

“The terrible lie” (p. 28)

(from Genesis 3)

Supplies:

Popsicle sticks
Pictures of circle and octagon
Scissors
Glue/tape
Green and red crayons, markers, or paints

To do ahead of time:

Nothing

1. Ice Breaker (5 minutes)

Before you begin reading the story, do something active like a silly game, jumping jacks, a song with motions, etc. After that, lead the children into sitting down quietly to listen to the story.

2. Bible Story/Questions (10 minutes) Read aloud the story listed above, then ask:

- Who is God’s horrible enemy? Why?
- What was the one rule God had given Adam and Eve? Why?
- What lie did Satan tell Eve?
- Why did Adam and Eve run away from God when he called to them?
- What is “sin”?

3. Discussion (10 minutes)

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, sin entered the world. From then on, everyone is born with yucky sin in their heart. Sin makes it so we can’t be close to God.

- Have you ever felt guilty and wanted to hide because you sinned? (Share a personal story.)
- God had a plan to do battle against Satan and get rid of the sin in his children’s hearts. Do you know what God’s plan was?

All of us have sinned. We break God’s rules, and this separates us from Him. However, God wants to be close to us, so He had a very special plan. He sent his Son, Jesus, to take the punishment that we should get for disobeying God. When we believe in Jesus and are sorry for our sins, he forgives us! Then, we become God’s child and we can be close to him!

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4. Bible Memory Verse (10 minutes)

(Open your Bible to the verse, let the kids see the words on the page, and talk about how the Bible is TRUE.)

“But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins...” 1 John 1:9
(NLT)

Repeat the verse to the children and have them help you make up actions to go along with each word. As you go, explain what some of the words mean (like: confess, faithful, just, etc.).

5. Craft (10 minutes)

Give each child a paper with a circle on it, and a paper with an octagon on it. Have them write “GO” on the circle and color it green. Write “STOP” on the octagon and color it red. Cut out the shapes and glue each of them on a popsicle stick.

6. Game (10 minutes)

Satan is still God’s enemy, but God has defeated him. Satan will try to lie to us, but God will show us the TRUTH. We can say “No!/ Stop!” (hold up the red octagon) to Satan’s lies, and “YES!/GO!” to God’s promises and commands (hold up the green circle).

Ask the kids to hold up either the red or green sign as you say things like: “God made you and you are precious to him.”....”You should lie to your mom so you don’t get in trouble.”....”That person needs a friend, you should ask him to play.”...etc.



