



# Adam and Eve Sin

Genesis 3

Third-and fourth-graders have a broadening, yet often unclear, understanding of right and wrong. They may choose to follow rules because conforming to socially acceptable practices is important to them. They may choose to disobey because of social pressures, too. Use this lesson to stress the scriptural basis for the wrongfulness of sin and explore God’s solution.



► **Bible Point**  
God doesn’t want us to sin.

**Key Verse**  
“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).

**Weaving Faith Into Life**  
Children will understand we all sin and that a relationship with Jesus bridges the gap sin creates between us and God.

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Separation Anxiety</b> <i>(about 10 min.)</i> Learn how sin separates us from God.	Bible	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>The Serpent Speaks</b> <i>(about 30 min.)</i> Experience a drama from Genesis 3 about Eve and the serpent.	Bibles, Bible Truth Sleuth, CD player, one 1x4-inch construction-paper strip per child, pens, tape, washable markers <b>Teacher Pack:</b> Bible Timeline, CD 	Tear out the Lesson 3 pages from each Bible Truth Sleuth student book.

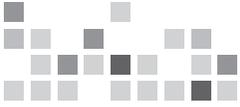
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LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Weaving Faith Into Life</p>	<p><b>Bridging the Gap</b> <i>(about 20 min.)</i> Make bridges as reminders that Jesus is the way back to God.</p>	<p>Bibles, Bible Truth Sleuth, CD player, 3 index cards per child, tape, markers, several pairs of scissors <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD</p>	
<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Lasting Impressions</p>	<p><b>Daily Challenges</b> <i>(about 5 min.)</i> Choose a Daily Challenge to apply God's Word.</p>	<p>Bible Truth Sleuth</p>	
	<p><b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> <i>(about 2 min.)</i> Talk about how to share what they learned with their families.</p>		

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## Separation Anxiety Supplies

Bible

# 1 GETTING STARTED

## Separation Anxiety

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Welcome kids warmly as they arrive, and ask them how their week went. Place a Bible on a chair against a wall. Then tell kids to stand shoulder to shoulder near the chair, facing the Bible.

Say: **People were created to have a close relationship with God. This Bible represents God, so you're standing very close to God right now.**

► **GOD DOESN'T WANT US TO SIN, but all humans do and it moves us away from God. Let's take one giant step backward.** Have kids take a step away from the Bible. **Now let's talk about some things humans might do that are sins. Raise your hand to share a sin that you think can move us away from God, and we'll take another step away from the Bible for each one.** If kids need help, suggest things such as disobeying parents, telling lies, saying angry or hurtful words, and being mean to others.

Say: **Look at how far away from God our sins can take us! Sit down where you are.** Pause. **Now turn to the person sitting closest to you. Answer the following questions with your partner, and be ready to share your answers with the rest of the group after each question.**

Ask:

- What did this activity show us about sin?
- Why do you think God doesn't want us to sin?

Say: **When we sin, we're actually taking steps away from God. And we all do it—we all sin. Let's see what our Key Verse, Romans 3:23, has to say about it.** Open your Bible to Romans 3:23 and show kids the words. **Repeat the verse after me: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).**

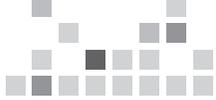
### Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead kids in this discussion.

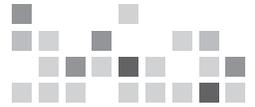
Ask:

- What do you think it means to "fall short of the glory of God"?
- Why does sin make us fall short?
- Is there a way to get back to God after we've sinned? Talk about that.

Say: **Just as the Bible never moved in our activity, God never moves. His love is constant, and he always wants us to come back to him. ► GOD DOESN'T WANT US TO SIN, but when we do God still loves us. In the Bible today, we'll learn about**



the first time Adam and Eve sinned. God could've destroyed Adam and Eve when they disobeyed. Instead, he took care of them. Let's find out more.



**2**

**BIBLE  
EXPLORATION**

# The Serpent Speaks

**What You'll Do** ■■■■■■

Point to the "Creation" picture on the Bible Timeline.

Say: **Adam and Eve were among God's first creations, way back at the beginning of time. When God created Adam and Eve everything was going great in the world—in fact, it was perfect. The Garden of Eden where Adam and Eve lived was beautiful and they had plenty to eat. God told Adam and Eve they could eat from any tree in the garden except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. We're going to listen in on what happened next. Let's join Eve. She's just about to have a conversation with a snake!**

Have kids form trios to listen to the CD. Play "The Serpent Speaks, Part 1" (track 7 on the CD), pausing the CD when instructed. Then have kids discuss the following questions in their trios and share their answers with the rest of the group.

Ask:

- **What did you notice about the way the snake made eating from the tree sound so good?**
- **Tell about a time someone tried to talk you into disobeying.**

Say: **The snake is tempting Eve to sin, or disobey God. If she eats the fruit, she'll be giving in to that temptation and sinning.**

Have trios discuss these questions and then share their answers with the rest of the group.

Ask:

- **What are things that tempt you to disobey?**
- **What makes those things so tempting?**

Say: **We're all tempted every day, just as Eve was tempted in the garden. Let's work together to make a paper snake as a reminder that we all face temptation.**

Give each trio a washable marker and three construction paper strips, and have tape available. Say: **Write on each strip one temptation that kids your age can struggle with at home, school, or anywhere you go.** Allow time for kids write. **Now form loops with your strips, linking each loop through another, and tape the loops together to form a paper chain. Make sure the words face out so you can still read them.**

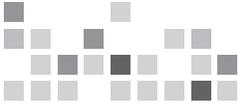
## The Serpent Speaks Supplies

- Bibles
- Bible Truth Sleuth
- CD player
- one 1x4-inch construction-paper strip per child
- pens
- tape
- washable markers
- Teacher Pack**
- Bible Timeline
- CD: "The Serpent Speaks, Parts 1-3" (tracks 7-9)

## The Serpent Speaks Easy Prep

Tear out the Lesson 3 pages from each Bible Truth Sleuth student book.





Have trios each read for the group what's written on their links. Say: **Now your groups can join chains together to make one long "snake." Work together to drape the snake over a chair like he's on the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.** Allow time, and then have kids sit in their trios facing the snake.

Point to the paper chain snake and say: **The things you wrote down are some of the things that can tempt us, just as the sneaky snake tempted Eve. Let's see what happened next.** Play "The Serpent Speaks, Part 2" (track 8 on the CD), pausing the CD when instructed.

Distribute pens and today's Bible Truth Sleuth pages. Have kids find the "What Do You Think?" section. Say: **Write your answers to the questions on the page using the lines below each question. When you're done writing, discuss your answers with your trio.** Allow time. Then invite trios to share their discussions with the rest of the group.

Say: **God could've made it impossible for Adam and Eve to eat from that tree. Instead, God told them not to eat the fruit, and he told them what would happen if they disobeyed. But God still gave them a choice. God gives us the same freedom to choose whether to obey or not. Let's find out what Eve chose to do.**

Play "The Serpent Speaks, Part 3" (track 9 on the CD).

Say: **When Adam and Eve chose to eat the fruit from the tree, they chose to sin.**

Have trios discuss the following questions. After each question, let trios share their answers with the rest of the group.

Ask:

- **What do you think about the way Adam and Eve gave in to temptation?**
- **What makes it easy or difficult to choose not to sin when you feel tempted?**
- **What do you think Adam and Eve deserved for choosing to sin?**

Say: **Adam and Eve realized they'd sinned, and they hid. They were afraid of what God would do. Let's find out what God actually did.**

Give each trio a Bible. Say: **Your trio will read a section from Genesis 3:14-24 and then summarize the section for the rest of the group.** Give each trio one of the following sets of verses to read. It's okay to repeat, but make sure every set of verses is covered: Genesis 3:14-15; Genesis 3:16; Genesis 3:17-19; Genesis 3:20-24. Then have trios sum up the punishment given out in their passage.

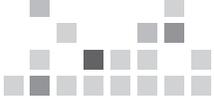
### Talk With Kids

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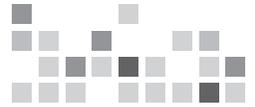
- **Who do you think deserved the harsher punishment? Explain.**
- **Who do you think got the harsher punishment? Explain.**
- **In what ways did God show love to Adam and Eve despite their sin?**





- Explain whether you think God’s response to Adam and Eve’s sin was a light punishment, just right, or too harsh.

Say: ► **GOD DOESN’T WANT US TO SIN**, because sin cuts off our relationship with him. Adam and Eve’s sin meant they had to leave the nice garden God had made for them. God wants to have a relationship with each one of us, so he sent Jesus to bridge the gap sin puts between us and God. Let’s find out more about how a relationship with Jesus can bring us close to God again.



### 3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

## Bridging the Gap

### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Have kids form pairs, and give each pair a Bible. Invite one child in each pair to read aloud Romans 5:19.

Ask:

- What do you think this verse means?

Say: **When we read in the verse about the disobedience of one man, we’re reading about Adam. When we read about the obedience of another man, we’re reading about Jesus. So we could actually read the verse this way: “For just as through the disobedience of Adam the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of Jesus the many will be made righteous.” Turn to your partner and talk about who you think “the many” are.** Allow time, and then invite willing kids to share their answers. **Because of Adam and Eve and our own weakness in temptation, we all do wrong even though ► GOD DOESN’T WANT US TO SIN. Because of Jesus, we can have our relationship with God again.** Invite the other child in each pair to read aloud John 3:16-17.

Ask:

- What do you think of God’s plan to save us from sin through his Son, Jesus?

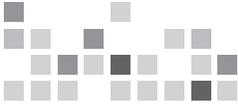
Say: **When we believe in Jesus and have a relationship with him, we’ll be forgiven for our sins. Then we can be close to God again. It’s as though Jesus is our bridge back to God. Without Jesus, we wouldn’t be able to get back to God. Let’s make bridges to remind us that Jesus is our way back to God.**

Give each pair a marker and scissors, and give each child three index cards. Have tape available for kids to share.

### Bridging the Gap Supplies

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- Bibles
  - Bible Truth Sleuth
  - CD player
  - 3 index cards per child
  - tape
  - markers
  - several pairs of scissors
  - Teacher Pack**
  - CD: “Your Word in My Heart” (Psalm 119:11) (track 10)





Say: **You can use two of the index cards to make the bridge supports and the other card to make the crosspiece.** Show kids how to roll each index card around a marker to make a tube, and then show them how to tape together the long edges of each tube. As kids work, play “Your Word in My Heart” (Psalm 119:11) (track 10 on the CD).

Next, show kids how to flatten each taped tube to form a rough 3-D rectangular shape. On two of the rectangles, show kids how to snip four equal cuts about one-half inch on all four corners, both top and bottom. Have kids fold back the edges where the cuts are. These are the bridge supports. Then show kids how to stand the two bridge supports next to each other and place the third rectangle across the tops of the supports to form the crosspiece. Have kids tape the crosspiece in place, and then direct kids to their Bible Truth Sleuth pages.

Say: **Carefully cut out the rectangular “Bridging the Gap” statements at the bottom of your Bible Truth Sleuth page to attach to your bridges. Statement #1 should be attached to the left support, #2 to the right support, and #3 to the crosspiece.**

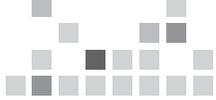
### Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead kids in this discussion.

Ask:

- **Why is Jesus the only way for us to get close to God again?**
- **What are ways you can show Jesus you’re thankful he’s the bridge back to God?**

Say: **Remember that ► GOD DOESN’T WANT US TO SIN, but when we mess up and disobey God—like Adam and Eve did—we can be forgiven. Put your bridge near your bed to remind you that because of Jesus and his love, we have a way back to God.**



## 4 LASTING IMPRESSIONS

### Daily Challenges

#### What You'll Do

Say: **We learned today that ► GOD DOESN'T WANT US TO SIN. Our Key Verse tells us that we all fall short of the glory of God—because of sin. God solved the sin problem by sending his Son, Jesus, to help us get close to God again.**

Have kids find this week's Daily Challenges on their Bible Truth Sleuth pages and choose one to do this week. They can choose one or more of these three options:

- **Make a list of sins you commit this week. Write in pencil! At the end of the week, ask God to forgive you and help you do the right thing. Then erase your sin list.**
- **Even if you feel that telling a lie would save you trouble, tell the truth anyway.**
- **When you make a mistake and sin, as all humans do, ask God for forgiveness and ask him to help you make a better choice next time.**

Make sure you choose a Daily Challenge as well, and tell kids what you chose. Kids will be more inclined to follow through on their commitments when they see you doing the same.

#### Talk With Kids

Ask:

- **What's a practical way you're going to do your Daily Challenge? Share a time, a place, or other ideas.** Allow time.

Say: **Let's remember that just as God didn't want Adam and Eve to sin, ► GOD DOESN'T WANT US TO SIN. As we follow through on our Daily Challenges this week, we'll be obeying God.**

### Weaving Faith at Home

Encourage kids to talk with their parents about the Daily Challenges they chose and what they learned about why ► **GOD DOESN'T WANT US TO SIN.** Kids can also do the activities in the "HomeConnect" section of their Bible Truth Sleuth pages with their families.

Talk to your Director about emailing the FREE FamilyConnect to all your church's families. Available at [group.com/digital](http://group.com/digital).

Have kids form trios and pray together, thanking God for sending his Son, Jesus, and asking for help in making choices to stay away from sin in areas they struggle with.



#### Daily Challenges Supplies

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