

ENTRANCE OF SIN

Genesis 3

Lesson Memory Verse: Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Lesson Aim: To help the children recognize and hate sin.

Lesson Plan: Use the KEY – HE – SEE – WE – BE plan (explained in the Introductory Notes).

KEY (for Attention): If you found a dollar bill on the street, what should you do? (Try to find the owner) Would it be right to say, "Finders keepers, losers weepers!" if you knew to whom it belonged? (No!) What would you be doing if you kept the dollar when you knew who the owner was? (Stealing) What is another word for stealing? (Sin) Can you name any other sins? (Disobeying God, parents and teachers; lying; swearing; fighting with brothers and sisters)

HE (for Authority): Our memory verse tells us what happens when we sin. It says, "The wages of sin is death." Sin earns the wages of death just like hard work on a job earns the wages of money. When you deliver newspapers, rake leaves, shovel walks or wash the dishes and receive money for it, you are receiving wages. The Bible says, "All have sinned." That is why you will receive the wages of sin and die and go to hell unless you ask Jesus to become your Savior. If you do this, you will receive the gift of God, which is eternal life. You will live forever with God. That is the greatest gift you can ever receive.

SEE (for Apperception) and WE (for Application): PLEASE do not read these comments until you have read the Scripture for this lesson. First, let the Holy Spirit teach you directly from His Word. In today's lesson we will find out how sin came into the world and why everyone in the world is a sinner. From this lesson, I hope you will be able to learn what sin is and will learn to hate it.

I. Eve Tempted by Satan (3:1-5)

A. Satan used the snake (serpent) to get Eve to doubt God (3:1).

1. The snake was a very crafty animal by nature, so Satan used the snake to speak to Eve.
2. Satan put doubts in Eve's mind about God's love. He asked a question that suggested God was unkind by not letting her eat of every tree in the garden.

B. Eve began to weaken when she did not correct Satan with the truth about God (3:2-3).

1. She omitted some of God's Word when she failed to say she could freely eat of the fruit from the trees (2:16). This would have reminded her of God's love.
2. She seemingly added to God's Word when she said she could not touch the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God did not say anything about touching the tree. This showed her feelings against God were growing.
3. She changed God's Words: God said, "You shall surely die," but Eve said, "Lest you die." This weakened the certainty of God's judgment for eating of the forbidden tree.

C. Satan told Eve some lies about God to get her to sin (3:4-5).

1. Satan said Eve would not die if she ate the fruit of the forbidden tree.
2. Satan said God did not want her to know too much. If she ate the fruit she would know good and evil like God does. That was true, but it was not the whole truth. God knows good and evil from the side of doing right. If she ate, she would know it from the side of doing evil. What would be the difference?
 - a. She would know good, but she would lose it when she sinned.
 - b. She would know evil, but it would become a part of her when she sinned. What a terrible way to learn good and evil.
 - c. The truth is she would learn good and evil better by refusing to sin. By resisting sin she would keep her goodness and yet know the awful pull of evil.

WE: We need to learn to recognize sin and hate it. Do not play with it. Watch out for Satan and his lies. He will try to make us doubt the Lord and disobey His commands. Trust the Lord! Read the Bible and do what it says. This will keep us from sin.

II. Adam and Eve Separated from God (3:6-13)

A. Adam and Eve sinned (3:6).

1. Eve believed the tree was good for food.
2. She saw the tree was beautiful.
3. She thought it would make her wise and wanted its fruit.
4. She picked the fruit, ate some, and then gave the fruit to her husband who also ate.

B. Adam and Eve were changed (3:7).

1. They saw themselves as sinners.
2. They saw their nakedness and put fig leaves on their bodies.

C. Adam and Eve hid themselves (3:8-10).

1. Because of their nakedness, they were afraid of God when He called for them.
2. They hid themselves in the garden, but He found them.

D. Adam and Eve blamed others (3:11-13).

1. Adam blamed both God and Eve for his sin (3:11-12).
2. Eve blamed the snake for her sin (3:13).

WE: When we sin, we should not try to hide it from God. We should confess our sin to Him right away and ask Him to forgive us. If we hate our sin, He will forgive us (1 Jn 1:9).

III. Sinners Punished by God (3:14-21)

A. The snake was punished for being used by Satan (3:14).

1. It must crawl on its belly.
2. While crawling, dust would get into its mouth.

B. Satan was punished for causing the sin (3:15).

1. God put hate (enmity) between Satan and Eve.
2. God put hate between Satan and Christ (her seed).
 - a. Satan bruised Christ's heel on the cross.
 - b. Christ destroyed Satan's power (crushed his head) when He died on the cross (Heb. 2:14-15).
 - c. Jesus Christ gained victory over sin and death when He rose up from the grave (1 Cor. 15:55-57).
 - d. God will punish Satan in the lake of fire forever (Rev. 20:10).

C. Adam and Eve were punished for disobeying God (3:16-21)

1. God punished Eve (3:16).
 - a. She would have sorrow when she gave birth to children.
 - b. Her husband would be her ruler.
2. God punished Adam (3:17-19).
 - a. The ground would now grow thorns and thistles (3:18).

- b. Adam would have to work and sweat to have food to eat.
- c. Adam would someday die and return to the dust (so would Eve and their children).

D. Adam and Eve put out of the Garden of Eden (3:22-24)

- 1. God drove them out of the garden before they ate of the tree of life.
- 2. God placed angels and a flaming sword at the entrance of the garden to keep Adam and Eve from returning.

WE: When we are punished by God for our sins, do not get angry with Him. He is punishing us so that we will recognize our sins and hate them. When we hate them, we will stay away from them. Do not forget He has suffered for our sins, too! He died on the cross for our sins! So do not get angry with God. We need to get angry with ourselves and hate our sins enough to stop doing them.

BE (for Action): We learned today that Adam and Eve sinned. How did they sin? What terrible things happened to them when they sinned? How do boys and girls sin today? Have you ever done any of these sins that boys and girls do? (Give time for the children to answer these questions.) Even if you have not sinned like other kids have sinned, God says we all have sinned and need a Savior to remove those sins from our record book. God still loves us, but we cannot live with God if we have any sins in our record book. So God made a way for us to get rid of our sins. Jesus Christ came to earth to take the punishment for our sins. To do this, He had to die on the cross. When He arose from the grave, He proved that He got rid of all our sins. Now we must hate our sins, believe that Jesus paid for all of them and ask Him to remove all of our sins from our record book. If we do this, we will be able to live with God. (Explain the plan of salvation more if needed. Give the children an opportunity to ask questions and to accept Jesus as their Savior before you dismiss class.)