



LESSON 2

THE FALL

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: God Never Gives Up on Us

SCRIPTURE: [Genesis 3](#)

GOD'S BIG STORY: Adam and Eve disobey God, believing the serpent's lie over God's truth. Still, God calls to them, cares for them, and promises that one of their descendants will someday defeat Satan once and for all.

WORD OF WONDER: Jesus makes us new. —from [2 Corinthians 5:17](#)

FOUNDATION BUILDING BLOCKS

WHO?

It was the serpent who encouraged Adam and Eve's fall into sin. This is the first time we see God's enemy disguised as one of God's good creatures, encouraging people to disobey. Revelation talks about the coming defeat of Satan, "that ancient serpent" ([Revelation 20:2 NIV](#)).

WHAT?

Sin changed everything in God's good world. Adam and Eve turned away from God and disobeyed His command. From then on, all of us do the same. We choose to follow our own way, and it breaks our relationship with God and separates us from Him.

WHERE?

Adam and Eve lived in the garden of Eden, located somewhere in southern Iraq. After the fall, Adam and Eve were forced to leave the garden and can never return. Eden has never been found—the Bible says the entrance is guarded ([Genesis 3:24](#)).

WHEN?

We don't know the exact date this took place, but this first sin changed everything in God's good world. From the first people until now, humanity has been in rebellion against God and His way. This happened long ago, but it continues to affect us today.

CONNECTING TO GOD'S BIG STORY

God gives consequences for sin in [Genesis 3](#). But God also makes a promise—a snake crusher will reverse the curse of sin ([Genesis 3:15](#)). As we read God's big story, we're on the lookout for the One who will make everything right—Jesus!

Curiosity

Play Stations

Greet the kids warmly and briefly explain the play stations to them. Invite them to play at any of the stations.

Welcome to church! While we're getting ready to start, you can play at any of these stations to help you get ready for our lesson today. Do you have any ideas about what we'll be learning today?

Play Station: Garden Exploration

Set up: Set out a shallow bin and fill with dirt or soil, fake trees and plants, and small rocks. A small tarp or towel can help contain the mess.

Play: Let the kids play in the pretend garden. Ask them what else might be in a garden (such as flowers or water). Allow the kids to explore by feeling the dirt and moving the rocks around in the bin. They can also create paths or decorative areas around the plants and trees with the rocks.

Play Station: Eat This, Not This

Set up: Set out two small bins or baskets, toy food, and various non-food objects (such as rocks, a ball, cotton ball). Use a note card and marker to make a sign that says, "Eat This" and another sign that says, "Don't Eat This." Set out the bins or baskets side by side. Place one sign by each bin or basket. Or, for non-readers, make a happy face and a sad face on the cards.

Play: Tell the kids what each sign says. Let the kids sort the items into the bins, according to things they can eat and things they can't eat.

Play Station: The Fall Coloring Sheet

Set up: Ahead of time, print one copy per kid of the [coloring sheet](#) and set out coloring utensils.

Play: Let the kids color. The kids can also turn over their sheet and draw a picture of their favorite fruit on the back.

Faith

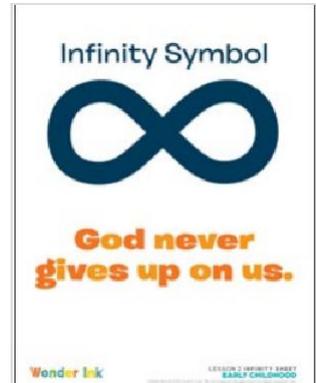
Craft: He'll Never Give Up!

Ahead of time, print the [Infinity Sheet](#). Set out pipe cleaners and pony beads.

Today we're learning about how God will never give up on us. Forever is a really long time! This symbol (point to the image on the printable) is called an infinity sign. Can you say *infinity*? Pause for kids to respond. That means forever. When something goes on for infinity, it will never end! We're going to create an infinity sign together! First, pick out a pipe cleaner. Give each kid a pipe cleaner.

Now pick out a few of your favorite beads and string them onto the pipe cleaner. Hold a pipe cleaner and string a few beads onto it to demonstrate. Encourage kids to leave some space without beads so they have space to twist the ends together.

Now we're going to twist the ends together to form a circle. Ask volunteers to help you assist the kids in twisting the ends, so they don't come undone. Hold up your circle to show the kids as you twist it into an infinity sign. Grab opposite ends of your circle and twist it so that the middle comes together! Give it one more good twist, and now you have an infinity sign that will remind you God will always care for you. His love goes forever and ever!



Game: Garden Scavenger Hunt

SUPPLIES: scissors (prep only), tape (optional), writing utensils

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: [Garden Scavenger Hunt Cards](#)

Ahead of time, print the [Garden Scavenger Hunt Cards](#) and cut the cards apart. Hide the cards around the room for the kids to find. You can place them on the floor, shelves, tables, or tape them to some hidden places. Keep the scavenger hunt checklist nearby, along with writing utensils.

Have you ever been to a garden? What kinds of things do you see? Allow the kids to respond. You might see flowers or fruit, like strawberries. You might see sunflowers or roses or hydrangeas. You might see vegetables or herbs. Can you name anything that grows in a garden? Allow the kids to respond. What do you think the garden of Eden was like before Adam and Eve sinned? Allow the kids to respond.



When Adam and Eve realized they had sinned, they hid from God. But God went looking in the garden for His people. He loved them and still had a plan for them. He never gave up on them.

He still doesn't give up on us. Because of Jesus, we can be forgiven. And God promises to make everything that is bad right again someday. Let's go on a scavenger hunt in our room to find things from a garden as we think about this story.

Encourage the kids to find the pictures around the room and mark each item off of the checklist page. Every time they find one, encourage them to say, "God never gives up on us!"

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Prayer and Blessing

After the kids are finished with this breath prayer, pray with the kids, thanking God for never giving up.

As we pray, put your hands over your heart every time I say, "Thank You." Let's pray to God.

God, thank You (hands over your heart) for never giving up on us. Thank You (hands over your heart) for loving us and caring for us, even when we mess up. We love You so much! In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands are open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

Blessing: God knows us deeply and will always be here for us. May you always remember that He will never give up on you, no matter what. Forever and ever, God will be faithful to you and forgive you when you need it. God loves you so much!