



Helping Kids Understand Sin God's Way

When We Turn Away from God

Learning Objectives

By the end of this lesson, students will be able to:

1. Explain what sin is and how it separates us from God.
2. Describe how Adam and Eve's choice in the garden shows what it means to turn away from God.
3. Identify how God's grace helps us turn back to Him through honesty, repentance, 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. (Genesis 3:7, *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*)

Lesson Flow (25 min)

1. Connect (3 min)

- **Opening Thought:** Ask: "Have you ever done something wrong and wanted to hide it instead of telling the truth? Why do you think we do that?"
- **Assessment:** Teacher observes student attentiveness and willingness to share.

2. Teach (7 min)

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

God placed Adam and Eve in a beautiful garden where they could enjoy everything He made. They could eat from any tree except one—the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. God warned them not to eat its fruit, or they would die. One day, the

serpent told Eve that eating the fruit would make her wise like God. She believed the lie, took a bite, and gave some to Adam.

Suddenly, they felt shame and fear. They realized they had disobeyed God and tried to hide from Him among the trees. When God called, “Where are you?” they didn’t come right away. Instead of confessing, Adam blamed Eve, and Eve blamed the serpent. Their choice broke the perfect relationship they had with God. But even then, God cared for them and promised that one day, He would send a Savior to defeat sin and bring His people back.

- **Discussion Questions:**

1. Why do you think Adam and Eve tried to hide from God after they sinned?
2. How did God show love even when they disobeyed?

- **Explain:**

- Sin is choosing our way instead of God’s way.
- God’s love never stops reaching for us, even when we turn away.

- **Assessment:** Teacher checks understanding through answers and engagement.

3. Model (7 min)

- **Teacher shares:** a personal story when you didn’t want to admit something wrong and how you felt and what you had to do to turn back to God.
- **Student activity:** Invite kids to role-play short “turning back” scenarios, like telling the truth after lying, apologizing after hurting a friend, or asking forgiveness after disobeying. You can also play “Turning Point Pictionary,” drawing actions that show people choosing God’s way again.
- **Assessment:** Teacher notes engagement and ability to apply the concept of turning back to God through their examples.

4. Pray (2-3 min)

- “God, thank You for always loving us, even when we turn away. Help us see when we’re going our own way and give us courage to turn back to You. Thank You for Jesus, who forgives and brings us close again. Amen.”
- **Assessment:** Teacher observes participation and reverence during prayer.

5. Closing/Reflection (5 min)

- **Key Takeaway:** Sin separates us from God, but grace brings us back to Him.
- **Student Reflection:** Ask “What is one way you can ‘turn back’ to God this week?”
- **Teacher Closes:** Remind students that God never stops loving them and always makes a way for them to come home.
- **Assessment:** Teacher listens for understanding and connection during reflection.

Optional Extension: Independent Practice

- Have students draw two simple hearts—one turned away from a cross (showing sin and separation) and one turned toward it (showing repentance and grace). Encourage them to label the difference and share what helps their hearts stay turned toward God.