



Helping Kids Understand Sin God's Way

When We Turn Away from God

Lesson Aim

To help children understand that sin isn't just breaking a rule—it's turning our hearts away from God. When we choose our own way instead of His, we step out of His light. But God, in His love, always invites us to turn back to Him through grace and forgiveness.

Scripture Focus

- “Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.” (Genesis 3:7-8, *ESV*)
- “but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.” (Isaiah 59:2, *ESV*)

Connect

- **Connection Point:** Ask: “Have you ever done something you knew was wrong and wanted to hide it? What did that feel like?”

Teach

- **Bible Story:** Read or retell the story of The Fall of Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:1-13)

In the beginning, God made a beautiful garden where Adam and Eve lived in perfect peace with Him. They could talk with God, enjoy His creation, and eat from every tree except one—the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. God warned them not to eat from it, because doing so would lead to death and separation from Him.



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One day, a serpent came and whispered to Eve, “Did God really say you can’t eat from any tree?” He made her doubt God’s goodness, suggesting that eating the fruit would make her wise like God. Eve looked at the fruit and thought it looked good. She took some and ate it, and Adam did too. The moment they disobeyed, everything changed.

Suddenly, Adam and Eve felt shame and fear. They realized they were naked and tried to cover themselves with leaves. When they heard God walking in the garden, they hid among the trees. God called out, “Where are you?” He already knew, but He wanted them to come to Him. Instead of confessing, Adam blamed Eve, and Eve blamed the serpent.

Sin had entered their hearts. It broke their closeness with God and brought sadness, pain, and separation into the world. Yet even then, God still loved them. He clothed them and promised that one day, a Savior would come to defeat sin forever. This story reminds us that when we turn away from God, He still looks for us, and His grace always makes a way back.

- **Discussion Questions:**
 1. Why did Adam and Eve choose to eat the fruit even though God said not to?
 2. What did they do after they sinned, and how did God respond?
 3. What can we do when we make wrong choices and feel far from God?
- **Explain:**
 - Sin is turning away from God to do things our own way.
 - God loves us so much that He sent Jesus to bring us back when we turn away.

Model

- **Teacher shares:** a time you made a choice that didn’t honor God and how you felt and what you did about it.
- **Student activity:** Invite kids to role-play simple “turning back” moments, like telling the truth after lying, saying sorry after hurting someone, or choosing to pray instead of hiding a mistake. Let them act it out or draw these moments in “Pictionary” to show what it looks like when we turn toward God again.

Pray

- “God, thank You for loving us even when we turn away. Help us to see when we’re walking our own way and give us the courage to turn back to You. Thank You for sending Jesus to forgive our sins and bring us close again. Amen.”

Craft/Activity

- Have each child cut out a large heart from colored paper. On one side, write or draw something that stands for “turning away” (like lying, anger, or selfishness). On the other side, write or draw “turning back to God” (like prayer, truth, kindness, forgiveness). Fold the heart in half and reopen it to show how God restores a broken heart when we turn back to Him.

Key Takeaway

- Sin separates us from God, but grace brings us back to Him.