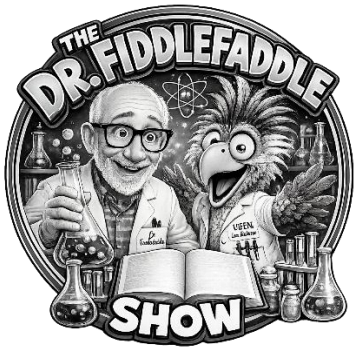


Back to the Bible

Lesson 4 — Adam and Eve

Bible Text: Genesis 2–3

Principle: Sin separates us from God, but God has a plan.

Memory Verse: "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"
— Romans 5:12, KJV

LESSON PURPOSE

The children will learn:

1. God created Adam and Eve and gave them a perfect place to live.
2. God gave Adam and Eve a command to obey.
3. Adam and Eve chose to disobey God.
4. Sin entered the world through Adam.
5. Sin separates people from God.
6. Sin brought death into the world.
7. God did not abandon mankind.
8. God already had a plan to deal with sin.

The central truth for the children is: **Sin separates us from God, but God has a plan!**

TEACHER PREPARATION

Before the lesson, read:

- Genesis 2:7–25
- Genesis 3:1–24
- Romans 5:12
- Romans 5:19
- Genesis 3:15

Be prepared to explain that Adam and Eve were not simply breaking a small rule. They were choosing to disobey the God who had created them and provided everything they needed. Keep the lesson focused on God's truth rather than making the children afraid. The goal is for them to understand: **God loves us, sin is serious, and God made a way for sinners to be saved.**

OPENING QUESTION

Ask the children: “Have you ever been told NOT to do something, and then you did it anyway?”Allow several children to answer. Then ask:
“Why do we sometimes do things we know are wrong?”

Explain: “Today we're going to travel all the way back to the beginning of the Bible and learn about the very first time sin entered the world.”

PART 1 — GOD CREATED ADAM

Genesis 2:7

God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. Adam was not an accident. Adam was created by God. Teach the children:
God made you on purpose. You are not an accident. God created mankind and gave mankind life.

PART 2 — GOD GAVE ADAM A PERFECT HOME

God placed Adam in the Garden of Eden. The garden was beautiful and provided everything Adam needed. Adam had:

- Food
- A beautiful home
- Work to do
- Fellowship with God
- A perfect environment

But God knew that Adam needed companionship. God created Eve. Adam and Eve were together in the garden.

Key Thought: Everything God had made was good.

There was no sin. There was no death. There was no suffering. There was no fear. There was no separation from God.

PART 3 — GOD GAVE ADAM A COMMAND

God gave Adam a very specific command concerning the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The command was simple: **Do not eat from that tree.** This gave Adam and Eve an opportunity to obey God.

Explain: “God wasn't trying to keep something good from Adam and Eve. God was teaching them that He was their Creator and that they needed to trust and obey Him.”

Ask: “Is obedience important to God?” **Yes!** “Why?” **Because God knows what is best for us.**

PART 4 — THE SERPENT CAME

Genesis 3 introduces the serpent. The serpent questioned God's Word. He asked Eve: **“Yea, hath God said...?”** The serpent began by causing Eve to question what God had said. Then the serpent contradicted God's Word.

Important Teaching Point: Satan's method has not changed.

He wants people to question God's Word. The Bible is God's truth. When the world says one thing and God's Word says another: **Believe God's Word!**

PART 5 — EVE ATE

Eve listened to the serpent. She saw the fruit. She took it. She ate it. Then she gave some to Adam. And Adam ate.

The important part: Adam and Eve disobeyed God. **Sin had entered the human family.**

PART 6 — SIN CHANGED EVERYTHING

Immediately, Adam and Eve realized something was different. They knew they were naked. They were ashamed. They tried to hide. Then they heard the voice of God. Genesis 3:8 says they: **“hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.”**

Ask the children: “Why did Adam and Eve hide?”

Because they had sinned. Sin brought shame and separation.

BIG TRUTH

Write these words where the children can see them: **SIN SEPARATES**

Explain: Sin separates us from fellowship with God. Adam and Eve were no longer enjoying the same relationship with God that they had before their disobedience. Sin brought consequences.

PART 7 — SIN BROUGHT DEATH

Now introduce the memory verse: Romans 5:12 (KJV) **“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:”**

Break the verse down for children:

“By one man sin entered into the world…” Who was that man? **Adam.**

“And death by sin…” Sin brought death into the world.

“And so death passed upon all men…” Every person is affected by sin.

“For that all have sinned.” Every one of us is a sinner.

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Have the children repeat the verse several times.

Round 1 Teacher says one phrase. Children repeat it.

Round 2 Divide the room into two groups.

Group 1 says: **“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world,”**
Group 2 says: **“and death by sin;”**
Everyone says: **“and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:”**

Round 3 Have the children say the verse together.
Then ask: **“Who brought sin into the world?”** Adam.
“What came by sin?” Death.
“Have all people sinned?” Yes.

PART 8 — GOD DID NOT ABANDON ADAM AND EVE

This is one of the most important parts of the lesson. Adam and Eve sinned. They hid from God. But God came looking for them. Genesis 3:9 says: **“And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?”** God knew where Adam was. God wasn't asking because He couldn't find him. God was giving Adam an opportunity to respond.

Teach: When we sin, God still knows where we are. **And the greatest message of the Bible is that God has a plan for sinners.**

PART 9 — GOD HAD A PLAN

Even in Genesis 3, God gave a promise concerning the One who would ultimately defeat Satan. Read Genesis 3:15. Explain to the children that God's plan of salvation did not begin when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. God's plan was already in place. Throughout the Old Testament, God continued revealing His plan. And eventually: Jesus Christ came! Jesus came to deal with the problem of sin.

CONNECTING GENESIS TO JESUS

Ask: **“What is the biggest problem every person has?”** Sin.
Then ask: **“What is God's answer to our sin?”** Jesus Christ.

Explain simply: “We cannot save ourselves from sin. We need a Savior. God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to provide the way of salvation.” This gives the children the foundation for understanding the Gospel without overwhelming them with details.

OBJECT LESSON — THE WALL OF SIN

Materials

- Two pieces of cardboard or paper
- A small sign reading **GOD**
- A small sign reading **ME**
- Several blocks or pieces of paper labeled:
    - Sin
    - Lying
    - Disobedience
    - Anger
    - Pride
    - Stealing
    - Wrong choices

Place “GOD” on one side and “ME” on the other. Begin placing the blocks between them.
Say: “Every time we sin, we are choosing our way instead of God's way.” Build the wall.
Then say: “Sin separates us from God.”

Then remove the blocks.
Explain: “We cannot tear down the wall of sin by simply trying harder. We need God's plan.” Point toward Jesus.

Key statement: God's plan is greater than our sin.

FUN REVIEW — “FIDDLEFADDLE OR BIBLE?”

Read statement and the children shout:

“FIDDLEFADDLE!” if it is false.
“BIBLE!” if it is true.

Statements

1. God created Adam. **Bible!**
2. Adam lived in the Garden of Eden. **Bible!**
3. Adam was allowed to eat from every tree. **Fiddlefaddle!**
4. Adam and Eve obeyed God perfectly. **Fiddlefaddle!**
5. The serpent tempted Eve. **Bible!**
6. Adam and Eve sinned. **Bible!**
7. Sin entered the world through Adam. **Bible!**
8. Sin brought death. **Bible!**
9. God forgot about Adam and Eve after they sinned. **Fiddlefaddle!**
10. God had a plan.**Bible!**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use these questions to reinforce the lesson.

1. Who created Adam? God.
2. Where did Adam live? The Garden of Eden.
3. Who did God create to be Adam's wife? Eve.
4. What did God command Adam and Eve not to do? Eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
5. Who tempted Eve? The serpent.
6. Did Adam and Eve obey God? No.
7. What entered the world because of Adam's sin? Sin and death.
8. What does sin do? Sin separates us from God.
9. Did God abandon mankind? No.
10. Does God have a plan? Yes!
11. Who is God's plan of salvation centered around? Jesus Christ.

THE BIG THREE

Have the children repeat these three statements:

1. GOD CREATED ME.
2. SIN SEPARATES ME FROM GOD.
3. GOD HAS A PLAN FOR ME.
Repeat them several times.

GOSPEL CONNECTION

Use this section carefully and simply.
Explain: “Adam's sin introduced sin into the world. And because we are all sinners, we all have a sin problem.” Romans 3:23 says: **“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”** But God didn't leave mankind without hope.
Romans 5:8 says: **“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”**

The Gospel in four simple statements:

I AM A SINNER.
SIN SEPARATES ME FROM GOD.
JESUS DIED FOR MY SIN.
I NEED JESUS AS MY SAVIOUR.

CLOSING ILLUSTRATION

Hold up a piece of paper with the word:

SIN

Then tear the paper in two. Say: “Sin tears apart our fellowship with God.”

Hold up another paper with:

GOD'S PLAN

Say: “But sin did not surprise God. God already had a plan.” Then point toward Jesus. “That plan centers around Jesus Christ.”

CLOSING CHALLENGE

Tell the children: “This week, whenever you are tempted to do something you know is wrong, remember Adam and Eve.” Ask them: “What should you do?” **Choose to obey God's Word.** Then remind them: “You cannot be perfect. We all sin. But when you do wrong, don't hide from God. Talk to God. Confess your sin and remember that God loves you and has a plan.”

MEMORY VERSE TAKE-HOME CHALLENGE

Romans 5:12 (KJV) “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:”
Challenge the children to memorize the verse before the next episode.

Optional Memory Verse Game

Write the verse on several cards. Mix them up. Have the children work together to put the verse back in the correct order.

TEACHER'S KEY TAKEAWAY

The purpose of this lesson is not simply to teach children that **Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit.** The deeper truth is:

SIN ENTERED THE WORLD.
SIN BROUGHT DEATH.
SIN SEPARATES US FROM GOD.
BUT GOD HAD A PLAN.

And that plan ultimately leads us to:

JESUS CHRIST — OUR SAVIOUR!

CLOSING PRAYER

“Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for creating us and loving us. Thank You for Your Word that teaches us what is right. Help us understand that sin separates us from You. Help us choose to obey Your Word. Thank You for Your plan and for sending Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. Help us remember what we learned today and share Your truth with others. In Jesus' name, Amen.”