

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!

## Activity: Garden Exploration

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

**Welcome! Today we're going to hear a story from the Bible about people who were in a garden! First, let's explore a garden and get curious! Have you seen a garden?** Allow the kids to respond.

Show the garden bin to the kids. 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 decorate areas around the plants and trees with the rocks. If you have fresh herbs from a garden, you can bring them to show the kids.

## Activity: Would You Eat This?

Ahead of time, print the [Would You Eat This? Sheet](#) and cut apart the pictures. Hold up each picture asking the kids: **Would you eat this?**



The kids will see a ...

- chocolate bar
- cluster of grapes
- spider
- sandwich
- fish
- an ice cream cone
- pepper
- rock

**Some of those things are really yummy, but some of them might be hard or yucky to eat! I would never eat a spider! Today we're going to learn about a man and a woman in the Bible who ate something God told them not to eat. But God didn't stop loving and taking care of them.**

**Our Wonder Truth today is: GOD NEVER GIVES UP ON US.**

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

**GOD**—*Point up.*

**NEVER GIVES UP**—*Two thumbs up.*

**ON US**—*Point to yourself.*

## Prayer and Blessing

Let's talk to God and thank Him for loving us and never giving up on us, even when we do wrong things.

**God, thank You for never giving up on us. We thank You for loving us and always taking care of us, even when we make wrong choices! We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Encourage the kids to hold their hands 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!

## Activity: Hidden Fruit

Gather real fruit that is sturdy (such as lemons, apples, limes, etc.), toy fruit, or paper images of fruit. Hide the fruit around the room.

**In our story today, Adam and Eve sinned by eating fruit. We don't know exactly what kind of fruit it was because the Bible doesn't tell us. What kind of fruit do you like? Is there any kind of fruit you don't like?** Allow the kids to answer.

**Even when Adam and Eve sinned, and even when we sin, God never gives up on His people. He loves us and forgives us.**

**Let's play a game to look for hidden fruit around the room. When you find a piece, shout, "Thank You, God!"**

Encourage the kids to find the hidden fruit around the room and say, "Thank You, God! You never give up on me!"