

THE PROMISE & THE SEED

TO CRUSH THE SERPENT'S HEAD



6-11 ROOM



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MISSIONS UPDATE & PRAYER

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2

CLASS ICE BREAKER & WAY MACHINE 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 FROM THE WAY MACHINE.

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 in God's presence anymore. They had to leave the garden.

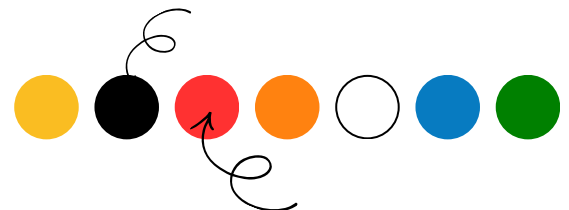
Would their gardening still be easy? No. God tells them that their work will be difficult now. He also tells them that they will now experience hardship, sadness, and death.

4

MAKE THE GOSPEL CONNECTION

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.

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



Picture 4
Picture 5

USE THE VISUALS

He wants us to learn how to live our lives for Him so that we can be filled with joy and love and life, like He is.

What does He promise to Adam and Eve (and to us) as He is giving Adam and Eve their

consequence? He promises a baby, a "seed", to come and defeat the serpent so that we can be back in the garden with God again. **Who is it that defeats Satan?!** Yes, Jesus!

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ACTIVITIES

OPTION 1

CLASSROOM GAME

Chameleon

Each person will get a card with an object or item on it. One person in the class will get the "Chameleon" card - they will need to make up an object and lie about being the chameleon. The goal of this game is for the person who gets the chameleon card to blend in - to lie and be sneaky - so that they are not discovered. The teacher should not know which kid is the chameleon. The teacher will pick out kids one at a time to describe the object on their card (example: if the theme is flowers, each kid should say a flower name or kind, like "daisy" or "rose" etc). The teacher should try to guess who the chameleon is. If you have extra time, you could play this game again, with a different category and a different chameleon.

***This is exactly what Satan tries to do - to make himself blend in and sound good, so no one notices how much of a liar he really is.

OPTION 2

CLASSROOM ACTIVITY

Divide the chalkboard into two sides, one saying "God's Way" and one saying "My Way." Divide the class into 3 teams. Each team will have several scenarios to read through (make sure each team has a couple of good readers). As a team, they will have to decide which side of the board each scenario belongs to. Summarize all of these briefly as you wrap up the activity. This activity leads really well into the quiet reflection time if you choose to do that as well.

OPTION 3

QUIET REFLECTION

Read to them Genesis 3:14-15, Isaiah 9:6, John 3:16 (for fun you can see which kids have this one memorized).

What does it feel like to be in God's presence - inside the garden with Him?

What does it feel like to be outside of God's presence - where growing anything is difficult?

How can you choose to walk with God every day? And choose God's way instead of your own way?

October 25th

CHAPTER SIX

BAD FRUIT

TWO BROTHERS



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CLASS ICE BREAKER & WAY MACHINE PROP

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT: What does it mean to be selfish? What does it mean to be selfless? Have you ever been selfish? How could you have been more selfless?

TAKE OUT THE PROP & PICTURE FROM THE WAY MACHINE.

3

READ THE SCRIPTURE & ASK THE BIG QUESTIONS

Genesis 4:1-16, 25-26

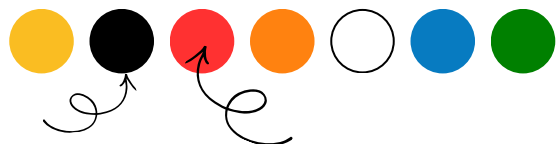
Who is the seed? Is it Cain? Is it Abel? No, it's neither of them. Remember, God promised Eve that through her, the promise of this seed (this baby) would come. She didn't know when or how it would happen so she was divinely anticipating it with each child that came!

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. They keep waiting for the promise to come (The Seed)... when will he come?

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OPTION 1

CLASSROOM GAME

Who drew it better

Divide the class into two teams facing the large chalkboard. One person from each team should come to the front of the board, draw a card from the bucket and attempt their best drawing (in 30 seconds) of whatever is on the card. The teacher will judge who they think drew it better, and give that team a point. Give each kid a turn 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

GYM - HALLWAY - AND CLASSROOM GAME

Divide the kids into 4 teams. Each team should be given a very specific set of instructions. The instructions will guide each team through the hallways/classroom/gym to different challenges and puzzles, eventually leading them to the discovery of "The Seed." (see separate handout).

***Remind the kids, in the scriptures, these people were promised the seed, the baby, that would save them and let them be with God again. They were looking for him everywhere and they knew he would be the only way to salvation.

OPTION 3

QUIET REFLECTION

Remember, selfishness is when you make things about you, selflessness is when you make things about others. Why is it so hard to make things about others and not yourself?

How can you love and serve others selflessly this week? Write down what you plan to do this week to give up your own time/money/efforts to do something kind for someone else.

A LOT OF BAD FRUIT

FROM ADAM TO 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 FROM THE WAY MACHINE.

3

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

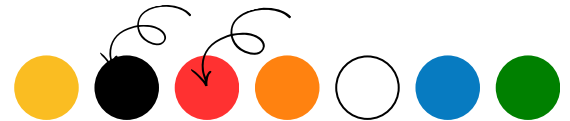
Who is the seed? Maybe it's Noah? No, it's not Noah either. Remember, God promised Eve that through her, the promise of this seed (this baby) would come. She didn't know when or how it would happen, but she waited patiently... this is many generations later and they are STILL waiting!

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!

4

MAKE THE GOSPEL CONNECTION

Read Genesis 6:5-7 again. In verse 5 it says, "every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." **Who can remember 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. **What (or more accurately WHO does the ark represent in this story?)** Again, we are being pointed towards the coming hope of Jesus Christ (redemption).



Picture 5
Picture 6

USE THE VISUALS

Take the time to write out all of the names in Noah's genealogy (see page 3) and their name meanings as you say them. Have kids guess who it is you are talking about (It's Jesus). The promise of The Seed (the baby) that will save us from this horrible world and bring us back into the garden is still mentioned and hoped for. He's coming. Just wait a little longer, God reminds us.

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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 the backside of 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

GYM - PUZZLE SCRAMBLE

Divide the kids into 4 teams. Each team should start in a corner of the gym. Scattered around the gym floor will be 4 different puzzles, mixed together. Each team will start with one puzzle piece. They have to use that piece to determine which pieces they need to complete their puzzle. Two people from each team are allowed to enter the middle of the gym to search for puzzle pieces at a time AND can only take 2 pieces from the center of the gym at a time. If a team grabs the wrong piece by accident, it needs to be returned the center of the gym before grabbing another piece. Whichever team finishes their puzzle first, wins.

FROM ADAM TO NOAH

ADAM HUMANS ARE

SETH DESTINED TO

ENOS DIE.

CAINAN FIRST, THEY ARE WITH GOD,

MAHALELEL AND PRAISING GOD,

JARED THEN THEY FALL.

ENoch BUT ONE IS CHOSEN

METHUSELAH TO DIE.
HIS DEATH WILL SEND OUT

LAMECH TO BROKEN HUMANITY,

NOAH REST AND COMFORT.

THEIR OWN WAY

A VERY TALL TOWER



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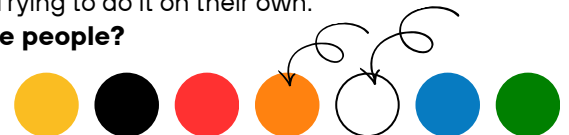
Genesis 11:1-9

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.

What does repentance mean? Walking away from your own desires, and walking towards God. Giving up your own way of living, to live the way God wants you to live (selflessly).

Picture 7



USE THE VISUALS

Read Genesis 10: 8-10. Nimrod was a warrior and the grandson to Ham, who was Noah's unrighteous son (he was disrespectful and disobeyed). "Nimrod" means "rebel," and he sought after making a name for himself and the people that followed him. Babel was his first city that was built under his authority. 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.

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CLASSROOM GAME

The Tallest Tower

Divide kids into teams of 2-3 kids each. Teams will attempt to build the tallest tower (out of Legos) 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.

OPTION 2

GYM - TURTLE TROT

Kids should pair up in groups of 2. They will start on one side of the gym with their partner. The first partner will do whatever silly walk the teacher calls out (crab walk, bear walk, backwards, etc) and they will go SLOWLY across the gym to the other side to collect a random item out of the pile. Then they will travel with the item slowly across the gym and back to their teammate who will take the next turn. If a kid is moving too quickly, the teacher will "freeze" them with a pool noodle for the length of time that it takes that kid to sing the ABCs 3x (after they sing, they can keep moving). The teacher will call out when the game is over (a length of time like 5-8 minutes that they determine ahead of time) and whichever top 3 teams have the most items will win the game.

OPTION 3

QUIET REFLECTION

In our story today, we see someone who is leading with confidence and boldness and a lot of other people are following him (Nimrod). The people are in unity and doing something together so we think, maybe he is doing a good job?! But we learn that he's not... that the motivation is self-focused, making a name for themselves instead of glorifying God. Choosing friends can be really hard... especially when we don't know what we are looking for... What makes a good friend? How can you be a good friend - the kind of friend that is glorifying to God, unselfish? How can you be a leader that is glorifying to God? (have a class discussion).