



Aims of Lesson:

- (1) To help the children to discover that disobedience hurts both God and our parents.
- (2) That the children will want to ask for forgiveness when they have disobeyed.



Puppets:

Use the puppet script “Stinky Sin” found at the end of Session 4.



Memory Verse: (Segment)

“God made me.”

Review the words and actions used last week and repeat it together as you did last week. Give lots of praise to those who remember the verse and encouragement to everyone.



Story:

Use the text provided for “Adam & Eve” and the Picture Cards A4-1 to A4-8.



Movement/Game:

No Hiding Place:

You will need a large cover e.g. blanket, tarpaulin. Choose several children to come to the front. Say, “Let us see if we can hide from God.” Get the children to curl up on the floor and cover them with the blanket. Ask the other children:-

“Can you see them now?”

“Do you think God can see them under there?”

“Why?”

“Adam and Eve tried to hide from God too. Could God see them?”

“We can never hide from God. When we have done something wrong, God wants us to tell Him about it and to say ‘sorry’.”

If time allows, you could let other children have a turn at hiding, asking the same questions as above.



Activity:

Adam and Eve:

Photocopy the picture of Adam & Eve, one per child. Provide crayons or coloured pencils for the children to colour the picture.

Materials needed:

Crayons/coloured pencils



Fellowship & Prayer:

Fellowship: Encourage each child to share about an event or item of interest.

Prayer: Use the prayer bag and cards as outlined in the introductory section.

Stinky Sin – Puppet Script A4

(Sitting in front of Charlie are some biscuits.)

Maria: What have you got there Charlie?

Charlie: Have a look. I have got some biscuits!

Maria: Biscuits!

Charlie: Yes! Do you want some?

Maria: Sure! Where did you get them?

Charlie: From my mum's biscuit tin.

Maria: Does she know?

Charlie: No! I grabbed them while she was busy.

Maria: Charlie, are you allowed to have biscuits for breakfast?

Charlie: Breakfast is the most important meal of the day, you know Maria.

Maria: Charlie! You were not allowed them! Why did you take them? You know that is stealing!

Charlie: It is not really stealing Maria. They were at my house so they were sort of mine anyway.

Maria: But Charlie, your Mum would not have given them to you for breakfast, would she?

Charlie: *(Shaking head)* Oh no, she definitely would not. She would want me to eat a proper breakfast.

Maria: If your Mother would not want you to have biscuits now, and you took them anyway, then that is stealing Charlie. Why did you steal them?

Charlie: I was hungry, and I thought that maybe you would be too...so I got enough biscuits to share. Was that not kind of me?

Maria: Do you think if you do something good like sharing, that God will not mind that you stole the biscuits?

Charlie: Well, He does want us to be kind to each other. So if I share the biscuits that I stole, I guess God will be happy with me.

Maria: No Charlie! Stealing is always wrong. You cannot make it right by sharing what you took. The Bible says that stealing is a sin. And sin is like a stinky smell to God.

Charlie: I do not want to be like a bad smell to God. I will remember not to steal again.

Maria: So are you still going to eat those biscuits Charlie?

Charlie: No I wish I had not taken them now. I better take them back to Mum and say sorry to her and God for taking them. That way I will have got rid of that stinky sin.

Maria: Good thinking Charlie! If you make a mistake and let some of that stinky sin into your life, saying sorry to God is the only way to get rid of it.

Charlie: Hey thanks Maria. Bye children. I have got to go and give these biscuits back to Mum and get rid of that stinky sin straight away. See you next time.

Maria: Bye!

ADAM AND EVE

YEAR A - SESSION 4 (Ages 3-4)

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BIBLE REFERENCES:

Genesis 3:1-24

VISUAL AIDS:

Picture Cards A4-1 to A4-8.

CARD A4-1:

God made a special place for Adam and Eve to live, called the Garden of Eden. It was not a small garden like we might have to grow vegetables. It was more like a huge park or reserve. It was a really beautiful place with lots of trees, flowers, fruit and animals.

Adam and Eve must have loved their beautiful home. They could walk through the trees meeting all the animals that God had made and none of the animals would hurt them. Which animals would you have liked to play with and be friends with? *(Let the children respond.)*

God asked Adam and Eve to look after everything in the Garden of Eden, even the animals.

CARD A4-2:

(Point to the tree.) There was one special tree in the garden. God said, "Do not eat from this special tree."

If they disobeyed and ate the fruit from that tree they could not be God's friends.

So Adam and Eve stayed away from God's special tree. There were lots of other trees in the garden with delicious fruit for them to eat.

Adam and Eve looked after the garden and the animals, just as God had told them to, and they were very happy.

CARD A4-3:

Every evening God would come and talk with them in the garden. They would go for a walk together while they talked. Adam and Eve really liked being friends with God.

Do you know that God loves you to talk to Him too? You can tell Him all the things you have been doing each day.

When you go to bed at night, it is a good time to talk to God before you go to sleep. God loves us to talk to Him!

Adam and Eve were very happy in the Garden of Eden and God was happy. But there was someone else who was not happy! God's enemy, satan, was not happy.

He wanted to stop them all being friends together. So he made a plan to spoil them being friends.

CARD A4-4:

One day satan used a snake to speak to Eve. He waited until she was on her own, then he came to her and asked, "Did God really say you cannot eat from all the trees in the garden?"

Eve said, "We can eat the fruit from any tree except God's special tree."

The snake said, "No! You could eat it. It would be okay."

Eve started to think about eating that special fruit. It certainly did look very yummy! But what had God told them? *(Get response)*

Have you ever looked at something special to eat but Mum has said you are not allowed to touch it?

Oh, that makes us want to eat it! That is what happened to Eve. She kept looking at the fruit and thinking how nice it would be to try it.

Finally she reached out and took a piece of the fruit and ate it. Should she have eaten it? (*Get response*)

CARD A4-5:

Then she went to Adam and gave him some as well. Should Adam have eaten the fruit from Eve? (*Get response*)

Straight away they both had an awful feeling inside. Just like when you have done something naughty. You feel very bad that you have been naughty.

And you do not want Mum to find out what you have done. That is how Adam and Eve felt after they had disobeyed God.

CARD A4-6:

That night when God came to talk with them, Adam and Eve felt so bad that they tried to hide. Show me how you could curl up really small to hide.

Sometimes when you have disobeyed Mum, you may try to hide from her because you do not want to get into trouble.

Adam and Eve hid because they knew they had been naughty. So God called out, "Adam, where are you?" There was no answer. God called again, "Adam, Eve, where are you?"

God knew they had been naughty but He still came to see them because He loved them.

CARD A4-7:

When they finally came out to talk to God, He asked them, "Have you eaten from my special tree that I told you not to touch?"

Adam and Eve felt very bad. "Yes, we did," they said.

God felt sad that Adam and Eve had disobeyed Him. But He still loved them.

God said, "You will have to leave my beautiful garden and not come back here." God was very sad they would not be close friends anymore.

CARD A4-8:

When Adam and Eve left the garden, God put an angel there with a sword of fire to stop them coming back in. Adam and Eve were sad.

Even though God was sad with Adam and Eve He still loved them very much.

When God tells us not to do something it is because He knows it will end up making everyone sad.

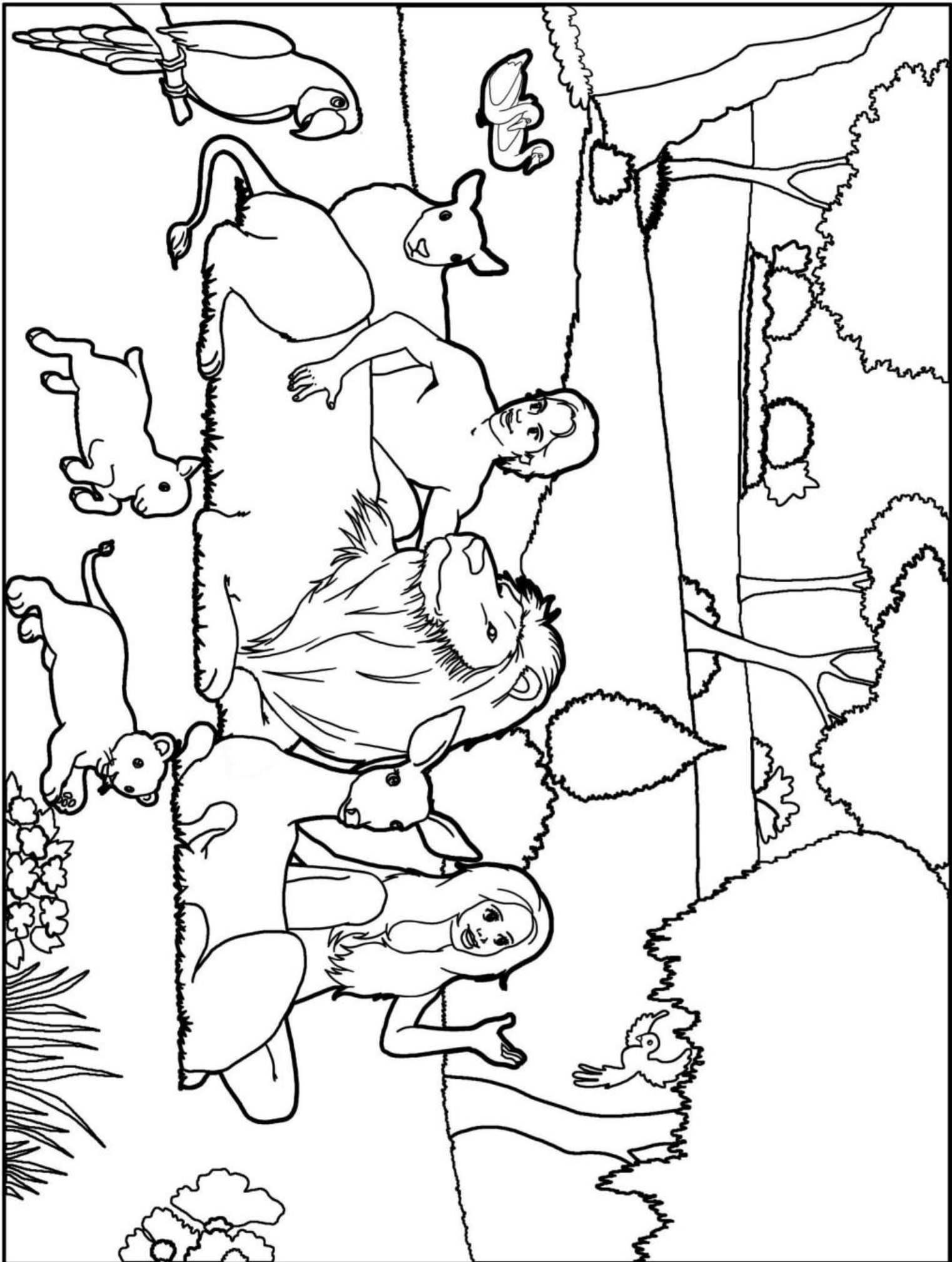
Every person in the whole world has done wrong things. That includes me, and every one of you! We tell lies or disobey our parents or get into fights. These things make God very sad.

We have all done naughty things that make God sad. Perhaps today you would like to say sorry to God for the naughty things you have done.

Let us all close our eyes now. If you want to tell God you are sorry for disobeying Him and for disobeying your mum or dad, then you could say after me:

Dear God / I am sorry / that I have disobeyed / my mum and dad. / I am sorry / that I have made them sad / and made you sad too. / Please help me to do the things / that please you./ Amen.

Teacher: Pray phrase-by-phrase allowing time for the children to pray after you.



Pictures of the eight flashcards used in this lesson

