

THE PROMISE & THE SEED

TO CRUSH THE SERPENT'S HEAD



4-6 ROOM



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MISSIONS UPDATE & PRAYER

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2

CLASS ICE BREAKER & PROP

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT: What does "promise" mean? Have you ever been promised anything? Have you ever told someone you promised them something?

TAKE OUT THE PROP & PICTURE.

3

READ THE SCRIPTURE & ASK THE BIG QUESTIONS

Genesis 3

What was the consequence for Adam and Eve when they disobeyed God? They couldn't be with God anymore. They had to leave the garden.

Would their gardening still be easy? No. God says their gardening will be hard now (bugs, rabbits, weeds and rocks). Sadness, fear, darkness, and death were now a part of their world and lives.

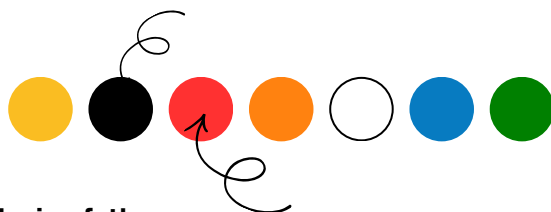
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MAKE THE GOSPEL CONNECTION

Sin has real consequences - the biggest being that we are separated from God Himself.

Remember, wherever God makes His home, there is a garden of love and life.

When we choose to go our own way, disobeying God, we are choosing to follow selfish Satan instead of God, our loving father.



Picture 4
Picture 5

USE THE VISUALS

What does He promise to Adam and Eve? He promises a baby, a "seed", to come and defeat the serpent so that we can be with God again. **Who is it that defeats Satan?!** Yes, Jesus! Adam and Eve wondered when He would come.

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ACTIVITIES

OPTION 1

GYM GAME

RED LIGHT, GREEN LIGHT

All kids will start on one end of the gym. The teacher in the center of the gym will have two signs that they will show the kids (a red for stop, and a few different green signs for go). When the teacher shows a green sign, it'll have a picture of an action/animal that they need to move like as they make their way across the gym (crab walk, bear walk, spin, backwards, etc). When the red sign comes out they have to stop as fast as they can. If anyone "disobeys" the signs, they have to go back to the beginning.

OPTION 2

THE SEED

Each kid will get one small pot, and one large seed to plant in their pot. A bag of dirt, a tablecloth to work on, and some spoons or trowels will be provided to help the kids plant their seed. Make sure to give each seed a drink of water after planting, and remind the kids to give their seeds a small drink of water each day, and to be patient as they wait for it to grow.

*Make sure to write their names on the bottom of their pot before their seed is planted.

OPTION 3

KINETIC SAND

Sand station with spoons, sand, dry beans (seeds), fake plants, and small pots.

Kids can free play at the kinetic sand station.

*While they are playing, ask them "who is the seed - the baby - that will come to crush the head of the serpent?" or "Who will save us so we can be with God again?"

October 25th

CHAPTER SIX

BAD FRUIT

TWO BROTHERS



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TAKE OUT THE PROP & PICTURE.

3

READ THE SCRIPTURE & ASK THE BIG QUESTIONS

Genesis 4:1-16, 25-26

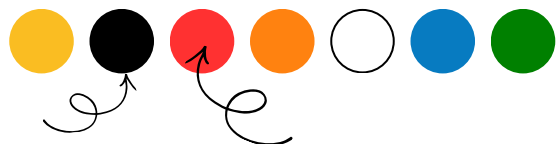
Remember, God promised Eve that through her, the promise of this seed (this baby) would come. She didn't know when or how it would happen so she was patiently waiting with each child that came! Who is the promised baby (the seed)? Is it Cain? Is it Abel? No, it's neither of them. They will keep waiting.

Was Cain tricked into killing his brother? What made him do it? Yes. Cain believed the lie of self love, and became jealous of his brother, instead of loving him.

4

MAKE THE GOSPEL CONNECTION

God is perfect selfless love. Satan is all about loving himself. Abel gives up his best lamb, and Cain keeps the best for himself.



Picture 5

USE THE VISUALS

Abel, a man who didn't do anything wrong, died because of Cain's selfishness. Many years later, Jesus, a man who didn't do anything wrong, will come and die because of the selfishness and sin of the world.

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ACTIVITIES

OPTION 1

CLASSROOM GAME

Who drew it better

Divide the class into two teams facing the whiteboard. One person from each team should come to the front of the board, and the teacher will call out something for both of the kids at the board to draw. The teacher will judge who they think drew it better, and give that team a point. Give each kid a turn or two at the board if time allows.

***During this activity, did you ever feel jealous of the other person for doing a better drawing than you? In our story today, Cain felt very jealous of his brother - his thoughts were on himself! Because we are sinful, our natural inclination is to think about ourselves. We have to consciously decide to think about God and put others above ourselves.

OPTION 2

CLASSROOM ACTIVITY

Together we build

Create teams of two. Together in their teams kids will build a house with Legos. As they work closely together, watch carefully. Remind kids as they work, that it's not about "you" but rather about God and others. God wants us to love and help each other, not to be selfish.

OPTION 3

QUIET -CLASS- REFLECTION

Remember, selfishness is when you make things about you, selflessness is when you make things about others.

How can you love and serve others selflessly this week? Write down a list on the board as a class. Examples like: help my mom do the dishes, put away my toys before my daddy asks me to, help my brother put his shoes on, don't yell, share my favorite treat with my friend, visit my neighbor, help with yard work, etc.

A LOT OF BAD FRUIT

NOAH



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LET'S SEE WHAT YOU KNOW: Who knows the process of a caterpillar becoming a butterfly? What happens when the caterpillar goes into it's cocoon? (It's body becomes like a soup. The creature is completely de-created, in order to become a new creation - a butterfly). Show Picture 5 (the big "U") and relate it to the butterfly analogy. Today we are going to talk about this same pattern in our next story.

TAKE OUT THE PROP & PICTURE.

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READ THE SCRIPTURE & ASK THE BIG QUESTIONS

Genesis 6:5-7, 11-22, Genesis 7:6-24, Genesis 8:13-22, Genesis 9:8-17

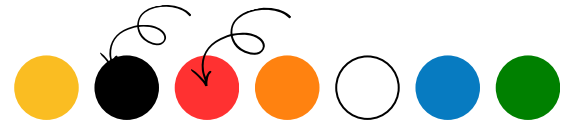
Remember, God promised Eve that through her, the promise of this seed (this baby) would come. She didn't know when or how it would happen, but she waited patiently... this is many generations later and they are STILL waiting! Is it Noah? Nope...

Inside the ark were plants, animals, food, and people all safe in the presence of God. What does the inside of the ark remind us of? The garden of Eden!

4

MAKE THE GOSPEL CONNECTION

Read Romans 3:23 Have you sinned? Sin has real consequences - the biggest and most troubling being that we are separated from God Himself. Remember, wherever God makes His home, there is a garden of love and life. **WHO does the ark represent in this story?** Again, we are being pointed towards the coming hope of Jesus Christ (redemption). Jesus is the ark! IN HIM there is a garden of love and life, just like the ark. IN HIM, we are safe and saved.



Picture 5
Picture 6

USE THE VISUALS

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OPTION 1

CLASSROOM ACTIVITY

Break it and then make it.

***This is a good activity to end class with to fill the end of class time.

Each kid should get a piece of paper with a printed colored picture of a caterpillar and a blank piece of paper to make their art piece on. Kids will cut, rip, tear their caterpillar paper, creating small pieces of paper. They will use their small pieces to create a butterfly on their blank paper. If kids need help with the shape of a butterfly, you can draw faintly on their paper an outline of a butterfly for them to follow.

This verse will be printed on their blank papers.

"You were taught to leave your old self—to stop living the evil way you lived before. That old self becomes worse and worse because people are fooled by the evil things they want to do. ²³ But you were taught to be made new in your hearts. ²⁴ You were taught to become a new person. That new person is made to be like God—made to be truly good and holy." Ephesians 4:22-24 (ICB)

***Refer back to picture 5 in the lesson visuals.

OPTION 2

PLAY DOUGH

As you are creating things out of play dough, you create something and then break it again to create something new! Just like Jesus does when he creates something new in us - we learn through consequences, falling, sadness, fear and trying again.

THEIR OWN WAY

A VERY TALL TOWER



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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT: Today there is a yummy treat on the counter... Is it hard to be patient? Are you frustrated when the teacher says you have to wait for it? Does it make you want to climb up there yourself, disobeying by taking a treat for yourself without permission?

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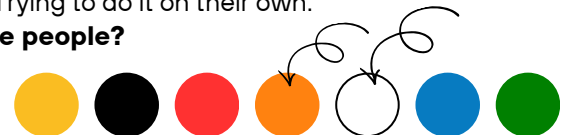
Genesis 11:1-9

What were the people trying to do with their tall tower? Be closer to God.

Were they trusting God or trying to manage on their own? Trying to do it on their own.

Why did God say that nothing would be impossible for these people?

Because they were united! Together in all things.



4

MAKE THE GOSPEL CONNECTION

Read Ephesians 2:8-9 - Are we saved (brought into God's family) because of all the good things we do? No. It is by grace that we are saved. God asks us to choose to love Him above all things, repent, and then by His grace we are washed clean.

God asks us to leave everything behind and follow Him! Repentance means walking away from what you want and obeying God. God wants you to live for Him, not yourself, and He always knows what is best.

Picture 7

USE THE VISUALS

Even though these people were totally together on all things, they chose to follow the wrong leader, a leader that was selfish and thought he could do things all on his own. Will trying to do things on your own ever get someone closer to God? No... We have to learn how to trust God, surrender and let go of our fears and selfish ways, and let Him lead us. We have to learn how to be patient, waiting for God to say yes!

***AT THIS POINT IN THE LESSON, IF KIDS HAVE BEEN PATIENT, YOU CAN SERVE THE SPECIAL TREAT!**

What a joy it is when we wait for God's goodness and His way, instead of trying to do things on our own.

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OPTION 1

CLASSROOM GAME

The Tallest Tower

Divide kids into 2 teams. Teams will attempt to build the tallest tower (out of blocks) in the classroom, racing against the other teams. They will have a total of 3 minutes to build their towers.

*The tower must stand on its own!

*No climbing on chairs or tables or each other in the process of building.

*This game could be played a couple of times if kids are enjoying it.

OPTION 2

CLASSROOM/HALLWAY ACTIVITY

Follow the Leader

Kids should line up in single file. The teacher will make large movements in place or going forward that the kids need to copy. If anyone gets out of line, they will have to go to the back of the line. Helpers will have to assist in calling out kids who are not copying or following closely what the teacher is doing. In the end, make sure to mention the couple of kids who are following the most closely to the teacher....We should be doing this with Jesus! Following Him as closely as we possibly can, obeying and copying everything He does.

OPTION 3

COLORING

Coloring sheets provided to go with the lesson of the day.