



WEEK TWO – AUGUST 2019 – KINDER/FIRST

Bible Story: *This Used to Be My Playground (The Fall)* • Genesis 3:1–24

Bottom Line: *Trust and obey even when you think your way is better.*

Memory Verse: *“The way we show our love is to obey God’s commands. He commands you to lead a life of love. That’s what you have heard from the beginning.” – 2 John 6 (NIRV)*

Life App: *Obedience—trusting who’s in charge by doing what you’re asked to do.*

Basic Truth: *I can trust God no matter what.*

Summary: We start our journey through the Bible in Genesis 3:1–23. God created Adam and Eve to take care of His perfect world. God gave them one simple rule to obey: Don’t eat from that tree. But ultimately, they didn’t trust God and did what they wanted to do. They broke the one rule, and when they did, it changed the course of history.

PRE-SERVICE ACTIVITIES

1. Early Arriver Idea

Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group

What You Need: paper or a dry erase board; marker

What You Do:

- Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and asking about their past week
- Invite kids to place their offerings in the *For Everyone* box on the wall near the main entrance
- Draw the following images—Pictionary™ style—for kids to guess: a tree; different types of fruit (apple, pear, banana, grapes); a snake; and a person

2. Mission Control Says

Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Guide kids to gather around you.
- Tell them to pretend that they're astronauts on a space station and they're getting ready to go on a spacewalk.
- Play "Mission Control Says" ("Simon Says") by guiding kids to do what you say ONLY if you say, "Mission Control says," first.
- Direct kids to:
 - Put on your communication cap.
 - Pull on your spacesuit pants.
 - Float up into the spacesuit top and put your arms through the sleeves.
 - Put on your left glove.
 - Put on your right glove.
 - Put on your space helmet.
 - Open the door to the airlock.
 - Float into the airlock.
 - Close the door.
 - Open the door to outer space!
 - Float outside!
- Reverse the sequence to bring kids back inside the space station.

What You Say:

“You guys did a great job listening and doing only what mission control told you to do. [Transition] In Large Group we’ll learn about two people who didn’t do what GOD told them to do. Let’s go learn more.”

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

LARGE GROUP

OVERVIEW:

Bottom Line: *Trust and obey, even when you think your way is better. Whether you’re a kid or an adult, you’ll face a moment when you don’t want to do what you’ve been asked to do. This is especially true when you have a better way in mind. We hope kids start figuring out why doing what they’re asked to do is more important than doing their own thing. Our leaders are wise and they may know things that we don’t. We should trust them and follow their directions.*

SMALL GROUP

1. Epic Fall

[Bible Story Review]

Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play

What You Need: “Epic Fall” Activity Page

What You Do:

- Direct kids to position themselves so that they won’t touch their neighbors when their arms are spread.
- Retell the Bible story using “Epic Fall” as a guide.
- As you narrate, lead kids to move as described on the Activity Page.

What You Say:

“God was sad. He had made Adam and Eve to be His friends. He had made them to know Him and trust Him and love Him. But Adam and Eve chose to do what THEY thought was good instead of what GOD said was good. They broke God’s only rule—a rule that was meant to keep them safe. And when Adam and Eve broke that rule, they broke their perfect friendship with God and brought sin into the world.

“But God still loved Adam and Eve. And He loves you, too. That’s why He sent Jesus to fix our relationship with Him. And because of what Jesus did on the cross, you can be God’s friend. You can know Him the way He made you to know Him.

*“So remember: God loves you more than you can imagine, so **[Bottom Line]** trust and obey even when you think your way is better.”*

2. Space Walk

[Application Activity]

Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

What You Need: “Space Walk” Activity Page

What You Do:

- Guide kids to line up shoulder to shoulder at one end of your environment and put on their “spacesuits” like they did during “Social.”
 - Put on your communication cap.
 - Pull on your spacesuit pants.
 - Float up into the spacesuit top, putting your arms through the sleeves.
 - Put on your left glove.
 - Put on your right glove.
 - Put on your space helmet.
- Read the scenarios from the Activity Page and guide kids to move as described after each scenario.

What You Say:

*“The thing to remember today is this: **[Bottom Line]** trust and obey even when you think your way is better. Trust and obey your leaders, and trust and obey God.*

***[Make It Personal]** (Tell kids about a time when you either did or didn’t trust and obey God or someone in authority over you. Tell about the consequences—positive or negative—as a result of your choice. If possible, tell how you came to know and love God more through the experience.)*

*“So remember: **[Bottom Line]** trust and obey even when you think your way is better.”*

3. Rocket, Man!

[Memory Verse Activity]

Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

What You Need: Bible, prepared rocket pieces, “Rocket, Man!” Activity Page

What You Do:

- Invite a volunteer to open the Bible where marked.

- Read 2 John 6 aloud, and then invite kids to say it with you.
- Unpack the truth that from the very beginning—from the time God made the first man and the first woman—God wanted people to show their love for Him by obeying His commands.
- Give each kid a bag of shapes.
- Tell kids to listen to your directions and do what you tell them to do.
- Read the directions on the Activity Page.
- Some kids may struggle with the prepositions of place or the names of the shapes, and that’s okay. Simply provide help for any child who needs it.
- When kids “assemble” their rockets, guide them to point the words as you read them aloud.
- Encourage kids to play with their rocket pieces at home.
 - *TIP: When the pieces are wet, they’ll stick to a bathtub, window, or other smooth surface!*

What You Say:

*“You guys did a great job listening to my directions and doing what I told you to do. That reminds me of our one thing to remember today: **[Bottom Line] trust and obey even when you think your way is better.** Why does God want us to obey Him? (He loves us; He wants us to show that we love Him by doing what He says; He wants what’s best for us.) So remember: **[Bottom Line] trust and obey even when you think your way is better.**”*

4. Pray and Dismiss

[Prayer Activity]

Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Lead the kids in the responsive prayer below. After each phrase, guide kids to say, “His love lasts forever.”

What You Say:

*“God knows everything, and God can do anything. His way is ALWAYS best. So here’s the one thing to remember: **[Bottom Line] Trust and obey even when you think your way is better.** Trust and obey your leaders. And trust and obey God. He loves you more than you can imagine! Let’s pray.*

“Give thanks to the Lord. He is good.

(His love lasts forever.)

“Give thanks to the greatest God of all.

(His love lasts forever.)
“Give thanks to the most powerful Lord of all.
(His love lasts forever.)
“Give thanks to the only One who does great miracles.
(His love lasts forever.)
“He made the heavens.
(His love lasts forever.)
He spread out the earth on the waters.
(His love lasts forever.)
He made the great lights in the sky.
(His love lasts forever.)
He made the sun to rule over the day.
(His love lasts forever.)
He made the moon and stars to rule over the night.
(His love lasts forever.)
Give thanks to the God of heaven.
(His love lasts forever.)”

(Based on Psalm 136:1–9, 26, NIRV)

***As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to tell their parents today’s Bottom Line:
[Bottom Line] Trust and obey even when you think your way is better.***