

ADAM & EVE



THINK ABOUT IT:

Why are there bad things in the world?

Introduction

Say, “Last week we learned that everything God made was good. Have you ever wondered why we have so many bad things in our world? Our story today is going to explain how temptation and the choices of two people forever changed the perfect world God created.”

Message

1. Before passing out the snack bags, explain that they may eat the pretzels, but they should not eat the candies. Hand out the snack bags to the children.
2. Say, “Last week we learned that God created a beautiful world, including people! When He created people, He wanted them to love Him – not because they had to, but because they chose to. In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve had a choice to make...let’s see what happened.”
3. Divide the children into four groups. Each group will listen for their character and respond with the following sounds effects:

Snake – *hissing*, God – “*Hallelujah*” Eve (woman) – “*Yum!*” Adam (man) – “*Dude*”

4. Read Genesis 3:1–19, pausing to let the children interject their sound effects.
5. At the end of the reading, discuss the following questions:

“Who tempted Eve to eat the fruit? Did she have to eat it?” (*the snake; no*)

“Why do you think God gave us the choice to obey (*or love*) Him or not?” (*He loves us*)

“How do your choices show you care about something?” (*we give things we care about our attention*)

“Why are there bad things in the world?” (*our sinful nature*)



SCRIPTURE

Genesis 3:1-19



MATERIALS

- Bible for each small group leader
- Snack bag for each child, containing six small candies and six pretzels
- Children’s color creations from the previous week
- Black acrylic paint
- Dish soap
- Small container
- Visuals – Adam & Eve, Eve & Serpent *
- Foam brush for each child



PREPARATION

- Write the *Think About It* question on the board
- Bookmark the Bible passage
- Distribute snack bags to small group leaders
- Mix equal parts paint and dish soap together in a small container

**IDEA!**

Do not shorten the activity by painting for the children. Painting black on their colorful creation evokes an emotional response that drives home the message.

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The visuals listed in the materials are provided as additional resources to be used at your discretion.

**EXTRA TIME**

Brainstorm with the children some bad things in the world they would rather be rid of.

6. Ask, “What choice did you have to make regarding your snack? Were you tempted to eat the candies, even though I asked you not to?”
7. Say, “Think about how you feel about the choice you made, and let that feeling help you make good choices for the rest of today.”
8. Tell the children they may eat the candies now.

Dig Deeper in Small Groups

1. Give each child a paper towel or piece of newspaper and a foam brush.
2. Hand out the children’s creations from the previous week.
3. Ask, “What happened when Eve made the bad choice of disobeying God?” (*sin entered the world*)
4. Say, “When we disobey God by making a bad choice, it is called sin. We’re going to show how sin entered the world by painting black paint over your beautiful creations.”
5. Place a quarter-sized amount of black paint on each child’s creation. Instruct them to use the brush to cover their entire creation. Add more paint as needed until no more color can be seen.
6. While the children are painting, ask, “How do you feel about your creation? Why are there bad things in the world? How did God feel about His creation when sin entered it?” (*He was sad*)
7. Clean up the area.
8. Pray. Praise God for making such a beautiful creation, and tell Him that we are sorry for destroying His creation with the bad choices we make.
9. After praying, let the children know that next week they will learn what God did to save His creation, including us, from sin!