



WEEK
THREE
AUGUST 2022

LARGE GROUP
K-3

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

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, NIV

HOST SUPPLIES

- Host
- Bible
- Printed script or index cards with the couple pairings written on them
- "August Week 3 Timeline Image" printed on cardstock from the LG Assets PDF
- Clothesline and clothespins for the timeline in your room

STORY SUPPLIES

- Printed script
- Table

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arriver
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways **WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God**

Welcome/Opener
Worship ("All About Love" from *Can't Stop Won't Stop* and "Good Good Father" from *Kidmin Worship Vol. 4*)
Bible Story
Bottom Line
Prayer
Closer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Bible Story Review: A Love That's Never-Ending (*k-1st grade*), A Beautiful Mess (*2nd-3rd grade*)

Application Activity: Ink Blot Mess-Ups (*k-1st grade*), The Grace Erase (*2nd-3rd grade*)

Memory Verse Activity: Rollin' Rollin' Rollin' Verse (*k-1st grade*), Sin Unstuck (*2nd-3rd grade*)

Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Parent Cue Card (print or email)
Devotionals for Kids
Parent Cue App



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MONTHLY VIRTUE

Love—Showing others how much they matter to you

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

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ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS KIDS ENTER.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter

WORSHIP LEADER:

AUDIO:

AUDIO:

Host enters.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (30- OR 60-SECOND VERSION)

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME

OPENER

HOST: "Hi, friends! It's so great to see all of you here today. It's another EPIC day at [your environment's name] as we look at God's Big Story. (*Hold up Bible.*) God's story in the Bible is a love story for the ages!

"In these pages, we find that God's love for us is truly epic. It's better than anything else in this whole world. And since we know what God's love is like, we can choose to love others in an epic way. Love is the most epic thing we could possibly do!

SLIDE: VIRTUE

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO VIRTUE

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OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): VIRTUE TRANSITION TO THEME

"To kick off our time today, I thought we could play a game that will test your knowledge of some epic love stories. This game is called, 'I Love Your Face-Off!'

SLIDE: "I LOVE YOUR FACE-OFF!"

"Get it? Because the game is a face-off about love stories! Ha!

"I've got a list of some famous book or movie couples. *(Hold up the cue cards or printed script.)* I'll give you one name, but you have to guess the name of the OTHER person in the couple. You'll vote for your answer by turning yourself toward one side of the room or the other. Small Group Leaders, you get to play, too! Is everyone ready? Go ahead and stand up. Here we go!

"This first one is a tough one. Mickey and . . . blank. If you think the missing name is Marley, face this way. *(Point to the wall to your right.)* If you think the missing name is Minnie, face that way. *(Point to the wall on your left.)* Okay, time to choose your answer. Three, two, one, choose! *(Pause and look around.)* Yes! Minnie! Mickey and Minnie Mouse™. If you got that one right, give yourself a high-five or a pat on the back. If you didn't get it, don't worry. You'll get another chance on the next one. Let's move on to the next epic love story couple!

Play additional rounds of the game the same way, with the following couples:

- Princess Jasmine and (Aladdin/Jafar)
- Romeo and (Janice/Juliet)
- Anna and (Kristoff/Hans)
- Superman and (Lois Loon/Lois Lane)
- Simba and (Nala/Shenzi)
- Daisy Duck and (Donald Duck/The Hulk)
- Peter Parker and (Strawberry Shortcake/Mary Jane)

"Okay, one more! This last epic couple is Batman and . . . just kidding! Everybody knows Batman is WAAAAAY too busy fighting crime to ever fall in love with anybody. Ha! Okay, give yourselves a hand. You did great!

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP



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BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

Storyteller enters

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "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!

"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.

"To tell you about it, I've brought Adam and Eve here with me today.

Walk behind the table with the books. Hold up the Adam book (with googly eyes and face on the cover). Open and close the book like Adam is talking.

(as Adam) "Hi, I'm Adam.

Set the Adam book on the table, standing up so that the face is visible. Then hold up the Eve book (with googly eyes and face on the cover). Open and close the book like Eve is talking.

(as Eve) "Hi, I'm Eve."

Set the Eve book on the table, standing up so that the face is visible.

A SNEAKY SERPENT

STORYTELLER: "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, a serpent—a snake—started speaking to Eve.

Pick up the serpent book from the table. Make it slither back and forth while making a "sssssssss" sound.

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



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Open the serpent book next to the Eve book. Read the Scripture from the printed script (on the table) while you make the serpent book "talk."

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

"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 . . .

Read the Scripture from the printed script (on the table) while you make the serpent book "talk."

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

Set the serpent book on the table next to the Eve book, standing up so that the cover is visible.

"Yikes! The serpent (reference the serpent book) was tricky, because it was saying things that would make Eve (reference the Eve book) question or doubt what God had said."

FORBIDDEN FRUIT

Hold up the piece of plastic fruit.

STORYTELLER: "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?"

"Eve saw that the fruit was good to eat. She saw that it would make a person wise. So she took some of the fruit . . . and unfortunately, she ate it.

Set the fruit on the table between the Adam and Eve books.

"Eve also gave some of the fruit to Adam. And he took a bite.

"Suddenly, Adam and Eve knew things they had never known before. They realized that they weren't wearing any clothes, and they felt ashamed. So they made clothes for themselves out of fig leaves.

"Adam and Eve had broken their relationship with God. Sin had entered the world."

THE CONSEQUENCES

STORYTELLER: "Adam and Eve heard God walking in the garden. They knew they had really messed up. So they tried to hide from God.

Put the Adam and Eve books under the table. Stand them up so that the faces are still visible.



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"God called out to Adam, and Adam explained that he had tried to hide because he was afraid. God said . . .

Open the Bible to Genesis 3:11 (NIV) and read.

"Have you eaten fruit from the tree I commanded you not to eat from?"

Set the Bible down on the table.

"But get this—Adam tried to blame Eve! He said . . .

Pick up the Adam book. Read the Scripture from the printed script (on the table) while you make the Adam book "talk."

"It's the fault of the woman you put here with me. She gave me some fruit from the tree. And I ate it. (Genesis 3:12, NIV)

Set the Adam book on the table, standing up so that the face is visible.

"Then God asked Eve what she had done. And she blamed the serpent! Eve said . . .

Pick up the Eve book. Read the Scripture from the printed script (on the table) while you make the Eve book "talk."

"The serpent tricked me. That's why I ate the fruit. (Genesis 3:13, NIV)

Set the Eve book on the table, standing up so that the face is visible.

"God spoke to the serpent and cursed it. God then spoke to Adam and Eve. God told Eve that, from that point on, giving birth to children would be painful. God told Adam that growing food would be difficult. And Adam and Eve would not live on Earth forever. One day . . . they would die."

Walk in front of the table as you wrap up.

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "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!

"I don't want you to ever forget this. **God loves us no matter what.**



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SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

“God loves us no matter what.

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

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

PRAY

STORYTELLER: “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.”



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CLOSER

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: “It’s sad to think that Adam and Eve broke God’s rule and had to leave the garden—the beautiful home God had made for them.

SLIDE: GOD’S BIG STORY TIMELINE

SLIDE: WEEK 3 TIMELINE IMAGE

If you’re making a timeline of printed images on your wall, take this moment to place today’s timeline image on the clothesline.

“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

“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! **[Basic Truth] You can trust God no matter what.**

“Today in Small Group time, you’ll get to talk about how much God loves us and how that can change the way we live each and every day. Have fun, and I’ll see you later!”

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP