

## GENESIS

## Lesson 2:

## MAN TURNS AWAY

## CONTENT:

1. The story of creation Adam and Eve, their eating of the forbidden fruit; and the effect of their sin - their shame ; their hiding from God; struggle and pain.
2. It explains that God did not curse them, but by sinning they brought these troubles on themselves.
3. Again it is made clear that this is the story of human kind , not of one man and woman
4. To help the children to avoid sin, they must realise that sin hurts them so much.

## ASSIGNMENT

REFERENCES: Genesis 3:1-19

MATERIALS NEEDED: Good News Bible. Activity Sheets

## I. STARTER: (Recapitulation)

Draw 2 circles on the black- board and divide the board into half. Ask volunteers to come up and show by acting or miming one sad or bad thing that they see in the world. First ask them to think for half a minute. Allow 4 -5 children to act examples, while you write down on the right side of the black – board – SICKNESS, DYING, FIGHTING, KILLING, PAIN, etc.

## II. DEVELOPMENT:

- These 2 circles stand for the world.[Draw arctic circle and angle of inclination] we saw that God made the world beautiful.
- What words in the Bible told us this?[he was pleased with what he made].[Draw a happy on smile on the left hand world.]
- But now, when we look at the world, we see there are also lots of sad and bad things going on, as you yourselves have acted: pain, death, illness, fighting, etc.[Draw a sad face on right hand world]
- How did this change take place and why? How did the world change from a perfect place to [draw arrow]a place with sadness?

[Let's read the next part of the Bible, after story of creation.]

**Genesis 3: 1 – 7 -** Let 3 groups take the parts of the narrator, the snake and the woman..

- Can anyone tell me who the snake stands for? [The snake has been used as a sign for the devil – the enemy of God and people.]
- What does the act of 'eating the fruit' stand for? [Going away from God.. or sinning]
- So in our own words how can we tell the story [without using the symbols of snake, fruit, etc.] Adam and Eve were happy and good but then the devil tempted them to sin.. That means to go away from God. They listened to his voice and turned away from God.
- Now let's find out what happens when people sin – if you eat a handful of green chillies, what happens – burning tongue, pain in your stomach.. run to the toilet! Let's read and find out 3 things that happened after man and woman sinned.

**Read Genesis 3: 8 -19 –** [Again let different groups take the part of narrator, God, Man and woman]

What are the 3 bad thing happened to people because of sin?

- It spoilt their friendship with God [*They hid from him*]
- It spoilt their friendship with themselves [*They realised they are naked. They didn't feel happy with themselves anymore*]
- It spoilt their friendship with nature. [*They have to struggle to get food, to have babies and they finally die.*]

**REFLECTION & PRAYER:**

Let us think about ourselves now. Just like Adam and Eve, all of us sin – that means, we turn away from God.

- How do we sin? [*few examples – By cheating, taking something that is not ours; hurting other people like those smaller than us; grabbing for ourselves and not thinking of others; using insulting words; talking bad things about others.*]
- Think of one time you have sinned. [*all of us sin, even I do, many times, so don't feel ashamed, I will not ask you to tell us what you have done.*]
- After you sin what happens? Just like Adam and Eve
- We start feeling ashamed, not very happy with ourselves. Does that happen to you?
- We hide from God, because we are ashamed, we miss his Friendship. Did you also feel like this?
- Other bad effects may happen – like we stop being friends with others, if you have stolen from your mother then you won't go and sit in her lap.. you may get a headache.

Let us close our eyes and make friends with God again. Say sorry to Him for the many times you have sinned and spoilt everything.

**Repeat the Prayer:**

Father God, you have made the world so beautiful. You made me beautiful too. But I have sinned and gone away from you, I have spoilt so much by sinning. Please forgive me. Help me to sin no more. Amen

**III. ACTIVITY:**

[Give out the Crossword Puzzle {Puzzle It Out} to each child. They could work in pairs. Teachers should go around and encourage the children, perhaps giving those who are in difficulties a little help. The puzzle is based on both lessons.] The answers are-

ACROSS: EATING THE FRUIT	DOWN: ADAM AND EVE
VERY PLEASED	THE SNAKE
HE LOVES US	SIX DAYS OF CREATION
SIN	HIMSELF
GOD	