

City LG—August 21st, 2022

Today's Bible Story: No Matter What (The Fall) • *Genesis 3 (Genesis 2:15-17; The Gospels)*

Today's Bottom Line: God loves us no matter what.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Here is what love is. It is not that we loved God. It is that he loved us and sent his Son to give his life to pay for our sins. 1 John 4:10 (NirV)*

Monthly Virtue: Love—Showing others how much they matter to you

REMINDER: Kids will need to be grouped into Small Groups to begin Service

WORSHIP: "Love's Running After" and "All of Me"

"Hello, everyone! Last week, we looked at the very beginning of the first book of the Bible, Genesis. (*Hold up Bible.*) We discovered how God created everything in the whole world . . . from oceans, mountains, and trees to birds, fish, and animals . . . and people! So I have a question for you, as we get started..."

SLIDE: Question (What is your favorite thing you've made?)

"What is it for you? What is your favorite thing you've made? It could be a craft, a LEGO set, a recipe, or even your bed in the morning? Ooooooh, I love my bed. Anyways...3 minutes on the clock! GO!"

CG: Question Video (Runtime: 3:00)

"I heard some great answers! Creating is FUN! God is creative, and He made us all creative like He is. God created the whole world out of LOVE, and everything God created was good. But sadly, things didn't turn out so well for the first people God created, Adam and Eve. God created Adam and Eve, and God gave them the world to care for and enjoy."

"But God had given Adam an important rule. God told Adam . . .

Open the Bible to Genesis 2:16-17 (NirV) and read.

"You may eat fruit from any tree in the garden. But you must not eat the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you do, you will certainly die.

Set the Bible down.

"One day, however, a serpent—a snake—started speaking to Eve.

"The serpent was very sneaky. It tried to trick Eve by saying . . .

(as the serpent) "Did God really sssssssay, 'You mussssssssst not eat fruit from any tree in the garden'? (Genesis 3:1, NirV)

"Eve told the serpent that she and Adam could eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden . . . but that God had told them not to eat the fruit from the tree in the MIDDLE of the garden. If they did, they would die.

“The serpent told Eve . . .

(as the serpent) “You will ccccccertainly not die . . . God knowsssss that when you eat fruit from that tree, you will know thingssssss you have never known before. Like God, you will be able to tell the differenccccce between good and evil. (Genesis 3:4-5, NIV)”

“Yikes! The serpent was tricky, because it was saying things that would make Eve question or doubt what God had said.”

“So what would Eve do? Would she listen to the serpent? Would she eat the fruit that God had told her not to eat? Or would she trust God and refuse to eat it? Let’s find out with the help of this week’s video!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 8:00)

“Adam and Eve had broken their relationship with the God who created them. But God’s deep love for them had not changed.

“God made clothes for Adam and Eve . . . but Adam and Eve could no longer stay in the garden. Their sin had separated them from God. Even still, God already had a plan to make things right, once and for all. One day, God would send Jesus to be the Savior of the world so that our sin wouldn’t separate us from God anymore.

“The truth is, all of us have sinned like Adam and Eve. But God never stops loving us. God loved us enough to send Jesus FOR us. Jesus died on the cross so that sin would no longer come between us and God. Jesus paid the price so that we could have a relationship with God that will last forever! Let’s learn this week’s Bottom Line!”

CG: Bottom Line Video (Runtime: 1:00)

“I don’t want you to ever forget this. **[Bottom Line] God loves us no matter what.**

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “God loves us no matter what.

“Let’s pray and thank God for that now.”

PRAY: “God, thank You for loving Adam and Eve. Even though they messed up and broke their relationship with You, You never stopped loving them. You never stop loving US, even when we mess up. You loved us enough to send Jesus to fix what was broken. We love You, and we are so thankful! In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”

“All people have sinned. We’ve all made wrong choices, and that sin breaks our relationship with God. Sometimes we might lie and say things we know aren’t true. Sometimes we might act in a mean way toward our brothers or sisters. And sometimes—maybe lots of times—we disobey the rules. But one thing is ALWAYS true. We know that God will never stop loving us.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “God loves us no matter what.

“That’s why God sent Jesus! At the perfect time, God sent Jesus to make things right. And Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for our sins. When we put our trust in Jesus, we know for sure that God will forgive us for anything we’ve done wrong.

“God loves us more than we can ever imagine! That’s why God sent Jesus to be our Savior. It’s like we read in our memory verse for this month, 1 John 4:10.

SLIDE: Memory Verse

“Here is what love is. It is not that we loved God. It is that he loved us and sent his Son to give his life to pay for our sins. (1 John 4:10, NIV)

“You can put your trust in God because you know how much God LOVES you! You can trust God no matter what.”

OFFERING:

“As you may know, all this Summer we are raising money to dig water wells in the Country of Malawi. When you bring your offering in, you are helping many people in Malawi to have clean water to drink and cook with. So, if you brought an offering today, you can bring it up now!”

CG: Malawi Wells Pictures