



Busy Bible Builders

Adam and Eve Ruin Everything

BIG IDEA: God made everything and it's very good.

BIBLE BASIS: Genesis 3

KEY VERSE: "As for me and my family, we will serve the LORD."
Joshua 24:15 (NirV)

SCHEDULE

PLAY TIME ACTIVITIES

10:30-11:00

LARGE GROUP LESSON

11:00-11:30

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

11:30-12:00

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LEADER DEVOTIONAL

Alexander the Great is regarded as one of the most powerful rulers in history. Legend holds that one of Alexander's beloved generals had a daughter engaged to be married. Because Alexander so valued his general, he offered to pay for the entire wedding.

When the general sent Alexander the total, it was astronomical. He had booked the most expensive venue available and withheld no expense. The messenger delivering the bill feared that Alexander would be so angry at the extravagance that he would take his life for even bringing him such news. When Alexander received the bill, however, he laughed and said, "Pay it!" Though surprised and greatly relieved, the messenger inquired as to the unexpected response.

"Don't you see," said Alexander, "by asking me for such an enormous sum he does me great honor. He shows that he believes I am both rich and generous."

I think that's how God feels when we come to Him for forgiveness, regardless of how big the "tab" is. We do Him great honor, for we show that we believe He is both rich in mercy and generous in lavishing it upon us. Far from being angry, He is delighted to demonstrate His extravagant love.

Certainly, the appropriate response to God's mercy is obedience. But no matter how often we fail, His mercy never runs dry.

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SMALL GROUP SKILL BUILDING

How to Prepare Like a Champ for Small Group

Picture this scene: Moments before children's church is scheduled to begin, a leader stands in the corner of the room with their face buried in some papers labeled "Small Group Lesson." They seem oblivious to the kids moving quickly and loudly all around them. A bead of sweat rolls down their face. The clock ticks loudly as they read at a fevered pace. Have you seen this leader? Are *you* this leader? There's no judgment here! We get it — life is often *really* busy and finding the time to volunteer, much less prepare, can be tough. But by investing just a small amount of time into preparation, you can go from being a good leader to a great one. Here's how:

Read your lesson ahead of time. You saw that one coming, didn't you? When the kids arrive, it's game time. When you've read the lesson ahead of time, the kids get your full attention from the moment they walk in. When small group begins, you'll be able to lead much more effectively if you're not trying to figure the lesson out for yourself at the same time you're explaining it to your group.

Familiarize yourself with the materials. Many of the small group activities in the GO! curriculum have materials that go with it. When you read the lesson at home, you might have a picture of what the materials look like, but double check to make sure what you imagined matches reality when you arrive at church.

Prepare your own heart. The best way to lead the kids in your group is through example. Consider reading the Bible story ahead of time and asking yourself how it applies to your own life. Spend some time in prayer asking the Holy Spirit to show you how you need to change in light of this story.



☆ PLAY TIME ACTIVITY

Along with your other play time activities, present the following activity to children as they first arrive in the preschool room. Choose a leader to facilitate the activity. The activity is designed to introduce kids to the Bible story and Big Idea for the day.

SNEAKY SNAKE

Supplies: Play-Doh

Directions: Give each child some playdough and have them roll it out on the table to make a snake.

Say: Wow — those are amazing snakes you made. Today, we're going to hear a true Bible story about a really sneaky snake. During our story, we're going to learn that **God created everything and it's very good!**

KNOCK DOWN (Bible Memorization Activity)

Supplies: Plastic cups (15 per group), paper (1 piece per child), tape (1 roll)

Today's Bible verse:

*"As for me (point to self with thumbs)
and my family (trace a circle in front of you with fingers),
we will serve (march in place)
the Lord (point up)."
Joshua 24:15 (extend hands like holding a book).*

Directions: Practice the verse together several times. When ready, use the plastic cups to build a pyramid. Allow the children to help. Create a tape line about 5-6 feet from the pyramid. Give each child a crumpled piece of paper and have them stand behind the line. Have the children say the verse together, then prompt them to throw their paper at the pyramid. If they knock down all of the cups above the bottom row, celebrate and rebuild the pyramid for another round. If they don't, continue playing until all of the cups are knocked down. The children must always recite the verse before throwing their paper ball. Play as many rounds as time and interest allow.

Large Group: Room 207 at 11:00 AM



★ SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

After the large group story time is over, help the children transition into the small group activity time. There are multiple activity options designed to help kids remember the Bible story and Big Idea, discover personal application, and to respond to God through art, prayer, and Bible reading. Offer as many activities as your time and space allows.

Snake Jump (Application Activity)

Supplies: Long rope (1 per group)

Say: In today's true Bible story, the sneaky snake told Adam and Eve to do something bad and they did it. Let's play a game where we avoid the sneaky snake and say, "I can obey God!"

Directions: Stretch a rope out on the floor. Have all of the children stand on the same side of the rope. Choose 2 children to hold either end of the rope and wiggle it back and forth so that it slithers like a snake. On "go," have 2 or 3 children try to jump over the snake without touching it. While jumping, have them shout, "I can obey God!" Play for as long as interest allows, then sit down and ask the question below.

Question: Just like Adam and Eve, we all sin sometimes. That means we all disobey God. How can you obey God this week? In other words, what's a good choice that you can make?

Animal Builders (Application Activity)

Supplies: Pipe cleaners (5-6 per child)

Preparation: Ahead of time cut the pipe cleaners to different lengths. If possible, provide pipe cleaners of various colors.

Directions: Tell the children to imagine what it was like for God to create the very first animals. Place the pipe cleaners in the middle of the group. Encourage the children to use the pipe cleaners to create *their* very own animal. They can twist the pipe cleaners together and bend them into various shapes. Tell them to be creative. Their animal doesn't have to look like any animal in the world. When finished, have the children play act with their animal. While playing, ask the children what they would call their animal.

Say: The animals we made look pretty good, but the animals that God made are WAY more amazing! They run, and jump, and fly up high! **God made everything and it's very good!**

Question: If you could talk to God, what would you tell Him about His creation? (Remind the children that they *can* talk to God. Encourage them to say those things to God in prayer.)

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STORY STACK (Bible Story Review Activity)

Supplies: Story Pictures (1 set per group), small cardboard boxes (5 per group) **Note:** If there is only one small group, you can use the big story cubes from large group instead.

Preparation: Print the “Story Pictures” on paper, then cut apart. Tape each picture to a different, small cardboard box.

Directions: Place the story cubes with pictures in the middle of the group. Ask the children which story cube goes first. When they’ve chosen the correct cube, ask them to recount what happened in that part of the story. Place the first story cube on the floor or table, then stack each additional cube on top so the story progresses from the bottom up. Continue until the cubes are all stacked and the story is complete.

Question: What was your favorite part of this story? Why did you like that part?

COLORING SHEET AND SNACK TIME (GO! Deeper Activity)

Supplies: Bible story coloring sheet (printed on back of GO! Home Guide, 1 per child), markers or crayons, snack of your choice, napkins.

Directions: Give each child a Bible story coloring sheet and some crayons or markers. While the children are coloring, give them a snack to eat and ask the following questions to help them go deeper into the story:

Question: Why do you think Adam and Eve ate the fruit even though God said not to?

Question: Do you think God still loved Adam and Eve after they disobeyed Him? (Answer: Yes! God doesn’t want us to disobey Him, but He still loves us when we do.)