

God Leads His People (PS Planet 1)

God's Leaders Rebel!!!



Lesson Highlights:

Scripture References: Genesis 3:1-7

Teaching Point: Adam and Eve are tempted to satisfy themselves by believing the lie that good can be found apart from God.

Catch Phrase: Everybody makes mistakes!

Unit Memory Verse: *Genesis 1:1* – In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Alternate Verse: James 1:14 – But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

Story Snap Shot

This morning we focus on the temptation Adam and Eve faced in the garden. In this story, we discover that God who made everything is going to be rejected by mankind. They did what we all do......they believed the lie that goodness can be found apart from God. Paul told us in **Romans** that we all "exchanged the truth about God for a lie" (*Rom. 1:25*). It's our hope that this lesson as well as last week will highlight for them their need of a Savior. Jesus, believed the truth about God and chose to humbly submit Himself to everything God desired for Him, even to the point of death on a cross. (*Phil. 2:8*)



Write kids names on board with total attendance!

Questions to Ask the Kids:

Good morning how are we doing?

How is school going?

Do you like school?

Have you had some hard things happen at school? Sickness? Someone was mean?

Read: Being in school is very exciting. However, some really hard things can happen at school. You may see some kids get sick. You may see some kids crying. You may see some kids being mean. You may see kids being sent to the office because they are disobeying the rules. Why do people sometimes do bad things? Well we will find out why we struggle to do the right things at times!

Read: Genesis 1:25-28



Who made everything? (God.)

Who was the last thing that God made? (Mankind was the final creation, specifically woman as we see later. See Genesis 2:18-23 if desired.)

What was the job of mankind? (His job was to rule and put to order creation.)

Do you think there were any rules for Adam and Eve to follow?

What rules do you have in your house?

Read: Genesis 1:16-17



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What was the one command of God? (Do not eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.)

What are the consequences of Adam and Eve if they eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil? (They will die.)

Have you ever had someone or something die?

Read: Genesis 3:1-6

Who is the serpent? (It is Satan.)

What did Satan want Eve to do? (He wanted her to eat the fruit that they were not suppose to eat.)

Did the fruit look good? (Yes.)

Did Eve eat the fruit? (Yes.)

Did she give some to Adam? (Yes.)

Did Eve obey or disobey? (She disobeyed.)

Did Adam obey or disobey? (He disobeyed.)

Why do you think Adam and Eve disobeyed?

Read: We all like to have our own way. Adam and Eve had a simple choice. They could choose to obey or disobey. They could either trust God or trust only themselves. When we disobey, we think our way is better than God's way. We think we are more important than God or other people. It is wrong to think that way. That is why we need someone to help us make

good decisions and to take our punishment for our mistakes! Who could that be? Jesus!

Do you know what I am learning? Everybody makes mistakes!!!

End in Prayer

After the Rally Idea: Pretend you hear a noise and pull out a puppet!



- 1. Greet the kids by reading the names on the board!!!
- 2. What songs did you sing @ rally?
- 3. What was the story about?
- 4. What are we learning? (use the catch phrase....end in prayer)





Before you pray, allow the kids time to share with you things that are happening in their lives.

Be sure you write these down with their names for you to pray for as the week goes along.

Ask about the things they mentioned the previous week. As the leader, open by thanking God for this lesson:

Praise God for being a faithful God who shares with us how to rule in His world.

Ask God to give us hearts that believe He is good and right in all His ways,

Ask God to help us to fight the lie that we can be happy without Him.

Pray for any specific requests named either by praying yourself or by opening it up to those who said they would pray.

Activities and Crazy Ideas:

Activity 1: "Simon Says" Have one of the kids lead the class in Simon Says. However, you as the teacher do the oppositetell the kids you want to do your "own thing" but it ruins the fun of the game. Remind them of their Bible story of the rebellion of Adam and Eve.

Activity 2: "Pouty Face" Have the kids make their best selfie pouty face....take some pictures with the Ipad....show the kids all the faces and pick whose face is the best!

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Remind them of their Bible story of Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve disobeyed and I am sure that is the first recorded pouty face!

Activity 3: "My Rebellion" Share a story where you openly rebelled against a parent. Tell them what happened and the appropriate correction from the parent or authority figure. Remind the kids of the rebellion and the correction of Adam and Eve. Our nature to rebel was in us the day we were born!

Activity 4: "Two Truths and a Lie" Tell the kids two truths about yourself and a lie. See if they can figure out what is true and what is false. Remind the kids of the story of how Eve was tricked by a lie!

Activity 5: "It that true about God, Jesus, Holy Spirit?" Ask the kids what they have heard about God. Let them write it on the dry erase board. See if it is true by looking and reading about God in the Bible. Many times we believe things about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit without looking at the Bible for ourselves!

Teaching Illustration Idea: *Hold up Clorox wipe or other cleaning product.* Ask your kids the following questions:

Does your family use this?

Anyone know what's in it? (see what they say)

Read: So, let's say that I put this on the table with some other things like crackers and cookies and I said, "You can have any of the snacks on the table, but don't eat what's in that tub because if you do you could die." Would you believe me? Do you believe me because you've tasted them before? No! You believe it when your mom and dad and other leaders say it because you believe they love you and want you to be safe and happy.

But what if I left the room and someone else came in and said, "Did your leader tell you not to eat that? You know it's actually really great stuff...like candy! They just don't want you to eat it because they want to keep it all for themselves." That's what the serpent said to them. He made God sound selfish and mean. The really bad part is Eve started listening to the serpent. She looked at the tree and started thinking maybe he was right. It looked pretty. It looked like the rest of the trees so it must be okay to eat. And it

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would make her smarter. She'd know more about good and evil. She was supposed to be God's leader. So she took it and ate it.

Adam was standing right there with her. What do you think Adam said when he saw her do it? (see what they say) He didn't say anything. He was supposed to be God's leader and to help Eve to obey God. But he didn't. And when she gave him some fruit, he ate it, too.

What do you think the result with be? Death!

Suggested Follow-up Activities

Teachers are free to choose the activities that they feel are best for their group. The idea is that as the children work and play, remind them of the truths they just learned.

Scripture Memory: Figure out your reward system for memorizing the Scriptures provided in this section. Give the children several opportunities to tell it to you either when they first arrive or at the end of class.

Craft: Picture the Scene (Younger Children) – Remind the kids that today we learned about the Fall...that moment when Eve's heart chose to listen to her own desires rather than God. Adam wasn't blameless either. He stood right with her watching in silence and then doing it himself. We all face their temptation throughout our day...the temptation to believe that our way is the best way, the right way, the way to life. God is calling us to believe that He is good and that His ways are good for us.

Give each child a copy of the color page and have them color it as they'd like. Provide them with a small piece of dough or clay and help them to roll it to form "serpents" that they'll put in their scene. You can also use tissue paper and let them crumple it up into a small, slender shape to use as a serpent. Help them to glue it into place and give it time to dry.

Additionally, you can provide larger leaves from bushes nearby for the kids to glue in place where indicated below the picture of Adam. You can also provide fruit stickers for the tree and flower stickers for the bushes as embellishments.

Materials: copies of the craft page; clay/dough or tissue paper; liquid glue; optional: leaves from bushes, stickers



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Game: Crafty Serpent – Remind the kids that today we learned about the Fall...that moment when Eve's heart chose to listen to her own desires rather than God. Adam wasn't blameless either. He stood right with her watching in silence and then doing it himself. We all face their temptation throughout our day...the temptation to believe that our way is the best way, the right way, the way to life. God is calling us to believe that He is good and that His ways are good for us.

Give each child a copy of the snake pattern copied onto cardstock paper. Have them color it as they'd like. Next, provide them with clear, adhesive paper such as contact paper. Have them cover the snake and then cut it out. Show them how they can hang it on a doorknob to remind them of the choice Adam and Eve made and to fight to win the battle against their own temptations.



Materials: cardstock copies of the serpent pattern; crayons or markers; clear, adhesive paper such as contact paper; scissors

Game: Pass the Fruit (Younger Children) – Remind the kids that today we learned about the Fall...that moment when Eve's heart chose to listen to her own desires rather than God. Adam stood right with her watching silently and then ate it, also. We all face their temptation throughout our day...the temptation to believe that our way is the best way, the right way, the way to life. God is calling us to believe that He is good and that His ways are good for us.

Have the children gather in a circle, sitting down. Tell them that the fruit is like the fruit that Eve had. She shouldn't have had it, so we're going to practice getting it away from us. Tell them they are going to pass it around the circle as quickly as possible while a song plays. When the music stops, the person holding the apple is out. The circle gets smaller and smaller until only one is left. If you have a large group, use two pieces of fruit so two kids are out each time or choose to divide the group in half.

Materials: piece of hard fruit such as a pear, orange or apple

Game: Get Rid of Sin – Remind the kids that today we learned about the Fall...that moment when Eve's heart chose to listen to her own desires rather than God. Adam wasn't blameless either. He stood right with her watching in silence and then doing it himself. We all face their temptation throughout our day...the temptation to believe that our way is the best way, the

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right way, the way to life. God is calling us to believe that He is good and that His ways are good for us.

Prior to class, take 20 – 30 pieces of copy paper and in large letters write one sin on each that you know the kids can relate to (e.g. cheating on tests, lying to my mom, fighting with my brother). Divide an area in half either with tape on the floor or objects like chairs in the middle. Place the papers all around both areas, dividing them equally.

Next, get the kids into two teams and tell them that this week and next week we are going to talk about temptation and our need to get sin out of our lives. Today we are going to see which team is the best at "getting rid of sin". When you say *go* the kids will

crumple up their papers and throw them across the middle at the other team. They'll pick up whatever has been thrown on their side back to the other team, trying to keep their area as clear as possible.

After a short time, you'll stop everyone and have the teams count to see which team has the fewest sins left on their side. Repeat the game if you have time. When the activity is over, gather all the "sins" up and remind them that the good news for all of us is that God didn't just throw our sins across the room. Christ has truly paid the price for all of these sins. He's the reason we can now fight against sin in our lives. He became sin for us so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (2 Cor. 5:21)

Materials: paper; marker; duct tape

Game: Temptation Verse Race(Older Children) – Remind the kids that today we learned about the Fall...that moment when Eve's heart chose to listen to her own desires rather than God. Adam wasn't blameless either. He stood right with her watching in

silence and then doing it himself. We all face their temptation throughout our day...the temptation to believe that our way is the best way, the right way, the way to life. God is calling us to believe that He is good and that His ways are good for us.

Prior to class print the following 11 parts of James 1:13-14 onto separate pieces of colored paper (e.g. red for team 1, blue for team 2, yellow paper for team 3, etc.).

- * When tempted, no one should say,
- * 'God is tempting me.'
- * For God cannot be tempted by evil,
- * nor does he tempt anyone;
- * but each one is tempted when,

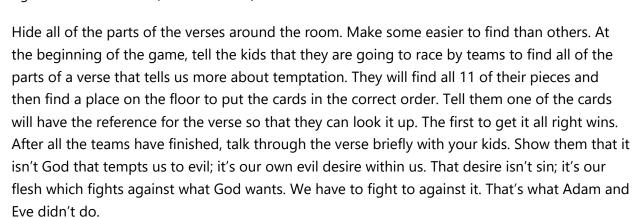
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- * by his own evil desire,
- * he is dragged away and enticed.
- * Then, after desire has conceived,
- * it gives birth to sin;
- * and sin, when it is full-grown,
- * gives birth to death." (James 1:13-15)



Materials: copies of the verses printed onto different colored paper according to the number of teams; scissors

Notes:

