# **Lesson Overview**

In today's lesson, we're going to learn about the first people God created. First, God created Adam. He picked up some dirt to form his body and then breathed into his nose and Adam came alive! Pretty cool, huh?! God also created a beautiful garden where Adam lived. It was called the Garden of Eden. Adam had free reign of this beautiful place full of trees, flowers and yummy fruit. God gave Adam just one simple rule to follow. He could eat any fruit, just not fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. At some point, God decided that Adam needed a friend so he wouldn't be lonely. So, he put Adam to sleep, removed one of his ribs and created Eve. That's also pretty cool, huh?! So, Adam and Eve lived together in this lovely place until one day a snake spoke to Eve. He wanted to trick her into eating the forbidden fruit by ignoring God's rule. And, it worked. Eve ate the forbidden fruit and so did Adam. Once they realized their mistake, they ran and hid from God. They knew that they had made the wrong choice and they knew God would be mad. God wan't happy with their choice, and they did pay a consequence. But, God loved them and forgave them. He'll forgive us, too.

#### Big Idea

Sometimes, we want to hide from God when we make the wrong choice.

#### **Key Question**

How does God respond to our mistakes?

#### **Memory Verse**

Romans 6:12 "Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires."

#### Classroom Agenda

- 1. (5 min) PLAY: Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.
- 2. (5 min) WARM UP: What are some of the rules in your house? How about in your classroom? Why are rules important? (Tip: Rules keep us safe so our parents have them and so do our teachers. God has some rules, too.!)
- 3. (5 min) PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard. Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
- 4. (20 min) LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to class to finish this guide.
- 5. (2 min) RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).
- 6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **He forgives us!.** (God is a forgiving God. It's who he is and he forgives because he loves us so much. Just like with Adam and Eve, when we mess up and make the wrong choice, God forgives us. And, he'll give us chances to do it right the next time.)
  - **Bonus Questions:** How does God respond to our mistakes? Why do you think he wants to forgive us? **4-5th**: When we mess up, there are consequences for our actions. Why do you think God allows us to experience consequences even though he forgives us?
- 7. (5 min) EXPLORE: Read Romans 6:13-14. What does it mean that we have new life? Why is sin no longer our master. (Answer: The Bible says that when we put our trust in Jesus, he makes us like a new person. Jesus wipes away all of our sins and puts his Spirit in our hearts to help us to live to honor God. Because of Jesus, we have the power to say, "No!" to sin and "Yes" to following God's way.)
- 8. (10 min) PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.
- 9. (5 min) CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class. Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents and remind them to go online to pursueGOD.org/kids to find this week's lesson video.

**Teacher instructions:** Choose an activity for your classroom.

## OPTION 1: THE TREE OF GOOD AND EVIL CRAFT

#### Instructions:

- Give each kid a Tree template (page 5).
- Give each kid some green tissue paper and a half sheet of construction paper.
- Have kids rip up the tissue paper to cover the tree. Have them color the trunk of the tree brown.
- Then, have them lightly color each apple red and have them glue them onto the tree. Then have them glue the tree onto the half sheet of construction paper.
- As they work, read the story of Adam and Eve from Genesis 2:4-9,15-22 Genesis 3:1-7. Remind the kids that even though Adam and Eve made a big mistake, and wanted to hide, God forgave them. He'll forgive us, too.

**Supplies needed:** Tree template (pg. 5, pre cut, 1 set per kid), 1/2 sheets of construction paper (1 per kid), Green tissue paper, Crayons, Glue

# OPTION 2: ADAM AND EVE MATCHING GAME

#### Instructions:

- Divide the class into groups of 4. Give each group a set of Matching cards (page 6-7).
- Have kids place the cards face down on the floor. Then, have them play a game of concentration. Have one kid start by flipping over two cards. If a match, they get to keep those cards and go again. If not, the kid to their right gets a chance. Continue until all the matches are found. Kid with the most cards at the end, wins.

**Supplies needed:** Matching Cards template (pg. 6-7, pre cut, 1 set per group)



God created Adam and Eve and gave them a beautiful garden to live in. And then they made a bad choice that changed everything.

#### **Key Points:**

- God put Adam in the garden and gave him one . Genesis 2:15-17
- God made Eve so Adam wouldn't have to anymore. Genesis 2:18
- The serpent Adam and Eve into eating from the middle tree. Genesis 3:1-6
- Just like Adam, we sometimes want to when we make the wrong choice. Genesis 3:8

### **Memory Verse:**

Romans 6:12 Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires.

#### Talk About It

- 1. What was your favorite part of the video? What is one thing you learned?
- 2. What are some of the rules in your house? How about in your classroom? Why are rules important?
- 3. What was God's rule for Adam and Eve?
- 4. Who came to trick Eve?
- 5. Read Romans 6:12-13. What does it mean that we have new life? Why is sin no longer our master?
- 6. How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?

**Instructions:** Color the picture.

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