this in Genesis 2:16-17 before we went to Big Group. We're going to see how Satan used that fruit to create a huge mess.

Before we get started, let's talk about Satan. Satan is God's enemy. He wants to be more powerful than God. Satan is not like God, though; he is not all-knowing, he cannot be in all places at all times, and he is certainly not all-powerful. God created Satan, and God is greater than anything He has created. Satan hates God so much for this that he tries to tempt us to disobey God.

Let's begin reading in Genesis 3.

Genesis 3:1-3

1 The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?" 2 "Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," the woman replied. 3 "It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.'"

Satan made himself look like a serpent (snake), and he tried to tempt Eve into disobeying God. How did Eve know that she was not supposed to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? (Allow responses.) God had already told her not to eat from it. God warned Adam and Eve that they could eat from any tree except for the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He said they would die if they ate from it. Eve knew exactly what she was not supposed to do.

Let's see what happens next.

Genesis 3:4-7

4 "You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. 5 "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil."

6 The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. 7 At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

What did Satan say to Eve that tempted her to eat the fruit? (Allow responses.) He told her she would not die, and that she would be like God. Was it the truth? (Allow responses.) No, Satan told her a lie. Eve listened to Satan's lie and ate the fruit, and then Adam ate it too. Eve did what she wanted to do instead of obeying what God told her to do. Adam also sinned because he did not stop Eve from eating, and he ate the fruit too. Satan was able to make both Eve and Adam sin by telling a lie. Satan still uses lies today to tempt us to sin against God.

Act It Out



The purpose is to emphasize how Satan deceived Adam and Eve.

Supplies:

Bible

4 campers (God, Adam, Eve, Satan)

Have 4 campers act out the different parts in Genesis 2:16-17 and Genesis 3:1-7.

Tie It Together



God told Adam and Eve what they were allowed to do, and what He did not want them to do. What was it they were not allowed to do? And what would happen if they disobeyed God? (Allow responses.) They were not allowed to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and if they did then they would die. Satan used this command to trick Eve into thinking she should eat from it. He lied to her, and told her that she would not die, but instead she would be like God. Instead of stopping Eve from eating it and helping her obey God's command, Adam just stood there as she ate from the tree. Then he ate from it, too! Both Adam and Eve sinned by listening to Satan's lie and disobeying God.

Covering Up Sin



The purpose is for the campers to see how Adam and Eve tried to cover up their sin.

Supplies:

Worksheet – “Covering Up Sin” side (1 per camper)

Scissors

Glue/tape

Give each camper a worksheet and have them turn to the “Covering Up Sin” side. Have them cut along the dotted line first, then cut out the word “sin” and the fig leaves for both Adam and Eve. Next, they should glue or tape the word “sin” on Adam and on Eve. Then glue or tape the fig leaves over the word “sin” on Adam and on Eve. (The back of the worksheet will be used in the next activity.)

Tie It Together



After Adam and Eve sinned, their eyes were opened and they felt shame at their nakedness. They made clothes with fig leaves to cover themselves. Did these fig leaves cover their sin too? (Allow responses.) When God came looking for them, they hid from Him because they realized they were naked and they were ashamed. What does “ashamed” mean? (Allow responses.) It's like being embarrassed because you know you did something wrong. Have you ever felt ashamed? Have you ever been caught doing something you were not supposed to do and then you felt really bad and embarrassed? (Allow responses.) Adam and Eve not only tried to cover themselves up, but they tried to hide from God too. God knew what had happened. The fig leaves, and hiding from God, could not

cover up their sin.

Let's continue in Genesis 3.

Genesis 3:11-12

11 "Who told you that you were naked?" the Lord God asked. "Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?" 12 The man replied, "It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it."

How did Adam respond to God's question? Did he admit to God that he disobeyed? (Allow responses.) No, he blamed Eve for giving him the fruit. He did not admit that what he did was wrong in disobeying God. He was playing the Blame Game.

Let's see how Eve responded.

Genesis 3:13

13 Then the Lord God asked the woman, "What have you done?" "The serpent deceived me," she replied. "That's why I ate it."

What did Eve do? (Allow responses.) Eve didn't admit that she disobeyed either! She blamed the snake! She played the Blame Game, too! Because they ate from the tree and sinned for the first time, God sent them out of the garden forever.

Let's review what happened. After Adam and Eve first sinned, their eyes were opened and they were ashamed at being naked, so they made clothes out of fig leaves. Next, Adam and Eve tried to hide from God. God knew what had happened, but He gave them the chance to tell Him about their sin first. They did not tell Him, and instead each blamed someone else. Before they sinned, they were completely pure and in harmony with God; after sinning, they were sent out of the Garden of Eden forever. They were separated forever from God. Do you remember what "consequences" means? (Allow responses.) Consequences are the result of our actions. Adam and Eve had consequences for disobeying, or sinning against God. We also have consequences when we sin.

Consequences of Sin



The purpose of this activity is to help the campers understand the consequences of sin.

Supplies:

Bible

"Consequences of Sin" poster (1 per session)

Worksheet – "Consequences of Sin" side (1 per camper)

Have campers look up the verses and read each verse aloud as you complete the poster as a class. (Teachers may need to do the reading for the younger classes.) After the poster is completed, show campers that their worksheet from earlier has the consequences and the verses on the back, so they can use this as a reminder at home.

1. Genesis 3:7 - Feeling ashamed (sorry or embarrassed)

The first consequence of sin is shame, which also means to feel sorry or embarrassed. Just like Adam and Eve felt ashamed when they sinned, so do we. Our sin makes us feel guilty and ashamed, and makes us want to cover it up.

2. Genesis 3:8 - Hiding from God

Next, sin makes us want to hide from God. Adam and Eve hid from God and we try to hide from Him, too. We hide by staying away from God; we do not read our Bible, pray, or look to others for help. We try to pretend that the sin is not there. We even lie about our sins to try to keep others from knowing about it.

3. Genesis 3:12-13 - Blaming others

Another consequence of sin is blame. Adam and Eve blamed others; we blame others. We try to blame someone else and get them in trouble.

4. Genesis 3:23 - Separation from God

Lastly, sin causes us to be separated from God. God sent Adam and Eve out of the Garden forever. Sin broke the perfect relationship God created between Himself and man. Living apart from God is the same as death.

Tie It Together



What do you think God wants us to do when we sin? (Allow responses.) He wants us to go to Him and ask His forgiveness. We try to run away and hide, but God is everywhere: we cannot hide from Him. We try to blame others, but God knows everything: we cannot keep anything from Him. Because of our sin, we should be separated forever from God. But God sent His Son, Jesus, to pay the price for our sin and allow us to live forever with Him, if we choose to believe and trust in Jesus. God wants us to come to Him, confess our sin and repent, so we can live the life He created us to live in relationship with Him.

Fighting Satan!



The purpose is for the campers to see that God gives us the ability to fight against Satan.

Supplies:

Sword (1 per camper)

Markers

Give each camper a sword to color. Go over the verse on the sword with them a few times.

Tie It Together



Satan is not very creative. He lied to Eve, and he lies to us still. When we believe Satan's lies, we sin against God. This sword helps us remember that we have the best weapon to fight Satan; it is God's Word. When we study God's Word and memorize verses that we keep in our heart, we can fight the lies that Satan sends our way to try to make us sin against God. God meets our needs in every way, and we can depend on Him to help us fight against sin!

Prayer Time

Spend some time in prayer to close small group time. Thank God for sending Jesus to redeem us from our sin so we can live eternally with Him. Ask God to help us fight the temptation to sin so we can glorify Him.



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