

LITTLE VILLAGE

PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM

OLD TESTAMENT

Volume 1

Ages 3–Kindergarten



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LITTLE VILLAGE PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM PHILOSOPHY

The most joyful thing in all the world is knowing God; that's why our kids need to hear who God is and what He has done in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

In fact, God's big story (see the God's Big Story Timeline in the Appendix)—from creation to redemption to glory—displays Him as Hero. **The Bible is God's true Word. It is from God and about God.** Sadly, we sometimes miss that point and make everything about ourselves. Our kids need a different vantage point: God, in His wonder, shows us His love while we are yet still sinners.

THE GOSPEL TRUTH

Even though our hearts are by nature opposed to God in every way, Jesus died on the cross for us so that our sick hearts (see Sick Heart/Healthy Heart visuals in the Appendix) could be made healthy, and now everyone who loves and trusts Jesus will get to live with God forever!

A STRONG FOUNDATION

The lessons throughout this curriculum highlight one of these Six Foundational Truths: **God Made Everything, God Is in Charge of Everything, God Is Good, Jesus Came to Save Sinners, God Wants to Talk With Us, and The Church Is God's Family.**

This helps us keep the focus of every lesson on the main point of the story: God! And what do we do in response? Worship!

Worship is how we show that God is most valuable. Only God deserves our worship. We use our voices, minds, and bodies to worship God.

OUR PRAYER

We pray that God would show the next generation the reason for the hope that we have. May we faithfully tell God's big story, laying kindling in the hearts of children that the Lord might ignite for the praise of His beautiful Name.



HOW TO USE THIS CURRICULUM

Each year, we teach chronologically through the Bible, starting in June. The lessons from the Old Testament volume conclude just before the season of Advent. Reiterating the story of the Fall in “Advent Begins: God Promises a Savior” serves to prepare the way for the long-expected Messiah, kicking off the work of Christ in the New Testament volume. Please note that this book includes more lessons than there are weeks in the year. We’ve included all of our available lessons to allow for choice. You should plan out which lessons to teach before beginning the curriculum year.

Lessons can be taught in a large group setting, with kids later dispersing into

smaller classrooms or groups for review and activities such as crafts and coloring. While the review questions at the end of each lesson are meant for the smaller classroom setting, it may be helpful for you to view them as goals for comprehension during the large group teaching. For take-home papers, see the accompanying activity book, which includes family discussion guides and coloring sheets.

LESSON KEY

This key will help you navigate the curriculum. Each lesson is tied to one of Six Foundational Truths. Supplies needed are located in the upper right corner of the lesson page. The ➡ symbol indicates

where to begin teaching. *Blue italics* indicate actions to be performed during the teaching. The ➡ symbol represents “landing the plane.” This section will reiterate the foundational truth of the lesson and provide a link to the gospel. The Bible 📖 indicates when the key text from the Bible is supposed to be read aloud. Be sure to teach value and honor of the Word of God by reading from a physical copy of the Bible itself. The ✝ symbol shows you when to lead the kids in the Gospel Fingerplay rhyme in the Appendix. The **bold text** indicates key points and definitions that should be said word-for-word. For a complete list of terms and definitions, see the Glossary at the end of this book.

Who Is God?

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5; EXODUS 3:14; GENESIS 1:1



Deuteronomy 6:4–5; Exodus 3:14; Genesis 1:1

Who Is God?

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH GOD IS GOOD

KEY TEXT “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.” **Deuteronomy 6:4–5**

⇒ Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to show you and the children what is good and true about Jesus through this story from the Bible.

Our story today is from the Bible. *(Show the Bible.)* **The Bible is God’s true Word. The Bible is from God and about God.**

We have been learning about how God sends His people, the Church, to tell others how **Jesus Came to Save Sinners!** The Holy Spirit helps those who love and trust Jesus know God and tell others about Him. The Church worships God because He is the one, true God. There is no one else like Him.

Look at the person sitting next to you. What color hair do they have? What color are their eyes and skin? Are they smiling or frowning? We can know some things about our friends by looking at them. **Now close your eyes and think about someone you live with.** What is their name? What are some things you love

about that person? Are they kind or smart or funny? We can see things about a person and we can learn things about a person that help us know what they’re like.

Now think about God. How can we know what God is like when we can’t see Him? God doesn’t have a body! **God Is Good**, and He tells us who He is and what He is like in the Bible.

Have you ever wondered what it means for God to be God? It can be hard to think about God because He is not like you and me. **The Bible tells us there are some things about God that are ONLY true about Him and ONLY belong to Him**, like...

📖 God is holy! There has never been and will never be anyone else like Him! He is so big and so wonderful that we could talk about Him FOREVER and never run out of things to say about Him. The Bible tells us that when Moses asked God for His name, this is what He said—*(Read Exodus 3:14 from the Bible.)*

📖 God is one God in three persons! He is God the Father, God the Son (that’s Jesus!), and God the Holy Spirit. That is very different than you and me! I am one woman (or man) and one person. God is one God in three persons. We call that

the Trinity. **Can you say, “Trinity”?** *(Read Deuteronomy 6:4 from the Bible.)*

📖 **God has no start and no end!** Did you know that no one made God? He has always been and will always be. That means before **God Made Everything** like animals, stars, grass, and people, there was God. God in three persons has no start and no end. **Close your eyes and think about no start and no end.** It’s really hard! That’s because God is not like us! We all have a start, and we all were made. *(Read Genesis 1:1 from the Bible.)*

📖 **God is Creator.** Out of His great love, **God Made Everything**. He didn’t have to make anything and He doesn’t need anything. **God Made Everything** to show that He is good and we can enjoy Him forever. We worship God because He made everything! *(Read Deuteronomy 6:5 from the Bible.)*

➔ **God Is Good** to tell us about Himself in the Bible. **God Is Good** to make Himself known to His children, the Church. We worship God with our heads, hearts, and bodies because only He is most valuable. There is no one else like Him.

We are all sinners, and sin separates us from God. God’s Word tells us that **Jesus Came to Save Sinners** like us. **God Is Good!**

On the count of three, we are going to whisper, “God Is Good.” 1—2—3! God Is Good. On the count of three, we are going to say, “God Is Good” to our neighbor. 1—2—3! God Is Good. Now, everyone, stand up! On the count of three, we are going to yell, “God Is Good!” If you don’t like loud noises, you can cover your ears. 1—2—3! God Is Good! Everyone, sit down!

Pray and thank God for being good!

Review Questions

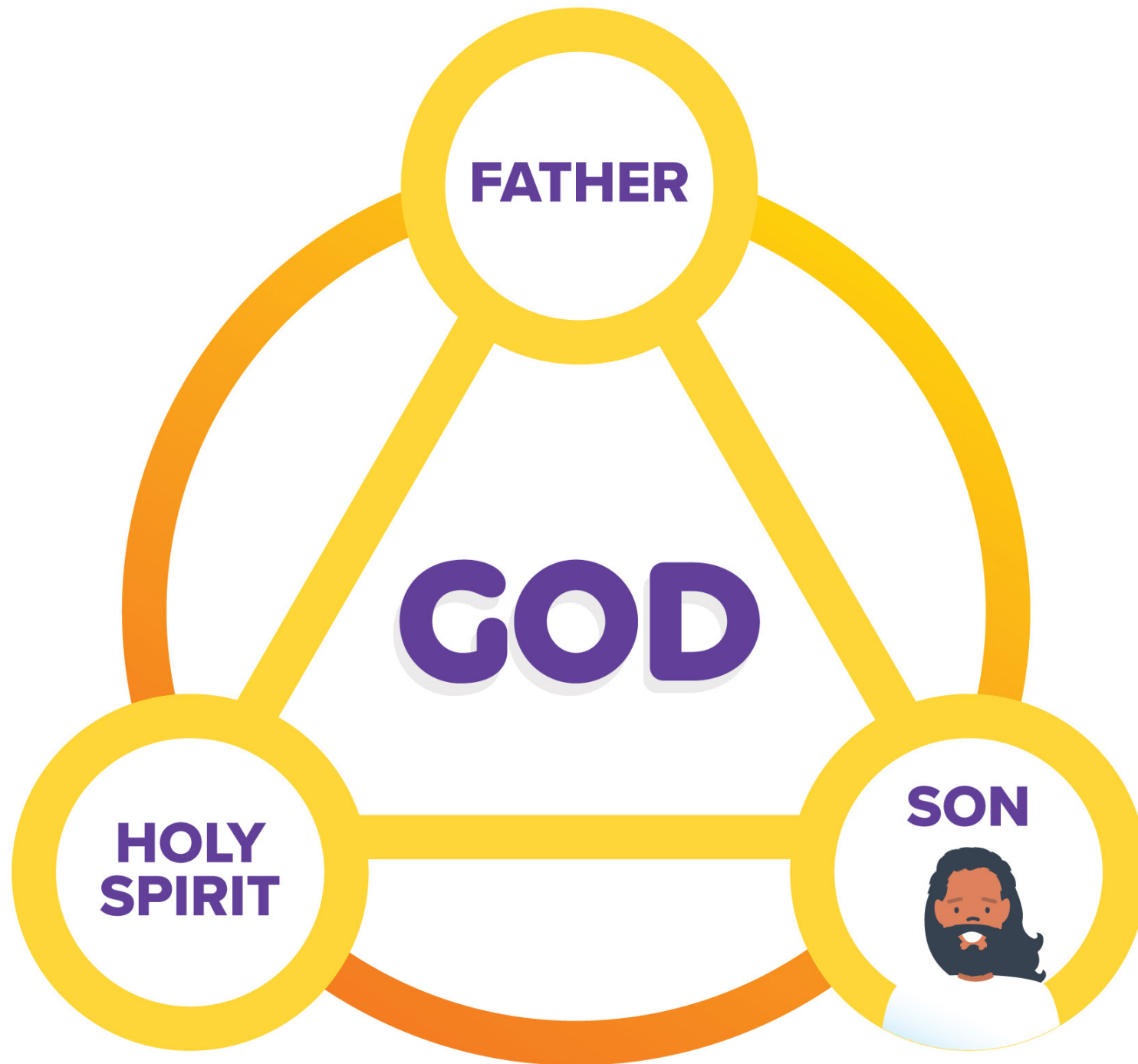
- ☐ This is where we are in God’s Big Story.
(Point to before “God creates the world” on the timeline.)
- ☐ Who is God? *(God is one God in three persons.)*
- ☐ What do we call God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit? *(The Trinity)*
- ☐ Who is Creator? *(God)*
- ☐ Does God have a start? *(No!)*
- ☐ Does God have an end? *(No!)*
- ☐ How do we worship God? *(Head, Heart, Body)*
- ☐ Let’s say our foundational truth together:
“God Is Good!”



The Trinity



God Is Good



God Creates the World

GENESIS 1-2



Genesis 1–2

God Creates the World

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH GOD MADE EVERYTHING

Supplies: printed picture or example of what God created each day

KEY TEXT In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. **Genesis 1:1**

⇒ Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to show you and the children what is good and true about Jesus through this story from the Bible.

(Show the Bible.) **The Bible is God’s true Word. The Bible is from God and about God.**

Today, we are going to learn about the very first thing that happened in the Bible!
(Show the Bible and open to Genesis 1.) In the very beginning, before there were people or animals or plants or sunshine, there was God. God has always existed. He was never created or made. He has always been here.

 *Read Genesis 1:1 from the Bible.*

God Made Everything! And He made everything simply by speaking. *(Point to your mouth.)* God did not have to work hard or build anything to make creation. He did not have to gather together materials and make things with His hands. *(Hold out your hands.)* God just said, “Let there be...” and there was. He just had to say the words, and it appeared! You and I don’t

have the power to do that; only God does! Can I just say, “Let there be ice cream,” and ice cream will appear? Or, “Let there be puppies,” and puppies will appear? No! But God can say that, and it will appear.

On the first day *(hold up one finger)*, God said, “Let there be **LIGHT**,” and there was light! *(Show picture of light and darkness.)* God said that the light was good. Everything God made was good.

On the second day *(hold up two fingers)*, God said, “Let there be **SKY**,” and there was sky! *(Show the picture of the sky.)* God said that the sky was good. Everything God made was good.

On the third day *(hold up three fingers)*, God said, “Let there be **LAND** and **TREES** and **PLANTS**,” and there were land and trees and plants! There were big, strong trees that reached high in the sky and beautiful, colorful flowers that smelled sweet. *(Show the picture of the land and plants.)* God said that the land and trees and plants were good. Everything God made was good.

On the fourth day *(hold up four fingers)*, God said, “Let there be a **SUN**, **STARS**, and a **MOON**,” and there were a big, bright sun, a moon, and so many sparkly stars! *(Show the*

picture of the sun, moon and stars.) God said that the sun, moon, and stars were good. Everything God made was good.

On the fifth day *(hold up five fingers)*, God said, “Let there be **FISH** and **BIRDS**,” and there were fish and birds! God filled the waters with tiny little guppies, dolphins that jump, and giant blue whales. He filled the skies with majestic eagles and tiny little hummingbirds who can flap their wings faster than you can imagine. *(Show the picture of the fish and birds.)* God said that the fish and birds were good. Everything God made was good.

On the sixth day *(hold up six fingers)*, God said, “Let there be **ANIMALS**,” and all the animals appeared: giant elephants, fluffy panda bears, jumping frogs, and tiny little ants. God said the animals were good. Everything God made was good. But God wasn’t done yet!

On the sixth day, God still had something very precious to make—**MAN**. When God made man, He didn’t just speak *(point to your mouth)* to make him. God used His hands *(hold out your hands)* to gather together dust. And He formed the dust into the body of the man. Then, God breathed life into the man. Remember, everything God made was good. God said

that the man was very good. God made man precious because God made him in His own likeness; we call this the **imago dei**. *(Show the picture of the animals and people.)* The animals and plants and stars were all created good, but they are different than people. People are precious to God.

On the seventh day *(hold up seven fingers)*, God **RESTED**. He had finished making everything.

✈ **God Made Everything** from nothing! **God Made Everything** we can see and even things we cannot see. Everything God made was good. God is so good and big and strong and made everything in the whole world. **God Made Everything!**

On the count of three, we're going to whisper, "God Made Everything." 1—2—3. God Made Everything. On the count of three, we are going to say, "God Made Everything," with a squeaky mouse voice. 1—2—3. God Made Everything. Now, everyone, stand up! On the count of three, we are going to yell, "God Made Everything!" If you don't like loud noises, you can cover your ears. 1—2—3. God Made Everything! Everyone, sit down!

Pray and thank God for making everything!

Review Questions

- ☐ How many days did it take God to create the world? *(Seven)*
- ☐ What did God make? *(God Made Everything.)*
- ☐ What did God do on the seventh day, the last day we learned about? *(God rested.)*
- ☐ When God made light, did He say that it was good or bad? *(Good; everything God made was good.)*
- ☐ When God made man, did He say man was good or very good? *(Very good; man is precious to God.)*
- ☐ What is one thing that God made? *(Let the kids answer.)*
- ☐ Let's say our foundational truth together: *"God Made Everything!"*



Light and Dark



Heavens and Waters



Land and Plants



Sun, Moon and Stars



Birds and Fish



Animals



People



It Was Good, and God Rested



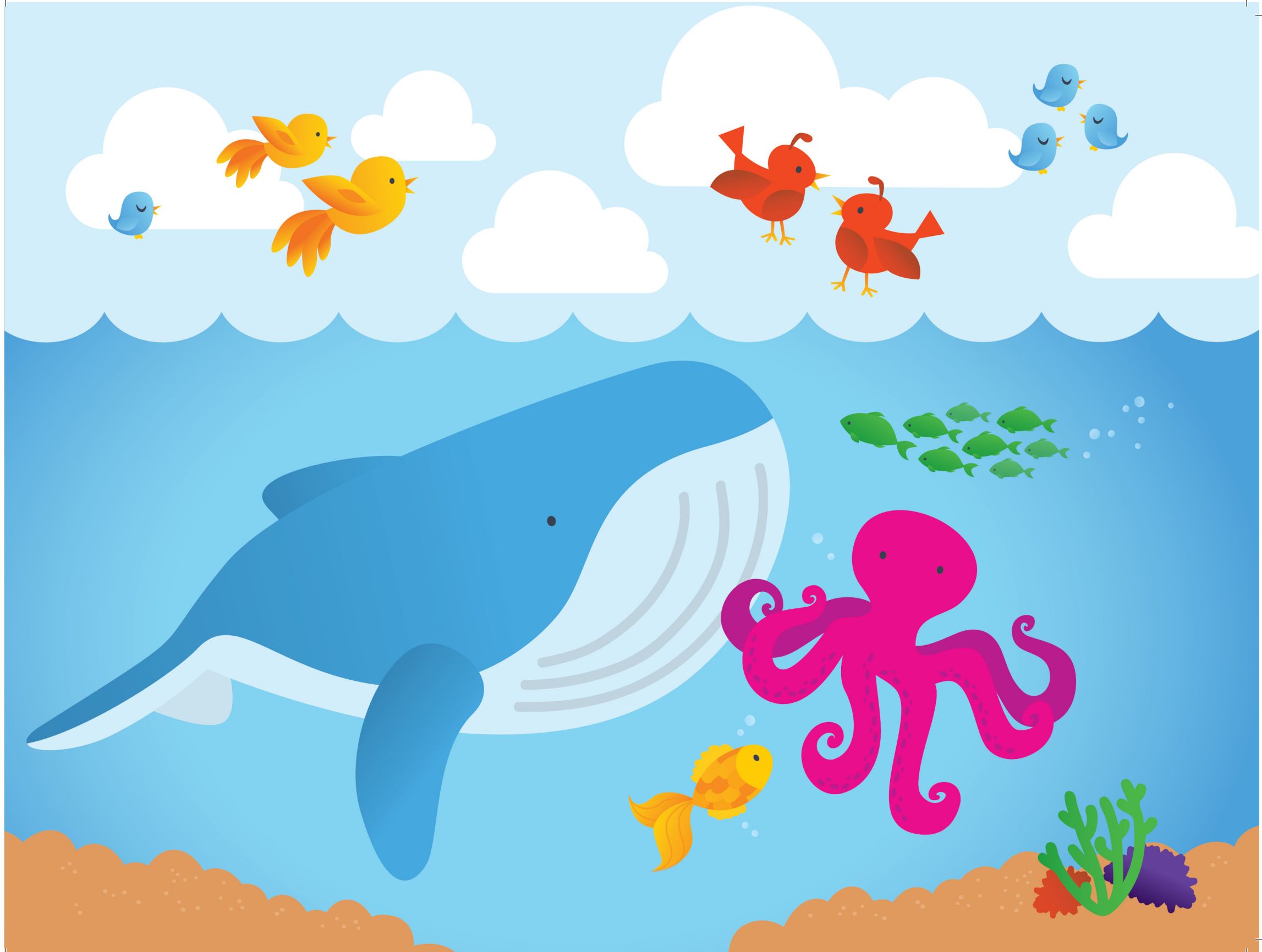
God Made Everything



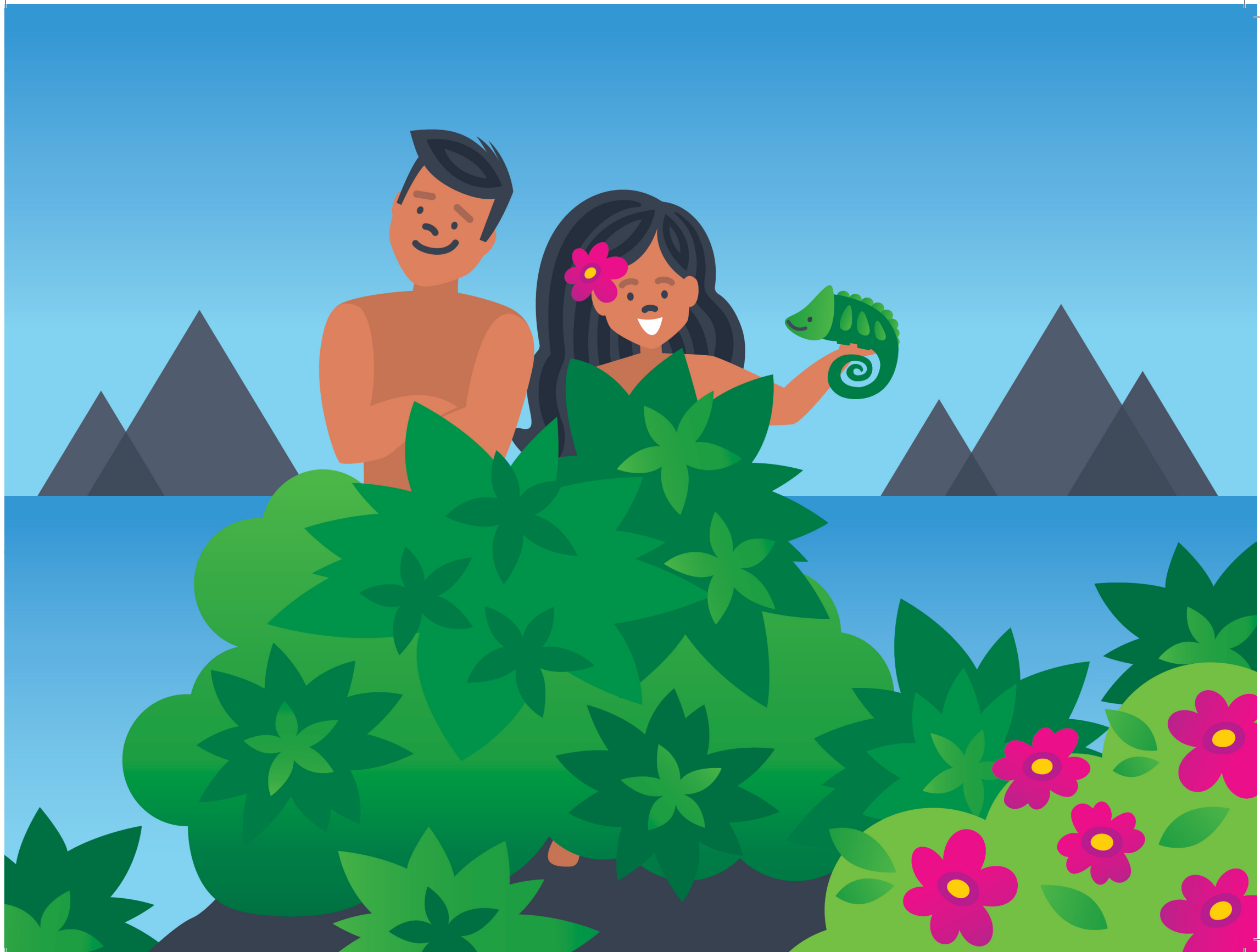


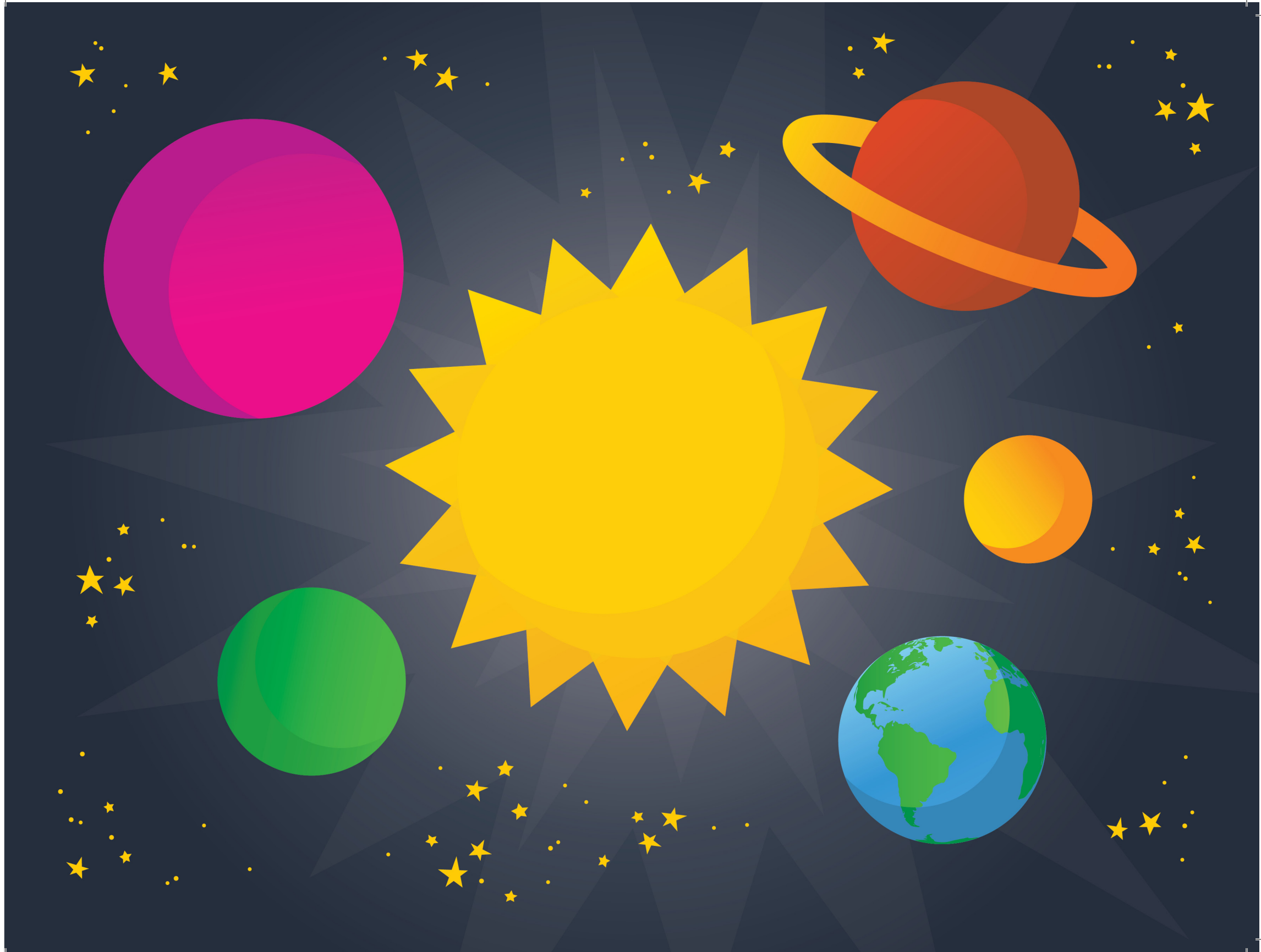












God Creates Adam and Eve

GENESIS 1-2



Genesis 1–2

God Creates Adam and Eve

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH GOD IS IN CHARGE OF EVERYTHING

Supplies: pictures of Adam and Eve,
a handful of dirt, a bone, glass

KEY TEXT Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. **Genesis 2:7, NIV**

⇒ Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to show you and the children what is good and true about Jesus through this story from the Bible.

Who is God? God is one: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

What has God said? Everything God wants us to know about Him is in the Bible.

(Show the Bible.) **The Bible is God's true Word. The Bible is from God and about God.**

We have been learning how God is not like us. There is no one like God! Last week, we learned that **God Made Everything** with the sound of His voice! When God made trees and animals and the stars, He spoke, and there they were. And with His voice He said all He had made was good. **Can you say, “good”?**

God doesn't just make everything; **God Is in Charge of Everything**, too! That means He

keeps everything He made going, just by the sound of His voice. God loves and cares for His creation. **God Is in Charge of Everything!**

📖 Today we're going to talk more about when God made the first family, Adam and Eve. *(Read Genesis 2:7 from the Bible.)* The Bible says when God made the man, *(use the dirt to demonstrate)* He reached down, scooped up some dust from the ground He made, and breathed life into Adam. Later, He made Adam fall asleep and He took one of Adam's ribs *(show the bone)* out of His body and made woman, Eve.

📖 Did you notice God made people different from everything else He made? When God made man He didn't use His voice, but His very breath! That's because the Bible tells us God made people in His own image. That means God made His family to look like Him. *(Read Genesis 1:27 from the Bible.)* People are not God but people are made to reflect God.

We learned that **there are some things about God that are ONLY true about God and ONLY belong to God**. When God made people, He made them able to show others some things that are true about God. Only people can do that because they are made in God's image!

Being made in God's image means God made people special and precious from the rest of creation. God also gave Adam and Eve special jobs to do together, and special jobs to do as man and woman. Together, God told Adam and Eve to rule over all that He made and to build God's family by having children to fill the earth. *(Show image of Adam and Eve Made to Love and Serve Each Other.)* God made Adam and Eve to have bodies. Man and woman look a little different, and that's on purpose! God also made the way man and woman think and feel different from each other. He did this so they would work together, serving one another. The same is true of us! God made each of us, boys and girls, to love and serve one another. God never makes a mistake! **God Is in Charge of Everything!**

✈ **God Is in Charge of Everything!** He made man and woman in His own image! When man and woman work together the way God has made them, this shows others that God is most valuable and brings us the most joy. We can thank God for making us each as boys and girls, made in the image of God.

On the count of three, we are going to whisper, “God Is in Charge of Everything.” 1–2–3. God Is in Charge of Everything. On the count of three, we are going to turn

to the person next to you and say, “God Is in Charge of Everything.” 1—2—3. God Is in Charge of Everything. Now, everyone, stand up! On the count of three, we are going to yell, “God Is in Charge of Everything!” If you don’t like loud noises, you can cover your ears. 1—2—3! God Is in Charge of Everything! Everyone, sit down.

Pray and thank God that He is in charge of everything!

Review Questions

- ☐ This is where we are in God’s Big Story.
(Point to the “God’s people wait” clock.)
- ☐ What are the names of the first man and woman? *(Adam, Eve)*
- ☐ Were man and woman made the same way everything else was? *(No!)*
- ☐ How did God make Adam? *(He breathed into dust.)*
- ☐ Are man and woman made in God’s image? *(Yes!)*
- ☐ Are animals and plants and stars made in God’s image? *(No!)*
- ☐ Do people have special jobs given to them by God? *(Yes!)*
- ☐ Let’s say our foundational truth together:
“God Is in Charge of Everything!”



Adam and Eve
Made to Love and
Serve Each Other



God Is in Charge
of Everything



Adam and Eve Disobey God

GENESIS 3



Genesis 3

Adam and Eve Disobey God

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH JESUS CAME TO SAVE SINNERS

KEY TEXT She took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. **Genesis 3:6b**

⇒ Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to show you and the children what is good and true about Jesus through this story from the Bible.

(Show the Bible.) **The Bible is God's true Word. The Bible is from God and about God.**

Hold up the God's Big Story "God Made Everything" circle. Last week, we learned that **God Made Everything!** Can you tell me some of the things that God made? **God Made Everything** by speaking! *(Point to your mouth.)* He is so powerful! And everything God made was good. *(Give two thumbs-up.)* God made something **very good**, too. Do you remember what that was? Man!

Today, we are going to learn about the first people God made who were named Adam and Eve. **On the count of three, say, "Adam and Eve!" 1—2—3! "Adam and Eve!"**

Adam and Eve lived in a beautiful garden. It was perfect. There was no sickness or death

or sadness or anything bad. And Adam and Eve got to be with God! They got to walk with God and talk with God face-to-face. There is nothing better than getting to be with God! God gave Adam and Eve the **imago dei**—His likeness—when He created them. They were precious to God. Adam and Eve had hearts that loved and trusted God. *(Point to the Healthy Heart poster.)*

God gave Adam and Eve everything they needed in the garden. *(Show the picture of the trees.)* He gave them every tree in the garden to eat from except one. God is so generous! God gave Adam and Eve one rule. He told Adam and Eve they could not eat the fruit from one tree. *(Hold up the fruit.)* God was protecting His precious Adam and Eve by telling them not to eat the fruit from the one tree. God knew that if they ate the fruit, they would be separated *(hold arms far apart)* from Him and die. God's rule would keep Adam and Eve safe and help them have the happiest life possible.

One day, a beautiful snake came into the garden and spoke to Eve. *(Pick up the snake and pet the snake's head while you talk about it.)* The snake lied to Eve. The snake told Eve that if she ate the fruit from the one tree she would

Supplies: Bible, picture of trees, a unique fruit, stuffed snake, Healthy Heart poster, Sick Heart poster, and God's Big Story Timeline Circles: God Made Everything, Adam and Eve Sinned, God Promised a Savior and Clock/God's People Wait

not die, but she would be like God. What a terrible lie!

📖 Sadly, Eve listened to the snake instead of listening to God. The Bible tells us Eve looked at the tree she was told not to eat from and—*(read Genesis 3:6b from the Bible. Show the God's Big Story "Adam and Eve Sinned" circle.)* Adam and Eve sinned when they disobeyed God and ate the fruit. **Sin is anything we do or think that is different from what God wants.** God knows what is best.

As soon as Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate the fruit, everything in God's perfect world broke. Sin entered the world, and the world was no longer perfect. Now there was sickness and death and sadness and bad things. When Adam and Eve sinned, their hearts became sick with sin. *(Point to the Sick Heart poster.)*

Adam and Eve knew they had done something terrible, so they tried to hide from God. *(Crouch down and pretend to hide.)* Can we hide from God? No! God knows everything and sees everything.

God had told Adam and Eve what would happen if they ate the fruit—they would die. And they

would be separated from God. There is nothing worse than being separated from God!

God punished Adam and Eve for disobeying Him. He sent them out of the garden. *(Point away from the group.)* But before God sent them out, He made them a promise. *(Show the God's Big Story "Promise of a Savior" circle.)* It was a very important promise. God promised Adam and Eve that one day He would send a Savior to rescue God's precious people from sin. That Savior would fix everything that sin had broken and defeat the snake that had lied to Adam and Eve.

Do you know who that Savior was? Jesus!

On the count of three, say, "Jesus!" 1—2—3! Jesus! In one of the most terrible moments ever, when everything broke, God told Adam and Eve that Jesus would come to save sinners. Adam and Eve could not fix their hearts that were sick with sin *(point to the Sick Heart poster)*, but Jesus could. *(Show the God's Big Story "God's people wait" clock.)* So God's people began to wait for Jesus to come to save sinners.

✈ All of us *(point to everyone in the room)* are born with hearts like Adam and Eve's. Our hearts are sick with sin. We cannot fix our

sinful hearts, only God can. That's why **Jesus Came to Save Sinners!**

On the count of three, we are going to whisper, "Jesus Came to Save Sinners." 1—2—3. Jesus Came to Save Sinners. On the count of three, we are going to close our eyes and say, "Jesus Came to Save Sinners." 1—2—3. Jesus Came to Save Sinners. Now, everyone, stand up! On the count of three, we are going to yell, "Jesus Came to Save Sinners!" If you don't like loud noises, you can cover your ears. 1—2—3! Jesus Came to Save Sinners! Everyone, sit down.

✝ Have the class say the Gospel Fingerplay.

Review Questions

- ☐ Where did Adam and Eve live? *(A beautiful garden)*
- ☐ What was God's one rule for the garden? *(God told Adam and Eve not to eat the fruit from one of the trees in the garden.)*
- ☐ Why did God make the rule? *(To protect Adam and Eve; all of God's rules are good.)*

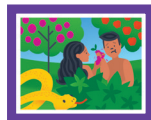
- ☐ Did Adam and Eve obey God's rule? *(No!)*
- ☐ What happened? *(A snake lied to Eve and told her not to obey God, so Adam and Eve ate the fruit from the tree that God told them not to.)*
- ☐ Why did Adam and Eve hide from God after they broke His rule? *(They were scared and knew that they had done something wrong.)*
- ☐ What happened to Adam and Eve's heart after they disobeyed? *(It became sick with sin.)*
- ☐ Could Adam and Eve fix their hearts? *(No!)*
- ☐ What did God do to Adam and Eve after they disobeyed? *(God told them to leave the garden.)*
- ☐ Who could fix Adam and Eve's hearts? *(God)*
- ☐ Who did God send to heal sick, sinful hearts? *(Jesus)*
- ☐ Let's say our foundational truth together: **"Jesus Came to Save Sinners!"**



The Garden of Eden



Serpent Lying



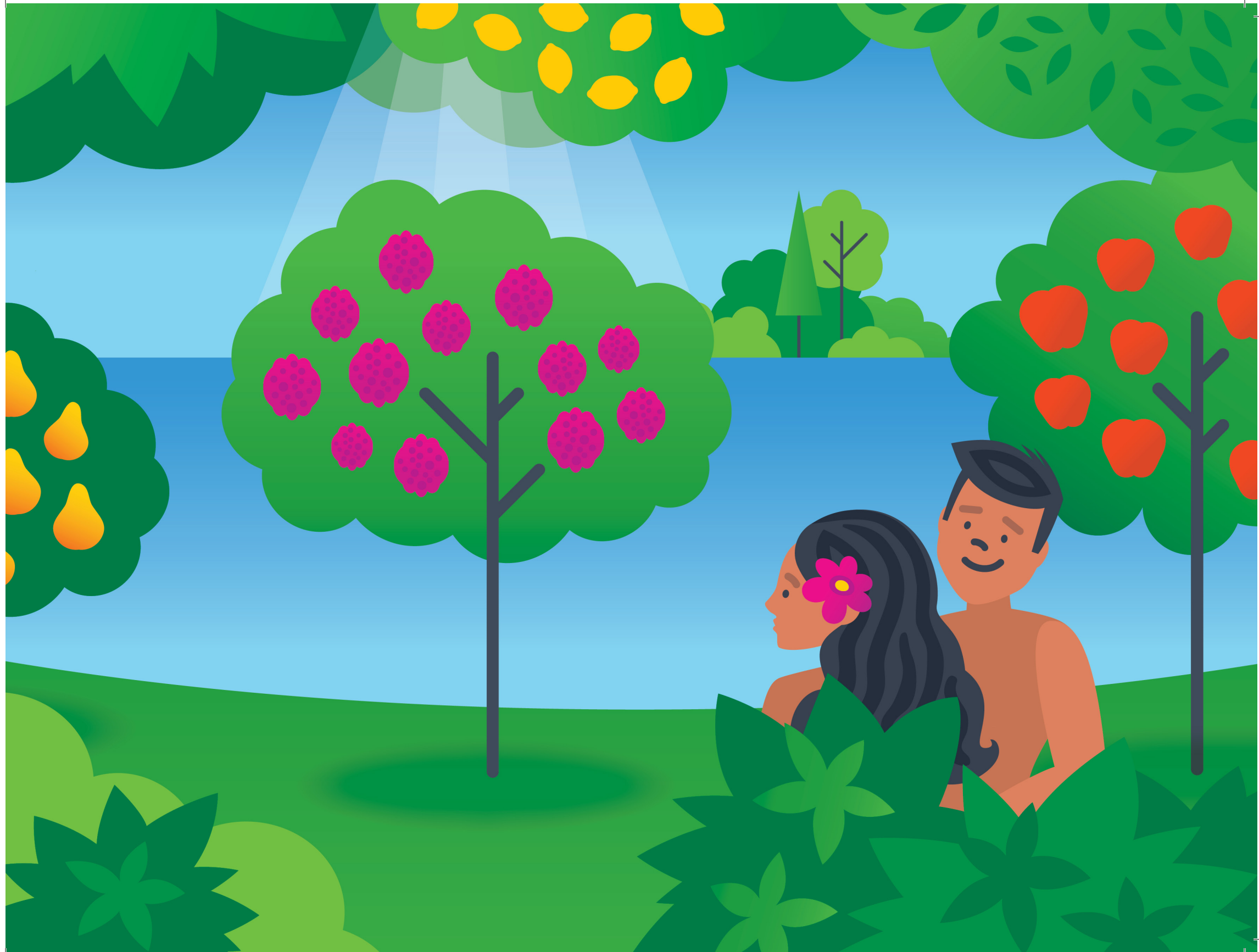
Adam and Eve Disobey

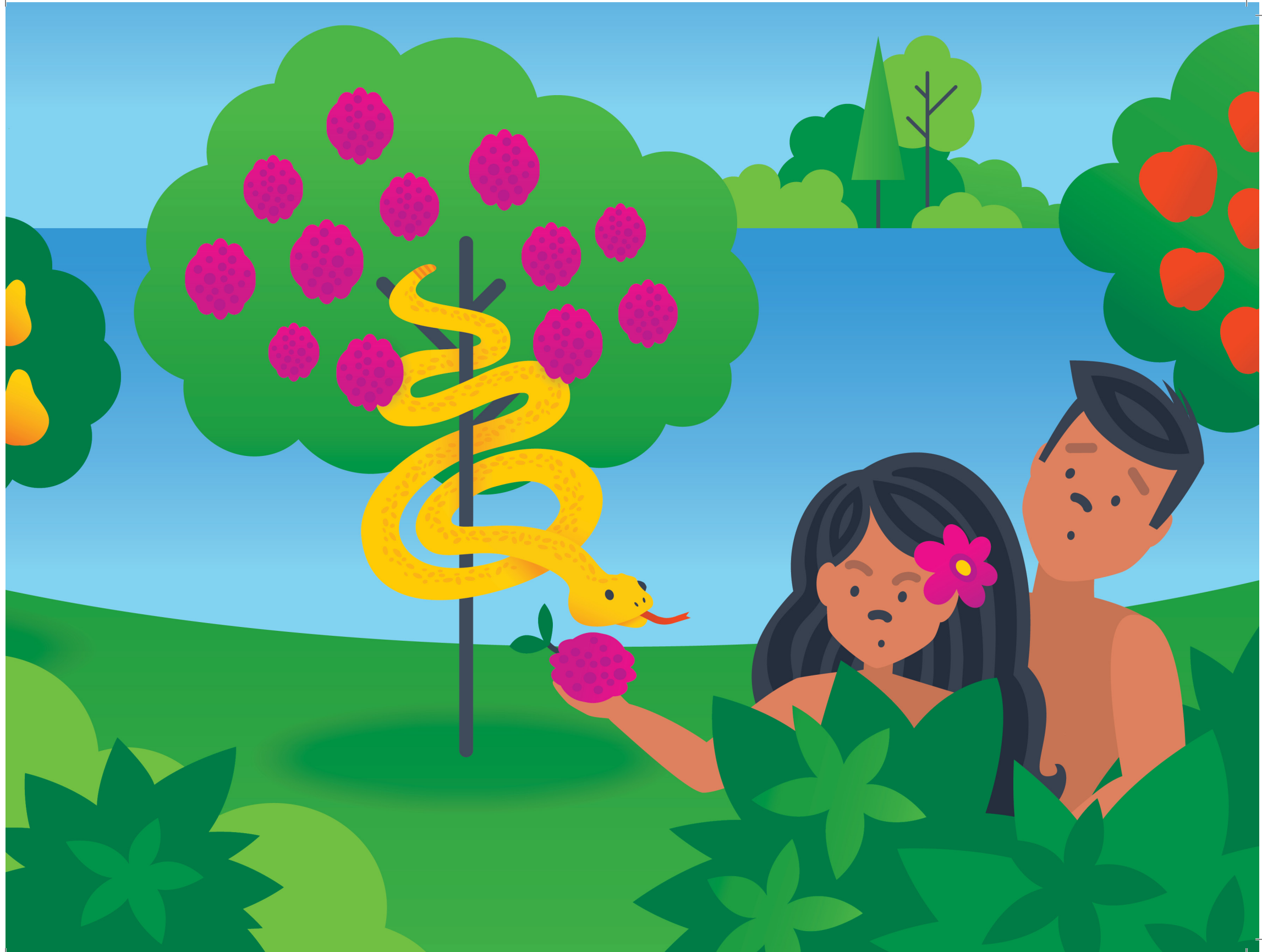


Sick World

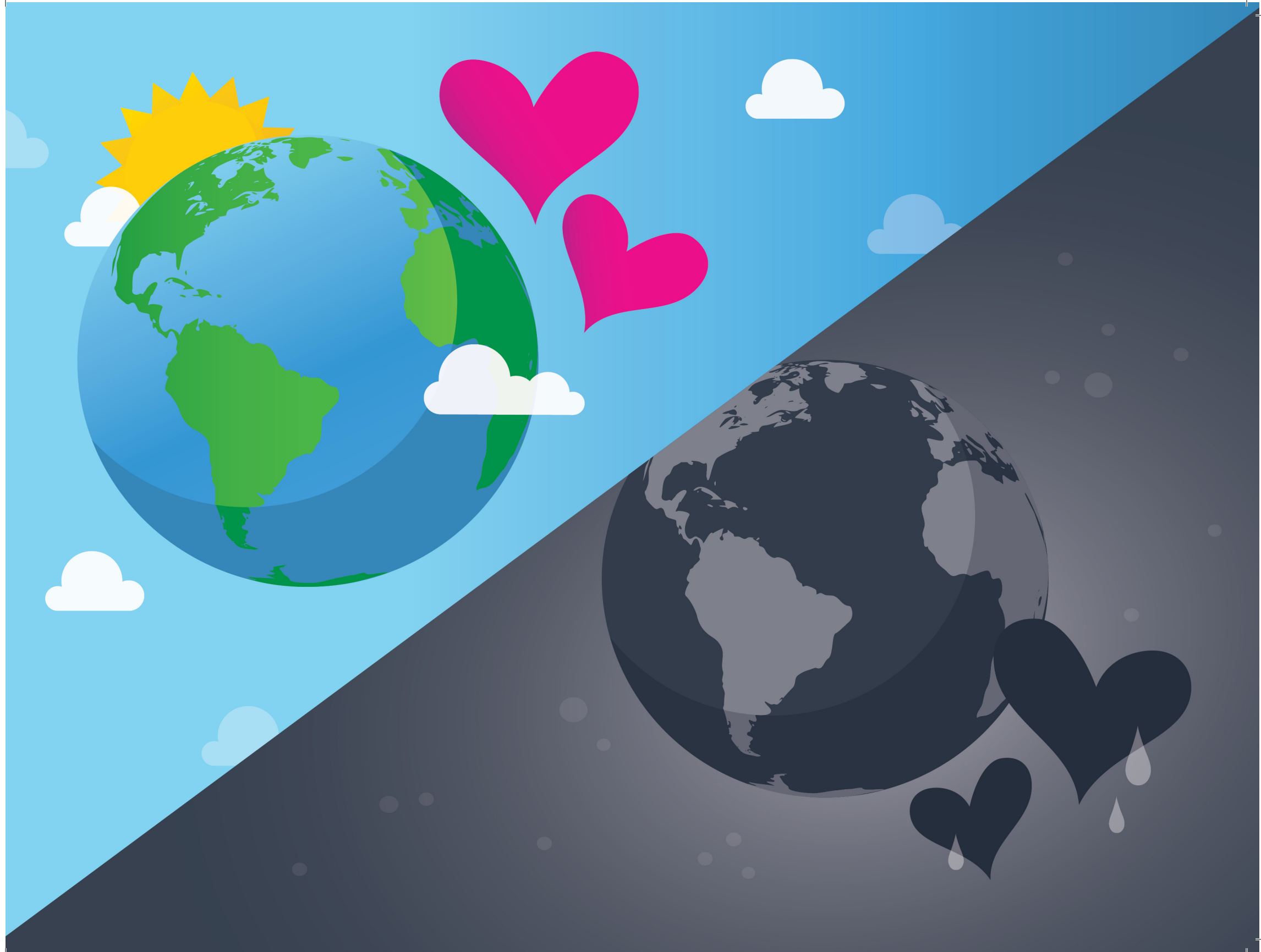


Jesus Came to Save Sinners









Adam and Eve's Children Disobey God

GENESIS 4



Genesis 4

Adam and Eve's Children Disobey God

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH GOD WANTS TO TALK WITH US

Supplies: two gift boxes (one neat and one sloppy), visuals

KEY TEXT In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. **Genesis 4:3–5**

⇒ Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to show you and the children what is good and true about Jesus through this story from the Bible.

(Show the Bible.) **The Bible is God's true Word. The Bible is from God and about God.**

In the Bible, we have been learning that Adam and Eve disobeyed God. They sinned by eating the fruit God told them not to eat, and sin separates us from God, so they had to leave the garden where they were living with God. It was a very sad day. After they left the garden, they had two sons, Cain and Abel. **On the count of 3, say, "Cain and Abel!" 1–2–3!**

Today, we'll learn about these two brothers and the very different sacrifices they gave to God. What is a sacrifice? **A sacrifice is something special and valuable that is**

given to God to show that He is better—like a gift.

Have you ever given someone a gift? I have two gifts here *(Show the two gift boxes.)* This gift *(show the neatly wrapped gift)* looks so nice! You can tell it took a lot of time to wrap and was taken care of. This other gift *(show the sloppy gift)* is a mess! The wrapping was done really fast and not very carefully. This one may have been forgotten in the trunk of a car or the back of a closet. If I gave this gift to a friend, what would they think? They may think I didn't really care about this gift or even about their friendship! They would not feel very important.

Well, one day when Cain and Abel grew up, they offered sacrifices to God of what they had. Cain's job was to take care of trees and plants so Cain offered God some of the food he had grown from different trees and plants. Abel's job was to take care of sheep so Abel offered God a sheep, his best sheep to show how important and special God was to him.

📖 Let's read from the Bible what God thought about their sacrifices and what happened next. *(Read Genesis 4:3–5 from the Bible.)*

God accepted Abel's sacrifice because Abel loved God and wanted to show God that He was better than even his best sheep. God was more important and valuable to Abel than anything else! Cain hadn't thought about it that much. Like this messy-looking gift *(show the messy gift)*, Cain's sacrifice did not show God that he loved God or thought that God was most important and valuable to him. God did not accept Cain's gift which made Cain angry.

Can you show me an angry face? Cain was so angry, he didn't even want to talk to God about his anger. **Have you ever been so angry that you didn't want to talk to anyone, even God?**

No matter what we're feeling, **God Wants to Talk With Us!** God knew Cain was angry and He wanted to talk with him about it, but Cain did not talk to God. Instead, he decided to do something very wrong and very sad. In his anger, Cain went with his brother Abel out into a field, and he killed him.

Do you think God still wanted to talk to Cain? Yes! God Wants to Talk With Us even when we sin. So God came to Cain again and asked, "Where is your brother Abel?" But Cain still would not talk to God. Cain lied to God and

pretended like he did not even know where Abel was, but God knew what had happened, and God punished Cain for his sin.

God said Cain's job of growing trees and plants would become harder, much harder than ever before. God also said that Cain would become a **wanderer, someone who had to travel all over the world with no real home.**

- ✈ Like Adam and Eve sinned and had to leave their perfect home with God in the garden, their son, Cain, sinned and had to leave his home too. God wanted to talk with Cain when he was angry. **God Wants to Talk with Us** no matter what we're feeling but Cain would not listen because his heart was sick with sin.

Remember, Adam and Eve's sin broke everything God made, even our hearts. Like Cain, we are all born with hearts that are sick with sin and separate us from God. That's why God promised to send a Savior! Many years later, God sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life, and Jesus never sinned. He died on the cross to take the punishment for our sins and came back to life three days later so that everyone who loves and trusts Jesus can get

a new, healthy heart and be with God forever! **God Wants to Talk with Us** about Jesus. That's what the Bible is all about and **God Wants to Talk with Us** about our sin.

On the count of 3, let's whisper God Wants to Talk With Us. 1—2—3! On the count of 3, let's say God Wants to Talk With Us while we put out our hands like we're giving a gift. 1—2—3! Now everyone stand up! On the count of 3, we are going to yell God Wants to Talk With Us! If you don't like loud noises, you can cover your ears. 1—2—3! Everyone, sit down!

Let's pray and thank God that He Wants to Talk With Us.

Review Questions

- ☐ Adam and Eve had two sons. What were their names? *(Cain and Abel)*
- ☐ What were their jobs? *(Cain took care of plants and trees, and Abel took care of sheep.)*
- ☐ Why didn't God accept Cain's sacrifice? *(It did not show that Cain loved God or that God was very special or important to him.)*
- ☐ When God did not accept Cain's gift, how did Cain feel? *(Angry)*
- ☐ Cain decided not to talk to God about his anger. Instead, he did something very wrong and very sad. What did Cain do? *(Cain killed his brother, Abel.)*
- ☐ Did God still want to talk to Cain after he sinned? *(Yes!)*
- ☐ What was Cain's punishment for killing his brother? *(He would have trouble growing plants and trees from the ground and had to wander the earth with no real home.)*
- ☐ We are all born with sick hearts because of which two people? *(Adam and Eve)*
- ☐ Who is the Savior God promised to send Adam and Eve? *(Jesus!)*
- ☐ Does God want to talk with us even though we sin? *(Yes! God Wants to Talk With Us!)*



Cain



Abel



Shepherding
and Farming



Offerings



Cain Leaves



God Wants to
Talk With Us



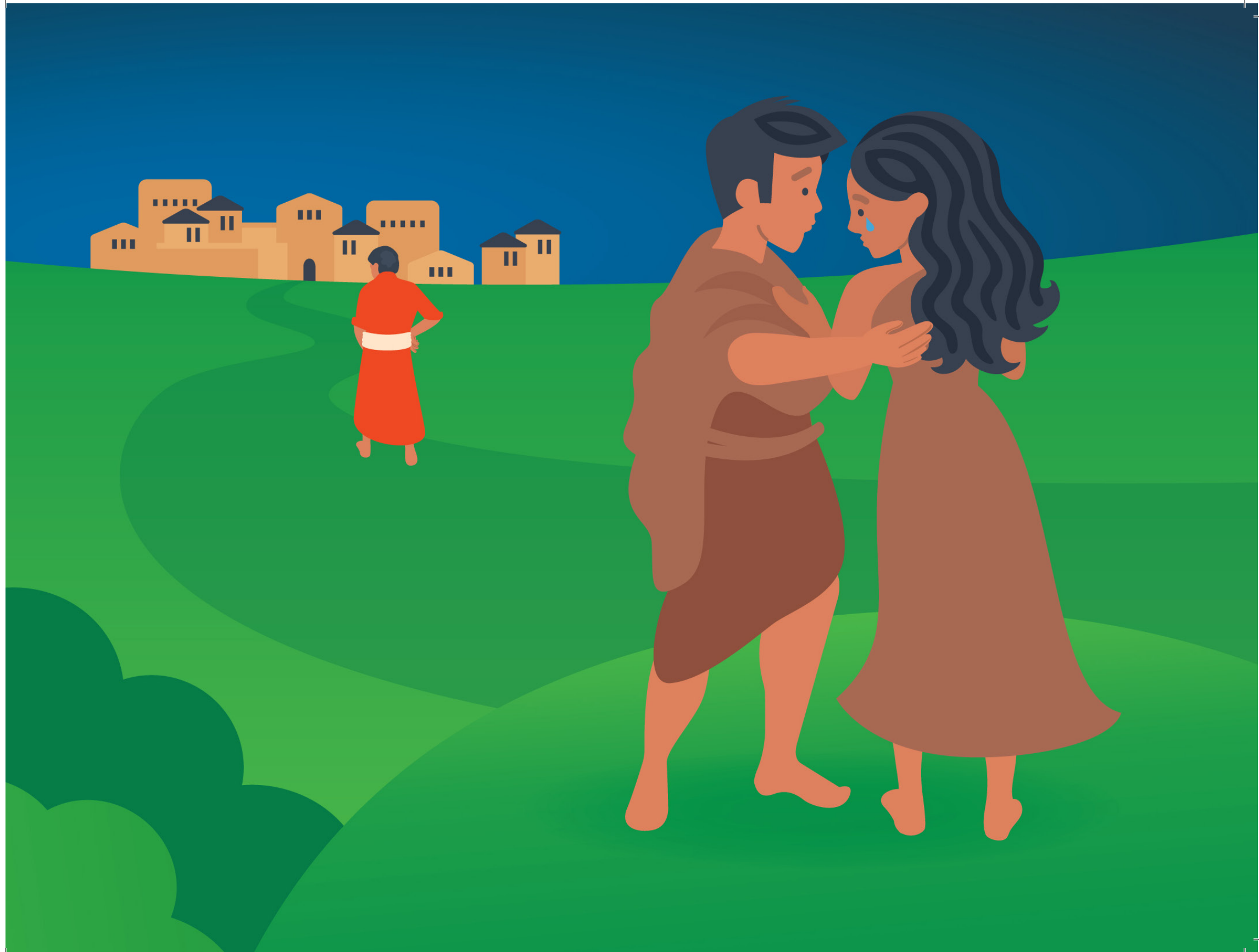
Cain

Abel









God Saves Noah

GENESIS 6-9



Genesis 6–9

God Saves Noah

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH GOD IS GOOD

KEY TEXT “For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die. But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you.”

Genesis 6:17–18

⇒ Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to show you and the children what is good and true about Jesus through this story from the Bible.

(Show the Bible.) **The Bible is God’s true Word. The Bible is from God and about God.**

We have been learning about the very beginning of the world, when **God Made Everything**, and it was good. But then, Adam and Eve disobeyed God. They listened to the lie of the snake, and they wanted to be like God. But no one can be like God. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, their hearts became sick with sin. Now every person is born with a heart sick with sin. *(Point to the Sick Heart poster.)*

Today we are going to hear a story about a lot of people whose hearts were sick with sin and

one man and his family—just one! *(hold up one finger)*—who loved God.

(Put on the rain gear. Open the umbrella.)

When would you wear a coat like this or use an umbrella? Our story from the Bible is about a time it rained so much and for so long that the whole earth was covered by nothing but water.

Many years after Adam and Eve, the world began to fill up with people. Sadly, God saw that almost everyone in the world had hearts sick with sin and did not love Him. *(Point to the Sick Heart poster.)* Their hearts were so sinful they did very bad things all the time. This made God sad, and He decided to flood the whole world and destroy every person and animal. **On the count of three, say, “Flood!” 1–2–3! Flood!** A flood is when it rains so much that water covers everything.

As God looked around, He saw that ALL the people did not love Him—except for ONE man and his family. *(Have everyone hold up one finger.)* His name was Noah. **On the count of three, say, “Noah!” 1–2–3! Noah!** God saw that Noah was a man who loved God and obeyed Him. Noah still sinned but he had a healthy heart that loved God. God was going to save Noah and his family and two of each animal on earth. God told Noah to build a giant boat called an

Supplies: rain gear, umbrella, pictures of ark/animal pairs, photograph of rain/rainbows

ark. *(Show the picture of the ark.)* **On the count of three, let’s all say, “Ark!” 1–2–3! Ark!**

He even told Noah exactly what size to make it! Noah obeyed God even though his neighbors told Noah he was crazy for building a huge boat!

 God said to Noah—*(read Genesis 6:17–18 from the Bible.)* **A covenant is a special promise.**

When Noah was finished building his boat, God told him to get his family and two of every kind of animal—one boy and one girl—and send them into the ark. *(Show the picture of animal pairs.)* Then God sent rain for 40 days and 40 nights without stopping. *(Show the photograph of rain.)* That’s a long time for it to rain! Every person and every animal on earth that was not on the ark died. It rained so much that the whole earth was covered with water!

After the rain stopped and the water went away, Noah and his family and all the animals were able to get off the ark and live on the dry land again. As soon as Noah got onto dry land, the first thing he did was worship God. God made a promise to Noah never to flood the whole earth again. He put a rainbow in the sky to help us remember that promise.

(Show the photograph of the rainbow.)

✈️ **God Is Good**, even when we do not understand what He is doing! God was so good to save Noah and his family. God saved Noah from the flood, and **Jesus Came to Save Sinners** like us from an even bigger problem: our sick hearts. **God Is Good!** God was also good to make a promise to Noah and everyone who would live on the earth after him, including us! God always keeps the promises He makes. **God Is Good!**

On the count of three, we are going to whisper, “God Is Good.” 1—2—3! God Is Good. On the count of three, we are going to say, “God Is Good” to our neighbor. 1—2—3! God Is Good. Now, everyone, stand up! On the count of three, we are going to yell, “God Is Good!” If you don’t like loud noises, you can cover your ears. 1—2—3! God Is Good! Everyone, sit down!

Pray and thank God for being good!

Review Questions

- ☐ This is where we are in God’s Big Story. *(Point to the “God’s people wait” clock.)*
- ☐ Why did God tell Noah to build an ark? *(God was going to flood the earth.)*
- ☐ Why of all the people in the world did God save Noah and his family? *(God Is Good and saw that Noah loved him. Noah wasn’t perfect but Noah loved God and did his best to be obedient to God.)*
- ☐ Did Noah build the ark just like God said? *(Yes, Noah was obedient and did everything God told him to.)*
- ☐ Who was in the ark? *(Noah, his family, and two of each kind of animal)*
- ☐ What happened to the people who were not on the ark? *(They died in the flood; they were sinful and didn’t want to turn away from their sin.)*
- ☐ What did God promise Noah after the flood? *(God promised that He would never destroy the earth again with a flood.)*
- ☐ What did God give us to remind us of this promise? *(God gave us a rainbow. God Is Good; He keeps all of His promises.)*
- ☐ Let’s say our foundational truth together: *“God Is Good!”*



Animals Brought
to the Ark

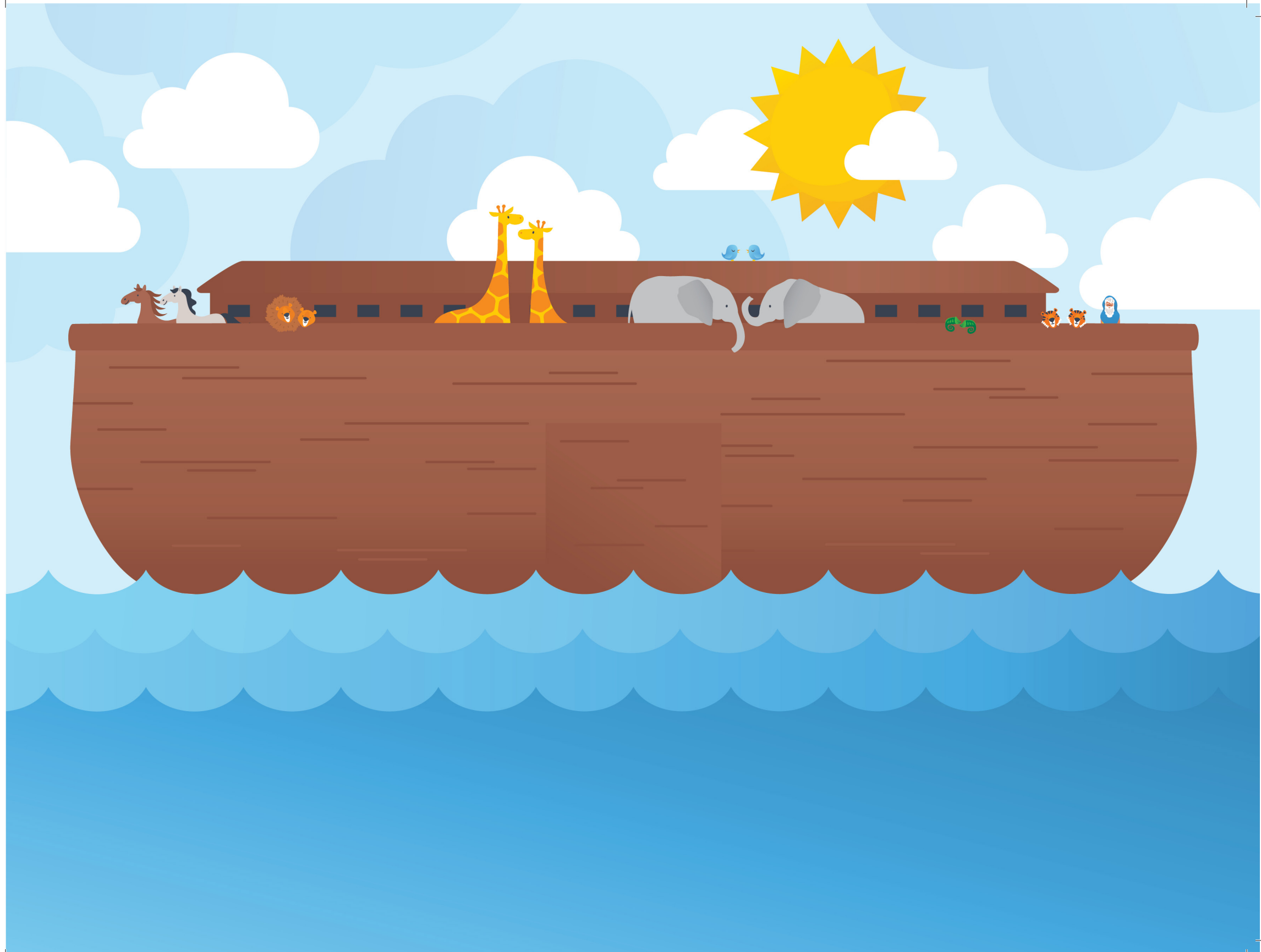


Ark at Sea



God Is Good





God Scatters the Nations

GENESIS 11:1-9



Genesis 11:1–9

God Scatters the Nations

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH GOD IS IN CHARGE OF EVERYTHING

Supplies: Large toy bricks

KEY TEXT “Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another’s speech.’ So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city.” **Genesis 11:7–8**

⇒ Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to show you and the children what is good and true about Jesus through this story from the Bible

(Show the Bible.) **The Bible is God’s true Word. The Bible is from God and about God.**

Last week, we learned that after Adam and Eve sinned, the whole earth started filling up with people who only wanted to sin all of the time. Remember, sin separates us from God and we die but **God is Good**. God chose to save a man named Noah and his family from a flood that covered the whole earth, and He did.

God told Noah to build a big boat called an ark that kept him, his family, and two of every animal safe. God saved them from the flood and promised never to flood the whole earth ever again because God is Good.

Today, we’re going to talk about what happened to everyone who came from Noah’s family when they tried to build a tower so tall it would reach all the way up to heaven. Do you think they did it? Do you think they built a tower reaching all the way up to heaven? Let’s find out, and remember that only **God is in Charge of Everything**.

After Noah and his family got off of the ark, God told them to spread out and fill the earth with people again so Noah’s sons started having families of their own and looking for different places to live. One of Noah’s sons—named Ham—and his family settled in a land called Shinar. **On the count of three, say “Shinar!” 1–2–3. Shinar!**

In Shinar, people built homes and other buildings. They raised animals and gathered what they needed to live there. They even learned how to make bricks *(show the large toy bricks)* and stack them together which gave them an idea.

The people of Shinar didn’t want to obey God or spread out all over the earth so they decided to use bricks to build a city for everyone to stay in. *Use the bricks to build a wall around you.* They also decided that, in this city, they would build a tower so tall it would reach all the way

up to God in heaven. *Use the bricks to start building a tower.* That way people would see how tall their tower was and be amazed at how important they were *(add a few more bricks for good measure)* and how powerful they were for making themselves so high and close to God.

Can we reach God or make ourselves closer to God just by building a tower? No. Were we made to tell other people how great and powerful we are, or how great and powerful God is? God! **God is in Charge of Everything**, and only He deserves all of our worship.

📖 Well, God saw how the people were trying to make themselves seem important and powerful. He saw how they were disobeying Him and trying to be great like Him so God did something to spread them out and remind them that only He is in charge of everything, even the languages we speak. Let’s read from the Bible what God did. *(Read Genesis 11:7–8 from the Bible.)*

In those days, there was only one language that everyone spoke all over the earth but that was about to change because, right as the people of Shinar were building their tall, important tower, God made everyone speak in different languages. They tried and tried to talk

with one another, but no one could understand what anyone else was saying. They were all so confused! **Can you show me what it looks like to be confused?**

The people were so confused, they had to stop building their tower and the place was called Babel or “confuse.” They left Shinar and spread out all over the earth—like God wanted—to find new places where they could live and work together. That’s why there are different countries and different languages all over the world today!

God Is in Charge of Everything, even the languages we speak. He stopped the people of Shinar from trying to make themselves look powerful and important because **God Is in Charge of Everything**. Only He deserves all of our worship.

Like everyone born after Adam and Eve, the people of Shinar had hearts that were sick with sin. They disobeyed God just like you and me, and sin separates us from God. We can’t reach up to God or be close to Him on our own. That’s why, many years later, God sent His Son, Jesus

to live a perfect life. Even though Jesus never sinned, He died on the cross for our sin and came back to life so that everyone who loves and trusts Him can have a new healthy heart and be with God forever! **God Is in Charge of Everything**, even our hearts. He makes a way for us to be with Him, not the other way around.

Pray and thank God for being in charge of everything!

Review Questions

- ☐ This is where we are in God’s Big Story. *(Point to the “God’s people wait” clock.)*
- ☐ When Noah and his family got off the ark, what did Noah’s sons do? *(They spread out all over the world and settled in different places.)*
- ☐ One of Noah’s sons settled in a place called Shinar. When they got there, what did they learn how to make? *(Bricks)*
- ☐ They decided to build a big city with a tall tower. Why? *(To stay in one place and make themselves look important and powerful; to be special and close to God)*
- ☐ When God saw how the people were building the tower to make themselves look important and powerful, what did He do? *(He made them all speak in different languages so that they could not understand each other.)*
- ☐ Did they continue building the tower? *(No)*
- ☐ After God confused their languages there, what was Shinar called? *(Babel)*
- ☐ Where did the people go next? *(All over the world like God wanted)*
- ☐ Who is in charge of everything, us or God? *(God! God is in charge of everything!)*



Building the Tower



Confusion



The People Scatter



God Is in Charge of Everything

An illustration of the Tower of Babel, a tall, stepped structure made of tan bricks with several ladders leaning against it. At the base of the tower, a diverse group of eleven people, including men, women, and children of various ethnicities, are gathered. They are dressed in colorful, simple robes. One woman in an orange robe holds a large scroll with a drawing of the tower on it. Several people have their hands raised in the air. In the background, there are stylized white clouds and a small town with tan buildings and green trees. A green speech bubble with white text is positioned in the upper right area of the scene.

**Come,
let us make
a name for
ourselves!**

More
bricks!

What
did you
call me?

That
ladder is
broken!

Whose
bricks are
these?

What
did
he say?

CRACK





God's Promise to Abraham

GENESIS 15, 17-18, 21



Genesis 15, 17–18, 21

God's Promise to Abraham

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH THE CHURCH IS GOD'S FAMILY

Supplies: star or photograph of a starry sky, baby doll, picture of Abraham, Sarah, and baby Isaac

KEY TEXT And [Abraham] believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.
Genesis 15:6

⇒ Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to show you and the children what is good and true about Jesus through this story from the Bible.

(Show the Bible.) **The Bible is God's true Word. The Bible is from God and about God.**

Last week, we learned that Noah and his family were the only people who loved and trusted God on the whole earth! God sent a flood to fill the earth and destroy every person and animal, but God saved Noah, his family, and two of every kind of animal. When the flood was over and Noah and his family left the ark, people began to fill the earth again.

After many, many years, a man named Abraham was born. **On the count of three, say, "Abraham!" 1–2–3! Abraham!**

Today, we are going to talk about Abraham and a promise God made to him. When God kept this promise, it was the very beginning of something we know today. God has a family!

Today, we will learn that **The Church Is God's Family!**

Abraham listened to God *(point to your ears)* and wanted to obey all the things that God said to do. God gave Abraham a wife named Sarah. **On the count of three, say, "Sarah!" 1–2–3! Sarah!**

One night, when Abraham was praying to God *(make praying hands)* and asking God to give him children, God took Abraham outside to look at the night sky and the millions of stars. *(Show the star or photograph of the starry sky.)* Then God told Abraham to try and count the stars. *(Look up and point like you are trying to count the stars.)* Of course there were way too many stars for Abraham to ever count!

God promised Abraham that he would have even more children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren than there are stars in the sky! God told Abraham that all of his children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren would be God's special and chosen people.

All of these people who loved and trusted God would become part of God's family. God

promised to love them, be with them, and to give them a new home with Him forever because he had a plan. God would fix everything broken by sin through Abraham's family and the Savior God promised to send.

📖 The Bible tells us that Abraham believed what God said. *(Read Genesis 15:6 from the Bible.)*

Even though God had given Abraham and Sarah new healthy hearts that trusted Him, Abraham and Sarah still had to wait 10 more years to have a baby. That's a long time!

Finally, God told Abraham that very soon his wife, Sarah, would have a baby. The Bible tells us that when Abraham heard this, he laughed! **On the count of three, let's all laugh.**

1–2–3! (Laugh!) Abraham was so surprised that his wife would have a baby because she was very, very old! But God kept His promise to Abraham and Sarah, and soon, Sarah had a baby boy! *(Show the baby doll.)* This baby was named Isaac. **On the count of three, say, "Isaac!" 1–2–3! Isaac!** Abraham and Sarah were so happy for this precious baby that God gave them!

(Show the picture of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac.) Even though Abraham and Sarah were

very old and did not think they would be able to have a baby, **God Is in Charge of Everything** and gave Abraham and Sarah a baby.

- ✈ Abraham and Sarah wanted to have a baby, and God promised them that they would. God promised Abraham that he would have more people in his family than there are stars in the sky. God kept his promise. Abraham's family grew and grew and got very big! Many years later, Jesus would come from Abraham's family to make God's family even bigger. Now, God wants people from all over the world to be a part of His family, the Church. Everyone who loves and trusts Jesus is part of this family. **The Church Is God's family!**

On the count of three, we are going to whisper, "The Church Is God's Family." 1—2—3. The Church Is God's Family. On the count of three, we are going to say, "The Church Is God's Family," while we point to all the stars in the sky. 1—2—3. God Is in Charge of Everything. Point to the stars in the sky. Now, everyone, stand up! On the count of three, we are going to yell, "The Church Is God's Family!" If you don't like loud noises, you can cover your ears. 1—2—3! The Church Is God's Family! Everyone, sit down!

Pray and thank God that He is in charge of everything!

Review Questions

- ☐ This is where we are in God's Big Story. *(Point to the "God's people wait" clock.)*
- ☐ Did God give Abraham and Sarah a son? *(Yes, because God always keeps His promises.)*
- ☐ What was their son's name? *(Isaac)*
- ☐ Today everyone who loves and trusts Jesus is a part of God's family. What is this family called? *(The Church!)*
- ☐ Let's say our foundational truth together: *"The Church Is God's Family!"*



Offspring
as the Stars
of Heaven



God Gives Isaac



The Church Is
God's Family





God Rescues Isaac

GENESIS 21-22



Genesis 21–22

God Rescues Isaac

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH GOD IS IN CHARGE OF EVERYTHING

Supplies: picture of Abraham and Isaac, photograph of a ram

KEY TEXT “Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and ... offer him [to Me].”
Genesis 22:2

He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him.” **Genesis 22:12a**

⇒ Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to show you and the children what is good and true about Jesus through this story from the Bible.

(Show the Bible.) **The Bible is God’s true Word. The Bible is from God and about God.**

Last week, we talked about a man named Abraham and his wife, Sarah. **On the count of three, say, “Abraham and Sarah!” 1–2–3! Abraham and Sarah!** They loved God very much and believed that **God Is in Charge of Everything**. Abraham and Sarah lived for a very long time and never had any children. God promised Abraham and Sarah that they would have a baby and that they would have more children than there are stars in the sky *(pretend to point to the stars in the sky)*. After a long time, God kept His promise and gave Abraham and Sarah a baby boy whose name was Isaac.

On the count of three, say, “Isaac!” 1–2–3! Isaac!

Abraham loved his son, Isaac, very, very much. When Isaac was a boy, God told Abraham to do something very, very hard and sad. **Can you show me a sad face?** Today, we are going to learn about what God told Abraham to do.

📖 *(Read Genesis 22:2 from the Bible.)* In the time that Abraham was alive, when you offered something to God, you had to kill it. It was called a sacrifice. **When you made a sacrifice, you were giving something special and valuable to God to show that He is better.** Abraham knew that what God was asking him to do was very, very hard. Abraham wanted to obey God and believed that **God Is in Charge of Everything**. God gave Abraham instructions on what to do to sacrifice Isaac to Him.

Abraham and Isaac traveled for three days *(hold up three fingers)* to a mountain. *(Show the picture of Abraham and Isaac traveling to the mountain.)* They took with them wood, fire, and a knife. Abraham built a large pile of rocks *(pretend to pile rocks)*, called an altar, where people would sacrifice things to God to show their love to God. Abraham placed the wood on the altar *(pretend to place sticks of wood*

on your altar). Then, he placed his only son, Isaac, on the altar.

When Abraham was about to kill Isaac to show his love and obedience to God, Abraham heard a voice *(hold your hand to your ear like you are listening, and make a surprised face)* that told him not to kill his son, Isaac!

📖 *Read Genesis 22:12a from the Bible.* God said not to hurt or kill Isaac because God saw that Abraham truly loved God more than he loved anything else, including his son, Isaac.

God gave Abraham a ram *(show the photograph of the ram)* to offer as a sacrifice on the altar instead of Isaac. Abraham and Isaac showed their love and obedience to God by sacrificing the ram.

Abraham **almost** had to give his son, Isaac, back to God! But he didn’t have to because God saw how much Abraham wanted to obey Him. He trusted God and knew that **God Is in Charge of Everything**. He knew he could trust God to do what was best and protect Isaac.

➔ One day, many years later, God Himself would sacrifice His own son, Jesus, on the cross. Jesus would die to take the punishment for our

sins so we could have a relationship with God. **God Is in Charge of Everything** and does what is best for His children.

On the count of three, we are going to whisper, “God Is in Charge of Everything.” 1—2—3. God Is in Charge of Everything. On the count of three, we are going to say, “God Is in Charge of Everything,” while we point to all the stars in the sky. 1—2—3. God Is in Charge of Everything. Now, everyone, stand up! On the count of three, we are going to yell, “God Is in Charge of Everything!” If you don’t like loud noises, you can cover your ears. 1—2—3! God Is in Charge of Everything! Everyone, sit down!

Pray and thank God that He is in charge of everything!

Review Questions

- ☐ This is where we are in God’s Big Story. *(Point to the “God’s people wait” clock.)*
- ☐ Did God give Abraham and Sarah a son? *(Yes, because God always keeps His promises.)*
- ☐ What was their son’s name? *(Isaac)*
- ☐ What did God ask Abraham to do with Isaac? *(God asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac and give Isaac back to God.)*
- ☐ Did Abraham obey? *(Yes, Abraham did obey because he loved and trusted God.)*
- ☐ What happened right before Abraham was about to kill Isaac? *(Abraham heard a voice that told him not to kill his son, Isaac.)*
- ☐ How do we know that God can keep His promises? *(Because God Is in Charge of Everything)*
- ☐ Let’s say our foundational truth together: *“God Is in Charge of Everything!”*



Abraham and
Isaac Walking



God Is in Charge
of Everything



God's Promise To Abraham & God Rescues Isaac

GENESIS 21-22



Genesis 15, 17–18, 21–22

God's Promise To Abraham & God Rescues Isaac

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH THE CHURCH IS GOD'S FAMILY

Supplies: pictures, photos of a stars and ram, a baby doll

KEY TEXT And he [the LORD] brought him [Abraham] outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” And he [Abraham] believed the LORD. **Genesis 15:5–6a**

He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” **Genesis 22:2**

⇒ Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to show you and the children what is good and true about Jesus through this story from the Bible.

(Show the Bible.) **The Bible is God's true Word. The Bible is from God and about God.**

We've learned that God made a beautiful world for Adam and Eve where they could walk and talk with God everyday. But Adam and Eve broke God's one rule to not eat the fruit of 1 tree in the garden of Eden. After Adam and Eve sinned, the earth filled up with people who only wanted to sin all the time, so God sent a flood to destroy every person and animal, but

God saved a man named Noah, his family, and two of every kind of animal by showing Noah how to build a big boat called an ark. God kept them safe on the ark and the earth began to fill up with people again.

One of those people's names was Abraham. **On the count of 3, say Abraham! 1–2–3! Abraham!** Abraham listened to God and wanted to obey everything God said. Abraham had a wife named Sarah. **On the count of 3, say Sarah! 1–2–3! Sarah!**

Today, we are going to learn about a promise God made to Abraham. When God kept this promise to Abraham, it was the very beginning of something we know today. God has a family! Today, **The Church Is God's Family!**

One night, Abraham was praying *(make praying hands)* and asking God to give him and Sarah children because they didn't have any and God answered. God told Abraham to go outside *(show the star or photograph of the starry sky)*, look up, and try to count the stars if he can. Try to count the stars. Of course, there were way too many to count!

Then God made a promise. God told Abraham that he and Sarah would have more children


and grandchildren and great grandchildren than there were stars in the sky. That's a lot of children!

All of the children in their family would be God's special, chosen people. All of these people who loved and trusted God would become part of God's family. God promised to love them, to be with them, and to give them a new home with Him forever because He had a plan. God would fix everything broken by sin through Abraham's family and the Savior God promised to send.

But there was only one problem. Abraham and Sarah were old, way too old to be having children. Still, the Bible tells us that Abraham believed God. He could keep His promise to give them a baby and God did. Ten years later, Abraham and Sarah had a baby boy. They named him Isaac, and they loved him very much.

Even though God had given them new, healthy hearts that loved and trusted Him, Abraham and Sarah still sinned. While they were waiting for God to give them a baby, they were impatient and mean. Sometimes, they wanted a son more than they wanted to obey God which is a sin. Loving anything more than God, even our family, is a sin. So, when Isaac was a boy, God told

Abraham to do something very hard and very sad. **Can you show me a sad face?**

 God said to Abraham, *(Read Genesis 22:2 from the Bible.)*

In that time, when you offered something to God, you had to kill it. It was called making a sacrifice. When you made a **sacrifice, you gave something special and valuable to God to show that He is better.** Abraham knew that God was asking him to do something very hard but Abraham wanted to obey God. Plus, he knew that God would keep His promise. God had promised to give him a big family that would be God's special, chosen people. Even if Isaac died, Abraham believed that God would bring him back to life because God keeps His promises.

So Abraham and Isaac traveled for three days *(hold up three fingers)* to the mountain God showed him *(show the picture of Abraham and Isaac traveling to the mountain)*, and Abraham built a large pile of rocks *(pretend to pile rocks)* there called an altar where people would make sacrifices to God. He put the wood on the altar

(pretend to place sticks of wood on your altar.)
Then, he placed Isaac on the altar to sacrifice him like God said.

But just as Abraham was about to show his love and obedience to God by sacrificing Isaac, Abraham heard a voice *(hold your hand to your ear like you are listening and make a surprised face)* telling him to stop! God told Abraham not to sacrifice Isaac because God saw how Abraham loved Him more than anything else, even more than his only son Isaac. Finally, Abraham loved God most.

Then God gave Abraham a ram *(show the photograph of the ram)* to offer as a sacrifice instead, and Abraham and Isaac showed their love and thankfulness to God by sacrificing it on the altar.

✈ Phew! Abraham almost had to give his only son Isaac back to God, but Abraham loved God more. He knew that God would keep His promise to give him and Sarah a big family even if Isaac died. God could even bring Isaac back to life.

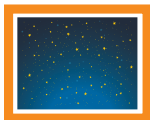
God kept His promise. Abraham's family grew and grew and got very big! Many years later, Jesus would come from Abraham's family to make God's family even bigger. God would even sacrifice His own son, Jesus, on that same mountain for sinners. Abraham's family, all of the people who trusted God and loved Him most, were part of God's family. Now, God wants people from all over the world to be a part of His family, the Church. Everyone who loves and trusts Jesus is part of this family. **The Church Is God's Family!**

On the count of 3, let's whisper The Church Is God's Family. 1—2—3! On the count of 3, say The Church Is God's Family while we point to all the stars in the sky. 1—2—3! Now everyone stand up! On the count of 3, we are going to yell The Church Is God's Family. If you don't like loud noises, you can cover your ears. 1—2—3. Everyone sit down!

Pray and thank God for making everyone who has ever loved and trusted Jesus a family.

Review Questions

- ☐ Where are we in God's Big Story? *(Point to God's People Wait on the timeline.)*
- ☐ What did Abraham and Sarah want? *(They wanted a baby, but they were too old to be having babies.)*
- ☐ What unbreakable promise or covenant did God make to Abraham? *(To give him a son, a big family, a new home, a great name, and to bless or make the world right again through his big family)*
- ☐ Did God keep His promise to give Abraham and Sarah a baby? *(Yes!) What was his name? (Isaac)*
- ☐ Who did God send from Abraham's family to bless the whole world and make it right again? *(Jesus!)*
- ☐ What did God ask Abraham to do with Isaac? *(God asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac and give him back.)*
- ☐ Did Abraham obey? *(Yes; Abraham loved and trusted God.)*
- ☐ What happened right before Abraham was about to kill Isaac? *(Abraham heard a voice that told him not to.)*
- ☐ Who came from Abraham's family many years later to save sinners and bring people from all over the world into God's family? *(Jesus!)*
- ☐ Everyone who has ever loved and trusted Jesus is called the what? *(The Church! The Church Is God's Family)*



Offspring
as the Stars
of Heaven



God Gives Isaac



Abraham and
Isaac Walking



The Church Is
God's Family







God Uses Joseph

GENESIS 37; 41-46; 50



Genesis 37; 41–46; 50

God Uses Joseph

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH GOD IS GOOD

KEY TEXT “As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.” **Genesis 50:20**

⇒ Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to show you and the children what is good and true about Jesus through this story from the Bible.

(Show the Bible.) **The Bible is God’s true Word. The Bible is from God and about God.**

God Is Good to keep His promises. In the Bible, we have been learning about God making a promise to Abraham to give him a big family and make them God’s special and chosen people. God kept that promise to Abraham, and one of Abraham’s great-grandsons was named Joseph. *(Show the picture of Joseph with his brothers.)* **On the count of three, say, “Joseph!” 1–2–3! Joseph!**

Joseph’s father was named Jacob, and Jacob loved Joseph with a special kind of love. Jacob did special things for Joseph, which made Joseph’s brothers angry. **Can you show me an angry face?** One special thing Jacob did

was give Joseph a beautiful, colorful coat. *(Show the colorful coat.)*

The brothers were angry that Joseph was given special things like the colorful coat. **Can you show an angry face again?** This made their brothers so angry, they decided they wanted to get rid of Joseph. They sold Joseph to the Egyptians to be enslaved.

Enslaved people have to do all of the hard work but not make any money. Enslaved people are not in charge of their own lives and have to do whatever their enslaver tells them to do. Enslaved people are treated very, very badly, and their enslavers are mean to them. It is terrible to be enslaved. God never wants us to treat people the way those who are enslaved are treated. After they sold Joseph into enslavement in Egypt, the brothers lied to their father, Jacob, and told him that Joseph had died.

While Joseph was in Egypt, God used him to help Pharaoh. The pharaoh was like the king of Egypt. **On the count of three, say, “Pharaoh!” 1–2–3! Pharaoh!** *(Show the crown.)* Pharaoh had a terrible dream, and God helped Joseph tell Pharaoh what his dream meant. Joseph said the dream meant that bad weather was coming

Supplies: picture of Joseph and his brothers, a colorful coat, a crown

and that everyone was going to run out of food for a long, long time. Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of all of the food in Egypt. Joseph was like a prince. *(Put the crown on your head.)* Joseph made sure to save a lot of food so everyone would have enough to eat once the bad weather came. God was good to use Joseph to tell Pharaoh what his dream meant because it saved a lot of people.

God Is Good to save people. People came from all over the world to get food from Joseph in Egypt. One day, Joseph’s brothers came to Egypt to get food. Joseph was able to give food to his family. Joseph forgave his brothers for selling him into enslavement.

📖 Joseph said this to his brothers—*(Read Genesis 50:20 from the Bible.)*

Joseph invited his family to move to Egypt so they could have food and be taken care of. Joseph knew that **God Is Good!** No matter what happened to Joseph, God was good.

➔ **God Is Good** to us, too! God knows that we have hearts sick with sin and need to be saved from sin. That’s why God sent Jesus to save sinners. **God Is Good!**

On the count of three, we are going to whisper, “God Is Good.” 1—2—3! God Is Good. On the count of three, we are going to say, “God Is Good,” to our neighbor. 1—2—3! God Is Good. Now, everyone, stand up! On the count of three, we are going to yell, “God Is Good!” If you don’t like loud noises, you can cover your ears. 1—2—3! God Is Good! Everyone, sit down!

Pray and thank God for being good!

Review Questions

- ☐ This is where we are in God’s Big Story. *(Point to the “God’s people wait” clock.)*
- ☐ Who was the man in our story today? *(Joseph)*
- ☐ Why were Joseph’s brothers angry at him? *(They had sin in their hearts and were jealous that Jacob did special things for Joseph.)*
- ☐ What did Joseph’s brothers do to Joseph? *(They wanted to get rid of him so they sold him to be enslaved in Egypt.)*
- ☐ Where did Joseph go to become enslaved? *(Joseph was enslaved in Egypt.)*
- ☐ Pharaoh had a terrible dream. Who told Pharaoh what the dream meant? *(Joseph)*
- ☐ What did the dream mean? *(The people would be out of food for a long time because of bad weather.)*
- ☐ Who came to Egypt in search of food? *(Joseph’s brothers)*
- ☐ How did Joseph treat his brothers? *(He forgave them, gave them food, and brought his whole family to Egypt to take care of them.)*
- ☐ Let’s say our foundational truth together: *“God Is Good!”*



Joseph Brags
About His Coat



God Is Good



God Rescues Moses

EXODUS 1-2



Exodus 1–2

God Rescues Moses

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH GOD WANTS TO TALK WITH US

Supplies: picture of Pharaoh, a basket, a baby doll

KEY TEXT And God heard their groaning ... God saw the people of Israel—and God knew. **Exodus 2:24–25**

⇒ Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to show you and the children what is good and true about Jesus through this story from the Bible.

(Show the Bible.) **The Bible is God’s true Word. The Bible is from God and about God.**

In the Bible, we have been learning that Joseph forgave his brothers and invited his family to come live with him in Egypt. Joseph and his family were called the Israelites.

On the count of three, say, “Israelites!” 1–2–3! Israelites! The Israelites were God’s special and chosen people. God was taking care of the Israelites by bringing them to Egypt where there was food for them.

Today, we are going to learn about what happened to the Israelites while they were in Egypt.

While in Egypt, the Israelite families grew bigger and bigger *(have everyone stretch out their arms)* and stronger and stronger

(have everyone flex their arms). This made the king of Egypt really scared. **Can you show me a scared face?**

The king of Egypt was called Pharaoh *(show the picture of Pharaoh)*. **On the count of three, say, “Pharaoh!” 1–2–3! Pharaoh!** Pharaoh decided to do mean things to the Israelites to try and keep them from getting too strong. Pharaoh made the Israelites become enslaved people.

Enslaved people have to do all of the hard work but not make any money. Enslaved people are not in charge of their own lives and have to do whatever their enslaver tells them to do. Enslaved people are treated very, very badly, and their enslavers are mean to them. It is terrible to be enslaved. People are precious to God, and He never wants us to treat people the way those who are enslaved are treated.

Pharaoh’s plan wasn’t working! The more Pharaoh tried to hurt the Israelites, the stronger God made them! The Israelites continued to grow and grow *(have everyone stretch out their arms)*. So, Pharaoh came up with another plan. The Israelites were not only going to be enslaved, but Pharaoh wanted every Israelite

baby boy who was born to be thrown into the river to be killed.

During this time, an Israelite woman gave birth to a baby boy. *(Hold the baby doll.)* She knew that if Pharaoh found out she had a baby boy, he would want to kill him. So she put him in a basket and placed him in a river. *(Place the baby doll in the basket.)* When Pharaoh’s daughter came to the river, she saw the basket with the baby boy and felt sorry for him.

She took the baby from the river and called for an Israelite woman to take care of him. The Israelite woman that she chose was the baby’s mom! Once the boy grew up, his mother gave him to Pharaoh’s daughter to raise. She named him Moses. **On the count of three, say, “Moses!” 1–2–3! Moses!**

📖 Moses was an Israelite who grew up in Pharaoh’s house and saw how terribly Pharaoh treated the Israelites. Moses saw that the Israelites were hurting and chose to run away *(point away)*. God also saw and knew that His people were hurting. The Bible tells us—*(Read Exodus 2:24–25 from the Bible.)*

✈ Just like God heard the cries of the Israelites, He hears us, too! On good days and bad days,

God Wants to Talk With Us. He hears every cry and knows every hurt. That's why when the world was broken because of sin, He promised to send a Savior. Jesus would come to save sinners.

On the count of three, we are going to whisper, "God Wants to Talk With Us." 1—2—3. God Wants to Talk With Us. On the count of three, we are going to say, "God Wants to Talk With Us," while making big muscles. 1—2—3. God Wants to Talk With Us (flex your arms). Now, everyone, stand up! On the count of three, we are going to yell, "God Wants to Talk With Us." If you don't like loud noises, you can cover your ears. 1—2—3. God Wants to Talk With Us! Everyone, sit down!

Pray and thank God for wanting to talk with us!

Review Questions

- ☐ This is where we are in God's Big Story. *(Point to the "God's people wait" clock.)*
- ☐ Who were God's special and chosen people? *(The Israelites)*
- ☐ How did Pharaoh feel when there were a lot of Israelites in Egypt? *(He was scared.)*
- ☐ What did Pharaoh do to the Israelites? *(He made them become enslaved and made sure every Israelite baby boy was killed.)*
- ☐ Who found the baby in the river and raised him as her son? *(Pharaoh's daughter)*
- ☐ What did Pharaoh's daughter name the baby? *(Moses)*
- ☐ Did God hear the cries of His people? *(Yes, He always does! God hears and God Wants to Talk With Us!)*
- ☐ Let's say our foundational truth together: *"God Wants to Talk With Us!"*



Pharaoh and
Enslaved
People



Baby Moses



Adolescent
Moses



God Wants to
Talk With Us







God Calls Moses

EXODUS 3



Exodus 3

God Calls Moses

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH GOD IS IN CHARGE OF EVERYTHING

Supplies: bush, sandals (wear the sandals during the lesson), picture of the burning bush

KEY TEXT “I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians...”
Exodus 3:8a

“But I will be with you...” **Exodus 3:12a**

⇒ *(Show the Bible.)* The Bible is God’s true Word. The Bible is from God and about God.

Last week, we learned about **the Israelites, God’s special and chosen people**. We learned that Pharaoh made a plan to keep the Israelites from getting too big and too strong. He enslaved the Israelites and tried to kill every Israelite baby boy. But God heard the cries of the Israelites and kept baby Moses safe.

Today, we are going to learn about how God called Moses to save His special and chosen people. **On the count of three, say, “Moses!” 1—2—3! Moses!**

When Moses grew up, he ran away from Egypt and was working as a shepherd. As he was taking care of the sheep, he saw a bush *(show the bush)* that was on fire, but it wasn’t burning up! *(Show the picture of the burning bush.)* Moses turned to look at the bush, and he heard a

voice. **Everyone, point to your ears.** It was the voice of God! Because God was talking to Moses, and God is so special, God told Moses to take off his sandals. *(Take off the sandals by the bush.)*

God told Moses that He had heard the cries of the Israelites and had a rescue plan to save them from being enslaved in Egypt.

📖 God said to Moses—*(Read Exodus 3:8a from the Bible.)*

God Is in Charge of Everything! He had a plan to rescue His special and chosen people, but it meant that Moses had to go back to Egypt! *(Point back.)* Moses didn’t want to go back. He was scared. **Everyone, show me a scared face.** Moses didn’t think he was the right person to do the job because he forgot who was in charge. God reminded Moses that **God Is in Charge of Everything** and that He would be with Moses the whole time. Moses would not be alone.

📖 God said to Moses—*(Read Exodus 3:12a from the Bible.)*

Moses obeyed God and he traveled back to Egypt *(point back)* to be a part of God’s rescue plan to save the Israelites from being enslaved.

✈️ Moses was scared and knew that he could not save the Israelites on his own. Just like Moses could not save the Israelites from being enslaved without God, we cannot save ourselves from sin. Everyone is born with a heart that is sick with sin. *(Point to the Sick Heart poster.)* Only God can give a new, healthy heart that loves and trusts Jesus. *(Point to the Healthy Heart poster.)* **God Is in Charge of Everything!**

On the count of three, we are going to whisper, “God Is in Charge of Everything.” 1—2—3. God Is in Charge of Everything. On the count of three, we are going to say, “God Is in Charge of Everything,” while acting like a big bush. 1—2—3. God Is in Charge of Everything. Now, everyone, stand up! On the count of three, we are going to yell, “God Is in Charge of Everything!” If you don’t like loud noises, you can cover your ears. 1—2—3! God Is in Charge of Everything! Everyone, sit down!

Pray and thank God for being in charge of everything!

Review Questions

- ☐ This is where we are in God's Big Story. *(Point to the "God's people wait" clock.)*
- ☐ What kind of job did Moses have? *(He was a shepherd; he took care of sheep.)*
- ☐ One day Moses was caring for his sheep and he saw something amazing. What was it? *(He saw a bush that was on fire but not burning up.)*
- ☐ After Moses saw the bush, he heard a voice. Whose voice was it? *(God's voice)*
- ☐ Where did God tell Moses to go? *(Back to Egypt)*
- ☐ Who was God going to save in Egypt? *(God's special and chosen people, the Israelites, who were enslaved in Egypt)*
- ☐ Was Moses excited or scared about what God told him to do? *(Very scared)*
- ☐ Moses could not save the Israelites by himself. Who would be with Moses? *(God)*
- ☐ In the end, did Moses obey what God told him to do? *(Yes!)*
- ☐ Moses knew that he could not save the Israelites on his own. We know that we cannot save our own sick hearts from sin. Who is in charge of everything? *(God is!)*
- ☐ Let's say our foundational truth together: *"God Is in Charge of Everything!"*



Moses at the
Burning Bush



God Is in Charge
of Everything



God Rescues & Calls Moses

EXODUS 1-3



Exodus 1–3

God Rescues & Calls Moses

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH GOD WANTS TO TALK WITH US

Supplies: pictures (4), a basket, a baby doll, a bush, sandals

KEY TEXT And God heard their groaning ... God saw the people of Israel—and God knew.
Exodus 2:24–25

I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians...Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt. **Exodus 3:8a–10**

...I will be with you. **Exodus 3:12a**

⇒ Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to show you and the children what is good and true about Jesus through this story from the Bible.

(Show the Bible.) **The Bible is God's true Word. The Bible is from God and about God.**

In the Bible, we have been learning about Joseph. Even though his brothers were mean to him and he became enslaved in the land of Egypt, God was good to Joseph and made him like a prince in Egypt. Then Joseph forgave his brothers and invited them to live with him in Egypt so they would have plenty of food to eat. God always has plans to take care of His people because **God Is Good!**

Joseph and his family were called the Israelites.

On the count of 3, say Israelites! 1–2–3!

Israelites! They were the great-grandchildren of Abraham, **God's special and chosen people** who God loved. Today, we are going to learn about what happened to the Israelites while they were in Egypt and how God heard their prayers because **God Wants to Talk With Us!**

In Egypt, Israelite families got bigger and bigger *(stretch out your arms)* and stronger and stronger *(flex your arms)*. This made the king of Egypt really scared. **Show me a scared face.** He was called Pharaoh *(show the picture of Pharaoh)*. **On the count of 3, say Pharaoh! 1–2–3! Pharaoh!**

So, Pharaoh tried to keep the Israelites from getting any bigger or stronger by enslaving them. **Enslaving someone means making them work hard without giving them money. Enslaved people are not in charge but have to do whatever their enslaver tells them. Enslaved people are treated very badly and their enslaver can be mean to them. God never wants us to treat people like enslaved people are treated.**

But Pharaoh's plan didn't work! The more he hurt the Israelites, the stronger God made them and the more they grew *(stretch out your arms)* so Pharaoh

came up with another plan, a terrible plan. Pharaoh made the Egyptians take every baby boy that was born to the Israelites and throw them in the river to die. It was a very sad and very scary time for the Israelites, so they prayed and prayed to God for help, and God heard their cries because **God Wants to Talk With Us!**

📖 God saw that His people were hurting. *(Read Exodus 2:24–25 from the Bible.)* God heard their prayers and God had a plan to rescue them. An Israelite woman gave birth to a baby boy. *(Hold the baby doll.)* She loved her son, but she knew that if Pharaoh found him, he would die. So she hid him and protected him by sending him down the river in a basket. *(Place the doll in the basket.)*

That same day, Pharaoh's daughter, the princess of Egypt, was taking a bath in the river when she saw the basket with the baby boy in it. She felt sorry for him, so she called for an Israelite to come take care of him. While he grew up, she raised him like her own son. She named him Moses. **On the count of 3, say Moses! 1–2–3! Moses!**

Moses was an Israelite that grew up like a prince in Pharaoh's house. He saw how terribly Pharaoh was treating the Israelites, and he was

angry. He was so angry that one day, Moses killed someone who was hurting the Israelites, and he ran away. *(Point away.)* Moses left Egypt and spent most of his life working as a shepherd, where he grew old. **A shepherd is someone who takes care of sheep.**

One day, while Moses was taking care of his sheep, he saw a bush *(walk toward the bush)* that was on fire, but it wasn't burning up. He went to take a closer look, and when he did, a voice called out to him from the bush. **Do you know who it was?** It was God! God wanted to talk with Moses, so Moses took off his sandals *(take off your sandals)* to show God honor, and he bowed low to listen.

God told Moses that He heard the cries of His people in Egypt. He heard their prayers and had a plan to rescue them from being enslaved in Egypt. God said... *(Read Exodus 3:8a from the Bible.)*

But Moses didn't want to go back *(point back)*

to Egypt! He was scared. **Show me a scared face.** Moses didn't think he was the right person for the job, but God said to Moses... *(Read Exodus 3:12a from the Bible.)* God spoke with him and reminded Moses that He would be with him the whole time. Moses would never be alone. So Moses obeyed God and traveled back to Egypt *(point back)* to be a part of God's plan to save His people from Pharaoh and from being enslaved in Egypt.

✈ Just like God heard the prayers of the Israelites, He hears our prayers too. **God Wants to Talk With Us** about what we are thinking and feeling. He wants to remind us who He is and tell us the plans He has made to rescue us from sin.

Like slaves, we are all born with hearts so sick with sin that we have to do what they say. *(Point to the Sick Heart poster.)* It's like they are our enslavers, and that's bad news because sin separates us from God forever. But the good news is that God made a rescue plan to save His

people! God sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life, and He never sinned! Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for our sins and came back to life so that everyone who loves and trusts Him can have a new, healthy heart and be with God forever! *(Point to the Healthy Heart poster.)* **God Wants to Talk With Us** about our sin and how He can save us through Jesus!

On the count of three, we are going to whisper, "God Wants to Talk With Us." 1—2—3. God Wants to Talk With Us. On the count of three, we are going to say, "God Wants to Talk With Us," while making big muscles. 1—2—3. God Wants to Talk With Us (flex your arms). Now, everyone, stand up! On the count of three, we are going to yell, "God Wants to Talk With Us." If you don't like loud noises, you can cover your ears. 1—2—3. God Wants to Talk With Us! Everyone, sit down!

Pray and thank God for wanting to talk with us!

Review Questions

- ☐ This is where we are in God's Big Story. *(Point to the "God's people wait" clock.)*
- ☐ Who were God's special and chosen people? *(Abraham's family, the Israelites)*
- ☐ What did Pharaoh do to the Israelites in Egypt? *(He made them slaves and made sure every baby Israelite boy was killed.)*
- ☐ What did the Israelites do? *(They cried and prayed for help.)* Did God hear them? *(Yes!)*
- ☐ Who found and raised Moses? *(Pharaoh's daughter)*
- ☐ Did Moses stay in Egypt? *(No, he killed an Egyptian, ran away, and became a shepherd.)*
- ☐ Moses saw something while he was taking care of his sheep. What was it? *(A bush that was on fire but not burning up)*
- ☐ Who called out to him from the bush? *(God)*
- ☐ What did God tell Moses to do? *(Go back to Egypt to be a part of His rescue plan)*
- ☐ Was Moses excited or scared? *(He was very scared, but God said He would be with him.)*
- ☐ God hears our prayers and **God Wants to Talk With Us** about His plan to save us!



Pharaoh and
Enslaved
People



Baby Moses



Adolescent
Moses



Moses at the
Burning Bush



God Wants to
Talk With Us









God Sends the Plagues

EXODUS 7-12



Exodus 7–12

God Sends the Plagues

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH GOD IS IN CHARGE OF EVERYTHING

Supplies: pictures of each of the plagues

KEY TEXT “The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring out the people of Israel from among them.” **Exodus 7:5**

⇒ Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to show you and the children what is good and true about Jesus through this story from the Bible.

(Show the Bible.) **The Bible is God’s true Word. The Bible is from God and about God.**

We have been learning about God’s special and chosen people, the Israelites, who were slaves in Egypt. God would use Moses to save them. Moses was scared and didn’t think he could do it, but God reminded him that **God Is in Charge of Everything!** God would be with Moses as he went back to Egypt. *(Point back.)*

Today, we are going to learn from our Bible about how God saved the Israelites from enslavement. God told Moses that He was going to send plagues, which are powerful and bad to show everyone that only **God Is in Charge of Everything!**

 *Read Exodus 7:5 from the Bible.*

God knew that Pharaoh would not listen to Moses because Pharaoh had a heart that was sick with sin *(point to the Sick Heart poster)*, and he did not love and trust God. Pharaoh may have been the king of Egypt, but only **God Is in Charge of Everything!**

God told Moses to go to Pharaoh and say, “Let my people go,” and every time Pharaoh would say, “No,” God would send a plague.

The first plague *(show the #1 side of the plague picture)* that God sent turned all of the water into blood. *(Show the picture of water turned to blood.)* All of the rivers, ponds, pools, and even buckets of water were turned into blood! No one could drink the water, and all of the fish died, which made the water smell terrible! **Everyone, make a stinky face.** Still, Pharaoh’s heart did not change, and he did not let the Israelites go.

The second plague *(show the #2 side of the plague picture)* that God sent made the whole land full of frogs. *(Show the picture of frogs.)* There were frogs in all of the houses, bedrooms, kitchens, and even on the people! Still, Pharaoh’s heart did not change, and he did not let the Israelites go.

The third plague *(show the #3 side of the plague picture)* that God sent made all of the dust turn into little bugs called gnats. *(Show the picture of gnats.)* There were gnats on every person and all of the animals! Still, Pharaoh’s heart did not change, and he did not let the Israelites go.

The fourth plague *(show the #4 side of the plague picture)* that God sent filled all of the Egyptian homes with flies. *(Show the picture of flies.)* Flies were on the people and everywhere in their homes! Still, Pharaoh’s heart did not change, and he did not let the Israelites go.

The fifth plague *(show the #5 side of the plague picture)* that God sent made all of the Egyptian livestock die. *(Show the picture of animals.)* So all of the horses, donkeys, camels, and birds of the Egyptian people died! Still, Pharaoh’s heart did not change, and he did not let the Israelites go.

The sixth plague *(show the #6 side of the plague picture)* that God sent made all of the Egyptian people and animals have sores all over their bodies that were called boils. *(Show the picture of boils.)* Still, Pharaoh’s heart did not change, and he did not let the Israelites go.

The seventh plague (*show the #7 side of the plague picture*) that God sent made hail from the sky rain down on the Egyptian people, plants and animals. (*Show the picture of hail.*) But before God sent the hail, He warned everyone to go inside their homes. Some people did not listen, so many people, plants, and animals died! Still, Pharaoh's heart did not change, and he did not let the Israelites go.

The eighth plague (*show the #8 side of the plague picture*) that God sent made bugs called locusts fill the land and eat all of the plants that were left. (*Show the picture of locusts.*) There were so many locusts that the people could not even see the ground! Still, Pharaoh's heart did not change, and he did not let the Israelites go.

The ninth plague (*show the #9 side of the plague picture*) that God sent made all of Egypt completely dark. (*Show the picture of darkness. Have the kids close their eyes and imagine it being so dark that they could not see anything around them.*) Still, Pharaoh's heart did not change, and he did not let the Israelites go.

The tenth and final plague (*show the #10 side of the plague picture*) was the worst of them all. God said the oldest boy in every Egyptian home was going to die. God told the Israelites to take their best lamb, kill it, and put some of its blood on their front doors. (*Show the picture*

of the blood on the doorposts.) If the home did not have blood on the door, then the oldest boy would die. So that night, all of the oldest sons in the Egyptian homes died, including Pharaoh's son. Finally, Pharaoh told all of the Israelites to go (*point away*).

God saved the Israelites just like He said He would! (*Have everyone cheer!*) **God Is in Charge of Everything!** Now, He would take the Israelites to the land that He promised them.

✈ Just like Pharaoh, we are all born with hearts that are sick with sin (*point to the Sick Heart poster*). But like God sent Moses to save the Israelites, God would send Jesus to save sinners.

On the count of three, we are going to whisper, "God Is in Charge of Everything." 1—2—3. God Is in Charge of Everything. On the count of three, we are going to say, "God Is in Charge of Everything," with a frog voice. 1—2—3. God Is in Charge of Everything. On the count of three, we are going to yell, "God Is in Charge of Everything!" If you don't like loud noises, you can cover your ears. 1—2—3. God Is in Charge of Everything! Everyone, sit down!

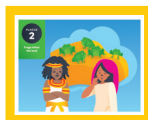
Pray and thank God for being in charge of everything.

Review Questions

- ☐ This is where we are in God's Big Story. *(Point to the "God's people wait" clock.)*
- ☐ Why did God send Moses to Egypt? *(He used Moses to save the Israelites from enslavement.)*
- ☐ Who was the king of Egypt? *(Pharaoh)*
- ☐ Moses told Pharaoh to let God's people go free from being enslaved. Would Pharaoh listen to Moses and do what God said? *(No!)*
- ☐ God sent many things to Egypt to show His power and save the Israelites. What were these things? *(Water turned to blood, frogs, flies, gnats, animals died, skin hurt, darkness, and all the firstborn boys died)*
- ☐ Finally, after all of these things that God sent to show how powerful he was, did Pharaoh listen to Moses and do what God said? *(Yes!)*
- ☐ How do we know that God is powerful enough to save His people? *(Because God Is in Charge of Everything)*
- ☐ Let's say our foundational truth together: *"God Is in Charge of Everything!"*



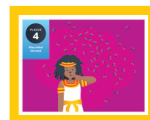
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Plague 2: Frogs Infest the Land



Plague 3: Gnats Infest the Land



Plague 4: Flies Infest the Land



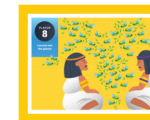
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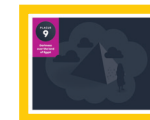
Plague 6: People and Livestock Come Down With Boils



Plague 7: Thunderstorm of Hail



Plague 8: Locusts Eat the Plants



Plague 9: Darkness Over the Land of Egypt



Plague 10: Passover; Firstborn Sons Die in Homes Without the Mark



Pharaoh Tells the People to Go



God Is in Charge of Everything

PLAGUE

1

Water sources
are turned
to blood



PLAGUE

2

Frogs infest
the land



PLAGUE

3

Gnats infest
the land



PLAGUE

4

Flies infest
the land



PLAGUE

5

Animals Become
Sick and Die



PLAGUE

6

People and
livestock come
down with boils



PLAGUE

7

Thunderstorm
of hail



PLAGUE

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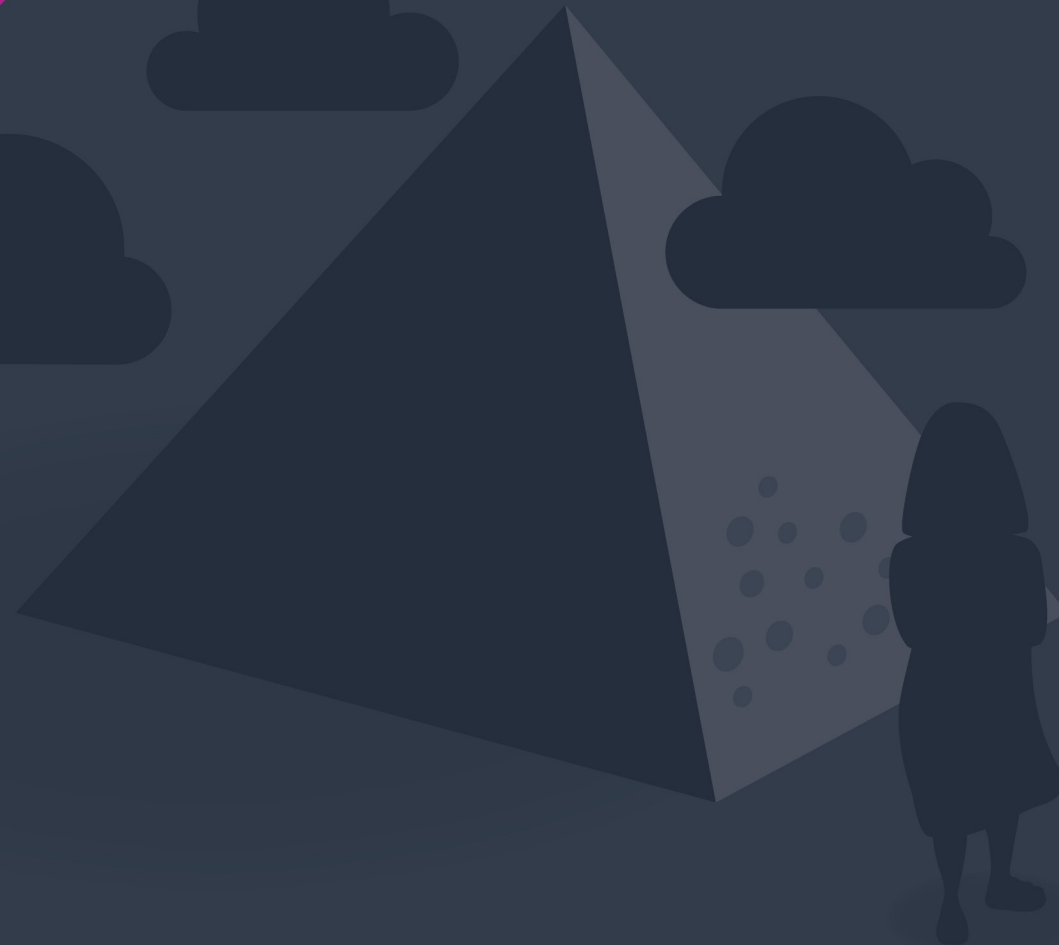
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PLAGUE

9

**Darkness
over the land
of Egypt**



PLAGUE

10

The Passover;
firstborn sons
die in homes
without
the mark





Appendix

Class Rules

1

with
our



(mouth)

We can talk
after we...



(raise our hands)

2

with
our



(hands)

We...



(clap-and-lap)

...during
storytime.

3

with
our



(ears)

We listen
to our...



(teachers and friends)

4

with
our



(face)

We...



(smile)

as we
obey...



(our teachers)

5

with
our



(feet)

We...



(walk)

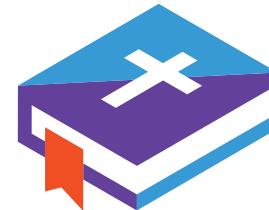
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to place.



**GOD
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**JESUS
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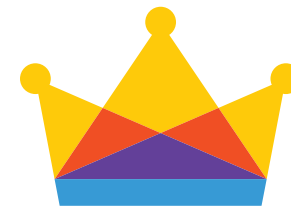
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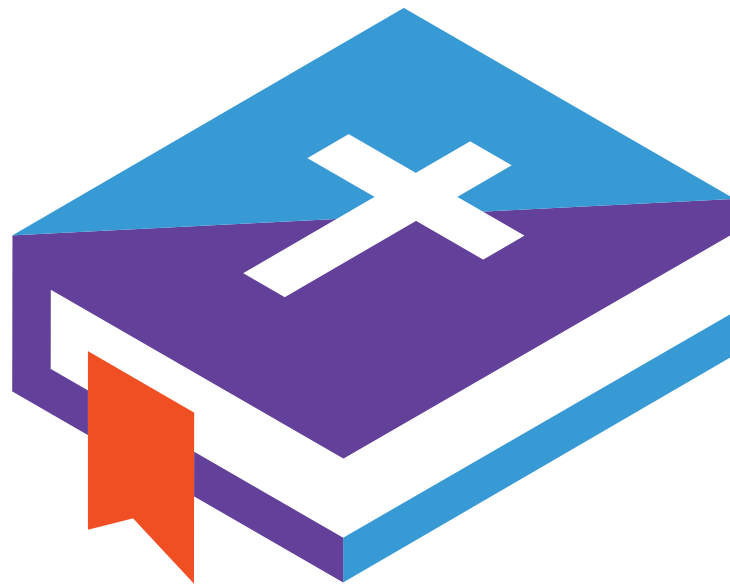
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Sick Heart



Healthy Heart



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Gospel Fingerplay

Jesus came down

Hold both hands up high above your head.

Lower hands while wiggling fingers.

to be born as a little baby.

Hold arms like you are cradling a baby.

He lived a perfect life.

Give two thumbs-up.

He died on the cross for our sins.

Cross one arm over the other to make a cross.

He was buried in a tomb.

Put one hand on top of the other to make a tomb.

On the third day,

Hold up three fingers.

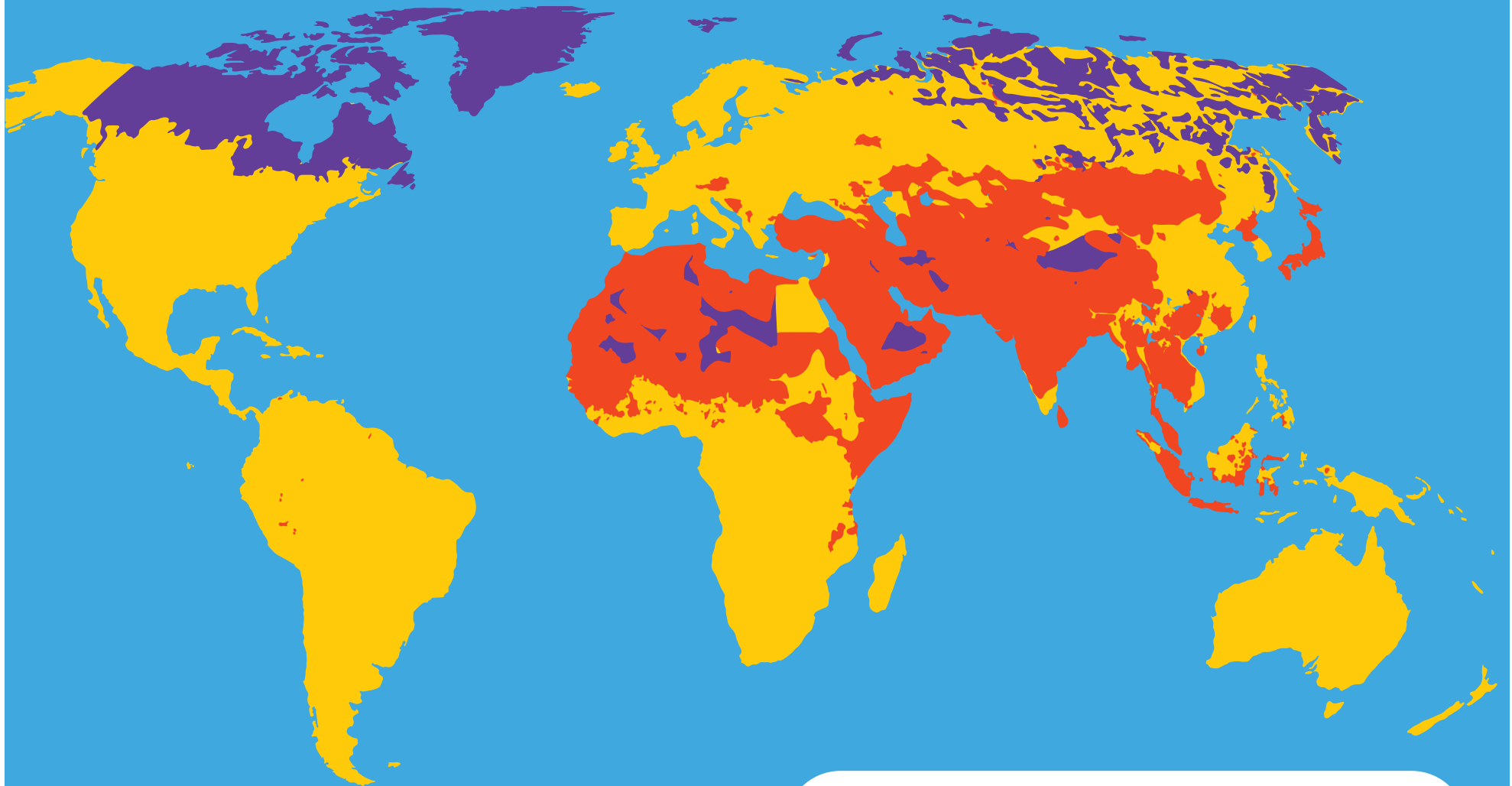
He rose from the dead.

Make three fingers rise into the air.

And that's the gospel truth!

Pound fist on open hand as you say each word.

Have you heard about Jesus?



GLOSSARY

TERMS FOR TEACHING

ANGEL – a mighty messenger and warrior from God

BAPTISM – to dip someone under some water and bring them back up—like Jesus died and was raised to back to life—to show everyone that God has given them a new, healthy heart like Jesus

BIBLE – God’s true Word. It is from God and about God.

A CHURCH – a group of people who love and trust Jesus

THE CHURCH – everyone who loves and trusts Jesus

COMMUNION – when people who love and trust Jesus eat and drink together to remember His death on the cross, how Jesus’ body was broken like bread and His blood was poured out like wine for sin

CRUCIFY – to die on a cross

DESERT – a really hot, dry place with almost no food or water

DISCIPLE – a friend and follower of Jesus

GOD – God the Father is God. Jesus, the Son, is God. The Holy Spirit is God. There is only one God who is three different persons. **God Made Everything. God Is in Charge of Everything. God Is Good!**

GOSPEL – the good news that **Jesus Came to Save Sinners** and the whole world from sin

HEAVEN – the place where God lives

IDOL – anything we love and trust more than God

ISRAELITES – God’s special, chosen people

MIRACLE – something amazing and special that shows God’s power

PROMISED LAND – the place God promised to give to the Israelites that was full of good things

PROPHET – someone who speaks for God

SACRIFICE – giving something special and valuable to God to show Him that He is better

SAVES – rescues

SIN (SICK HEART) – anything we do or think that is different from what God wants. Sin starts in our hearts and comes out in our actions. Everyone sins. Sin separates us from God, and we die.

TAX COLLECTOR – someone who collects money and gives it to the people in charge of a city as a job

TEMPLE – the place where God’s people worshiped God together a long time ago

TEMPTATION – when our hearts or other people tell us that sinning is better than obeying God

WORSHIP – how we show that God is most valuable. Only God deserves our worship. We use our voices, minds, and bodies to worship God.

GLOSSARY

DEFINITIONS FOR TEACHERS

THE BIBLE

The Bible is God's true Word. It is from God and about God. God the Holy Spirit helped many different men at many different times write all the different books of the Bible, but it's all one, true story about God. **God Wants to Talk With Us** through the Bible.

THE CHURCH

The Church is not a building. The Church is every person who loves and trusts Jesus. There are many people around the world that gather together in buildings to spend time learning about God, worshiping God, and remembering the good news that **Jesus Came to Save Sinners** together.

ENSLAVED PEOPLE

Enslaved people are not in charge of their own lives and have to do whatever their enslaver tells them to do. Most of the time, enslaved people are treated very, very badly, and their enslavers are mean to them. They do all the hard work but don't make any money. It is terrible to be enslaved. God never wants us to treat people the way those who are enslaved are treated.

FORGIVENESS

God does not give His children the punishment they deserve for sin. Jesus took the punishment for sin by dying on the cross. God forgives sinners because God is love. God loves His children! We can never be good enough to make God forgive us. We have to love and trust Jesus to be forgiven.

GOD'S BIG STORY TIMELINE

Throughout the Bible, we see an overarching timeline of God's work, sometimes referred to as the metanarrative. Over the course of this curriculum, you can refer back to this timeline to help children gain an understanding of how each narrative fits into God's Big Story. It is our hope that they grow in their understanding of not only when things happened, but also how we are still waiting with hope for the promise of Christ's return to come true.

HATE

It is sin to hate people. God does not want us to sin or hate anyone, even if they aren't easy to love.

LAWS

God's laws and rules are always good. Obeying them is always good for us! We can never obey God's laws perfectly. We all need a Savior to save us from our sin. Laws given to us by God are always good because **God Is Good**, but laws given to us by people are not always good because we are all sinners. We should never obey laws given to us by people more than laws given to us by God.

PRAYER

We can talk to God through prayer anywhere, anytime, about anything. When we pray, we can tell God how great He is or thank God for everything He does and gives. We can ask God to do something or give something, and we can tell God the truth about our sin. God already knows everything about us, but **God Wants to Talk With Us** because He loves us and wants us to love Him!

SALVATION (HEALTHY HEART)

God rescues and saves people from their sin. Sin separates us from God and we die, but God takes our sick, sinful hearts and gives us a new, healthy

heart when we love and trust Jesus. Jesus lived a perfect life. He never sinned. Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for our sins, but Jesus didn't stay dead. Jesus came back to life three days later so that everyone who loves and trust Him can have a healthy heart and live with God forever.

Jesus Came to Save Sinners!

SICK HEART/HEALTHY HEART

Because Adam and Eve sinned and disobeyed God, everyone who is born

after them (that's us!) is born with a heart that is sick with sin. Our hearts are sick because they love other things more than they love God, but Jesus was born with a perfectly healthy heart that loves God because Jesus is God's Son, not Adam's. Jesus lived a perfect life. He never sinned. Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for sins. Then, He came back to life three days later so that everyone who loves and trusts Jesus can have a new, healthy heart like His that loves God most! **Jesus Came to Save Sinners.**

WORSHIP

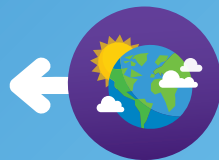
Worship is telling and showing someone or something that they are most valuable. Only God deserves our worship. We can worship God by singing songs, praying, telling others about Him and reading God's Word. When we love and trust God, our hearts want to worship Him.

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God made everything



Adam and Eve sinned



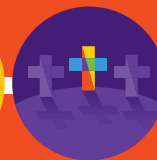
God promised a Savior



God's
people wait



Jesus was born



Jesus died for sin



Jesus was raised



God's
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Jesus will return

LITTLE
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