



(1) Creation, The Garden and Sins

Genesis 1-4

Kindergarten & 1st Grade

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Eve. The serpent tricked Eve. The serpent said, "Is it true that God said you can't eat from any of the trees in the garden?"

2. **Make a tree.** Eve told him that was wrong. She said, "We can eat from ANY tree in the garden *except* one, the one in the middle of the garden because God said we would surely die if we ate its fruit." The serpent was tricky! He told her God was wrong! He said that God only told her that because God knew that if she ate from that tree, she would be *like God* knowing good and evil. Wow! Would you like to be like God? I know I would!
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Guess what Adam did. He blamed Eve! He said, "The woman you put here with me, she gave it to me. It's all her fault!" And then Eve said, "It's the serpent's fault! He tricked me!" What did they both do here? (They blamed someone else.) When we get in trouble, do we sometimes blame others? But remember, Adam and Eve both made a choice. No one put the fruit in their mouths. They chose to eat the fruit. They chose to sin.
6. **Make a tree or bush again.** Now life in the perfect Garden of Eve came to an end. **Smooch the tree or bush.** Adam would have to work for his food. There would be weeds and thorns. Eve would have pain when she had babies. And just like God had said, they would die. They didn't die immediately, but now they will get old and die.
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- Have kids give suggestions for **Praise** (ex: God is holy, amazing, awesome, our rock).
- Have kids give **Petitions** (needs/please help)
- Have kids give **Thanksgiving** (what are they thankful for)
- Remind them that in a public prayer, we typically pray that God forgives us, but we don’t get specific in our **confessions**.
- Lead kids in prayer.

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE: (5 minutes) Practice looking up the books in the bible. Choose 4-5 books and have kids race to find them in the bible, one at time. As soon as one person finds the first book, move on to the next. We don’t want to make anyone feel uncomfortable if they struggle to find the books.

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Read Genesis 1:1-2: *God created the sky and the earth. At first, ² the earth was completely empty. There was nothing on the earth. Darkness covered the ocean, and God’s Spirit moved over¹ the water.*

Imagine earth with nothing on it. Nothing at all. There’s just darkness and an ocean. You can’t even see dry land. How neat is it that God’s Spirit moved over the water?

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8. **Read Genesis 4:10-11.** Abel's blood *cried* to God from the ground. God punished Cain. He said the ground would no longer be good to him. He would now just be a wanderer wandering around the earth.

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