

## THE STORY OF CREATION

### UNIT TWO: GOD MADE HUMAN BEINGS

#### Lesson 6: **Everything Gets Spoiled**

##### CONTENT:

1. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God good relationships were spoiled:
  - First of all, they became afraid of God and hid from him. They were not able to be his friend anymore.
  - Secondly, they became ashamed and guilty. They were not happy inside.
  - They also started blaming each other and fighting with each other. Their relationship with each other was spoiled. [CCC 399-400]
2. Because of their sin, death entered the world. They would have to die. They could no longer live forever with God in the garden. All of us would also have to die. [CCC400]
3. But God in his love planned to save humankind. He decided to send Jesus, who would make the way back to heaven. [CCC402]



4. I think of the bad effects of saying 'no' to God and ask pardon for the times I have said 'no'. I resolve to be obedient to God, and to my parents.

**ASSIGNMENT:** Read handout at home. Explain it to your family.

**REFERENCES:** Genesis 3:7-24; CCC 399-402.

**MATERIALS NEEDED:** Handouts; handout of Lesson 5.

#### I. **STARTER:**

*[Ask the children to look at Handout 5]*

- Look at the picture of Eve and the snake in the garden. Did you tell the story to your family at home? Can you tell us the story again? *[Children could take up the story in turn.]*

#### II. **DEVELOPMENT:**

We will soon find out what happened after Adam and Eve ate the fruit. But first I'll tell you a story about a boy called Ronnie who was a little bit like Adam and Eve.

Ronnie loved motorbikes. His daddy worked in a motorbike showroom and he had a big, powerful motorbike. It made a different sound from all the other bikes. When Ronnie heard the 'dud-dud-dud-dud' (*pitch your voice low!*) he knew his daddy had come home.

Every evening, Ronnie would wait to hear the 'dud-dud-dud' and he would run to the gate. His daddy would be waiting for him. He would climb up behind him and the two of them would go for a ride. Sometimes they would stop and eat wada-pav or bhel and then come home. Ronnie and his daddy were the best of friends.

One day Ronnie's daddy brought home a model motorbike. It was only as big as his daddy's shoe, but it was just like a real bike. Daddy took it out of the box and showed it to Ronnie. He let him switch on the headlights and move the handlebar. When the starter pedal was pressed it made the sound of an engine and the wheels went round. Then Daddy put it back into the box and into the cupboard.

"Dadda, why are you putting it away? I want to play with it tomorrow, when Sunil comes over."

“No Ronnie. I can’t let you play with it by yourself. I have to give it to an important customer tomorrow. It’s not ours. It belongs to the company.”

The next day while Ronne was waiting for Daddy to come home, his friend Sunil came over. Of course, Ronnie told him about the wonderful model motorbike.

“It’s too good! Its wheels go round. It makes the noise of a real motorbike, just like my dad’s bike.”

“Where is it? Show me!” Sunil said.

“Daddy locked it up in the cupboard. I can’t show it to you.”

“Ohhh... Now I know! You’re just fooling me. There’s no model bike.”

Ronnie looked at his friend laughing and then he looked at the cupboard. He climbed on a chair and got a bunch of keys down from the nail. Then he put a key into the keyhole and turned it. The cupboard door opened. There on the topmost shelf was the box. Again he climbed on the chair and got the box down.

“Now you see if I’m fooling or not!” he said. The two boys sat on the floor and opened the box.

Ronnie took out the bike and switched on the lights. He moved the handlebars.

“Let’s see if the engine starts.” Sunil said.

Ronnie pressed the starting pedal. “Brrmmm..Brrmm..” The wheels started moving round.

“Put it down and make it go!” Sunil shouted.

Ronnie pressed the pedal hard and then put the bike on the floor. Like a bullet, the bike shot out of his hands an... Brrmmm...CRASH! It smashed into the wall.

“Oh-Oh! Accident!” shouted Sunil laughing.

But Ronnie didn’t laugh. He picked up the bike. Its headlight was smashed and the handlebar was bent. “What are you laughing at, you stupid boy? It’s all your fault. You made me do this, and now I’ll get into trouble. Go home and leave me alone.”

Sunil stopped laughing. He got angry. “I don’t want to play with you anyway. You spoiled the bike and now you’re blaming me. Get lost!” He went home.

Ronnie looked at the broken bike. Suddenly he heard ‘Paa-paa’ outside. It was Daddy’s horn. But Ronnie didn’t run out to Daddy. Instead he quickly put the bike back in the box and up on the shelf of the cupboard. He locked the cupboard and put the keys back on the nail. Then he ran out of the back door and hid in the bushes in the garden.

‘Paa-paa’ went the horn. “Ronnie! Ronnie!” shouted Daddy. But Ronnie didn’t answer. He didn’t move. At last Daddy gave up and parked his bike and went in.

“No ride today and no fun.” Ronnie said. “Why did I disobey my Daddy? Now everything is spoiled!”

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#### NEXT CLASS:

- Remember the story about Ronnie? Where was he when his daddy was calling him? [*Hiding behind the bushes in the garden.*]
- Why did he say ‘Everything is spoiled!’? What was spoiled? What bad things had happened? [*The bike was spoiled. He and his friend fought. He was sad and ashamed. He couldn’t be happy with his daddy anymore. He couldn’t go for a ride with him as usual.*]
- Why did all these bad things happen? [*Because he had disobeyed his daddy and played with the model motorbike.*]

The same thing happened when Adam and Eve disobeyed God. As soon as they ate the fruit, they started feeling ashamed and sad. They were not happy any more.

In the evening, God came to walk and talk with them in the garden as usual. Before, they used to run to him (like the children ran to Jesus) but now they ran away from him. They hid in the bushes so that God wouldn't see them. (Just like Ronnie hid from his daddy.)

God called out again, "Adam! Eve! Come out! Why are you hiding from me?"

Then both of them came out, looking frightened and ashamed. "We were afraid of you. That's why we hid in the bushes."

"But why were you afraid of me? Did you disobey me and eat the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden?"

Adam and Eve started blaming each other, just like Rohit and Sunil. God was very sad to see what had happened to his dear children. They had said 'No' to him and 'Yes' to the wicked devil. Now they couldn't live with him in the garden anymore. They had to go and live on their own. They couldn't be friends with him anymore. Everything was spoiled.

Instead of being good friends with each other Adam and Eve were blaming each other and fighting. They were not happy inside, but ashamed and sad. And worst of all, they would have to die. Not only them, but all people would have to die. Everything was spoiled for us also. The devil must have been laughing. His plan had worked! The people were sad. God was sad.

Do you think that is the end of the story? Would God let the devil win?... NO! God loved all the people he had made. He said, "I know what I'll do! I'll send someone to the world to save my people. I'll send my own son Jesus to take their punishment and make them alive again."

Next time we'll see if God's plan worked.

[Give out the handouts. Read the written matter with the children. They could then colour the pictures. As they do, go round and ask the children individually:]

- What bad things happened when Adam and Eve said 'No' to God?
- What is the worst thing that happened to us?
- What was God's wonderful plan to save us?

### **III. REFLECTION & PRAYER:**

Close your eyes and think of the story of Adam and Eve. How sad God was, and how sad and ashamed they were.

Think of Ronnie and his daddy...

Did you ever say 'No' to God? Maybe you felt God was saying to you, "Do this!" But you just didn't do it. Or maybe you knew he was saying 'Don't do this. Its not good' and you still did it. Did you disobey your daddy or mummy?...

Let's say sorry.

[Make the sign of the cross and pray :]

Dear God, I'm sorry for the times I said 'No' to you and spoiled everything. I'm sorry for the times I disobeyed my daddy and mummy. Help me to be obedient and say 'Yes' instead of 'No'. Amen.

**Home assignment:**

Read handout at home. Explain it to your family