



The First Sin

The Fall Genesis 3:1-24

Character Trait: Obedience

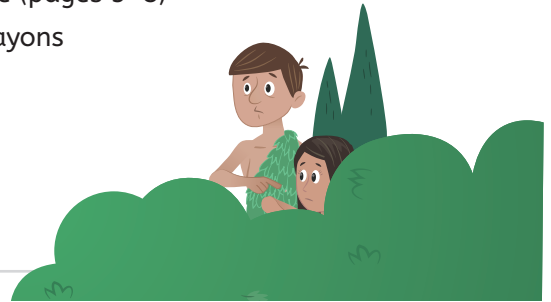
Objectives:

Children will understand that:

- Sin is anything we think, say or do that displeases God.
- Obeying God is an important way to show that we trust and love Him.
- God provides rules and commandments because He loves and cares for us.

Supplies:

- The First Sin loaded onto a tablet or phone or in the Bible App for Kids Book of Hope (pages 5-8)
- Red crayons
- Paper



Welcome Activity:

(5 minutes)

Welcome the children. Ask the children to raise their hand if they saw a stop sign or traffic light on their way over. Ask them if their mom, dad or family member asked them to follow a rule today. Explain that rules and safety signs help keep us safe from harm.



God's Bigger Story:

God created rules to help keep us safe. But the first man and woman didn't follow God's rules. They disobeyed God and this created a separation between God and people.



Today's Bible Story:

Show The First Sin or read the story aloud from Bible App for Kids Book of Hope.



Discussion:

(8 minutes)

- ★ **Who made the beautiful garden where Adam and Eve lived?** (God)
- ★ **How did God know that they ate the fruit from the forbidden tree?** (God knew because Adam and Eve were hiding and said they were naked.)
- ★ **How did God punish Adam and Eve?** (God told Adam that growing food would be difficult. He told Eve that childbirth would be painful.)

Explain that when Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit, they disobeyed God. Explain that sin is anything we say, think or do that displeases or disobeys God. God created rules to help protect us. One of the most important ways we can show God that we trust Him is by choosing to learn and follow His rules.

“ Memory Verse:

“So the Lord God *(point up as if to heaven)*
banished them from the Garden of Eden, *(point your finger away from yourself with a stern look on your face)*
and he sent Adam out to cultivate the ground *(bend down and pretend to rake the ground)*
from which he had been made.”

Genesis 3:23



Activity:
(10 minutes)

Ask the children to draw or write anything using the red crayon and paper. Next, ask them to erase it. Explain that our choices are like the red marks on the paper. Nothing we do can take away or completely undo our choices. Only God can forgive sin.



Character Trait: Self-Image

★ **How does choosing to obey God show how you feel about Him?** *(It demonstrates that we understand that God knows best. We think He is good and right.)*



Connect with Others:

Ask the children to think of some specific ways they can thank them for their love and protection.



Prayer:
(2 minutes)

Dear Lord,
Thank You for creating rules to help keep us safe. Help us stay strong against the temptation to sin. Instead, may we always choose to obey You.
Amen.

Notes

Lined area for writing notes, enclosed in a dotted purple border.

