

STORIES WITHIN THE TRUE STORY



Week Three - Sin & the Rebellion

A Note to the Parents/Teachers

As we read the story of the first rebellion in the garden, pray that you are able to help the kids see that all of us are guilty of the same rebellion. Look for ways that God shows love, mercy, kindness, and forgiveness even in the midst of their/our rebellion.

- **Big Idea:** We rebel against God when we stop delighting in Him and desire something else - but nothing else ever satisfies!

Starter

- **Evidences of Grace**

Take some time to ask kids to share ways they've seen God at work this week, month, or even past year. Anything, big or small, that is good is from God. When a kid shares, encourage everyone to thank God together.

- **Telephone Game**

Sitting in a circle, the first person whispers a phrase to someone next to them, they whisper what they thought they heard, and so on until it comes back to the original person. See how the message gets lost in translation as it's passed on.

You may also choose the Telestrations version of this game where the first person writes a phrase, the second person draws it, the next one writes based off the drawing, and you keep alternating until it gets back to the original.

Sing Together

Made For This - <https://youtu.be/jVKuOi3YEAM>

Story - from Genesis 3

Now, there was a clever serpent in the garden, more clever than any wild animal God had made. He spoke to the Woman: “Do I understand that God told you not to eat from any tree in the garden?” The Woman said, “Not at all. We can eat from the trees in the garden. It’s only the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, ‘Don’t eat from it; don’t even touch it or you’ll die.’” The serpent told the Woman, “You won’t die. God knows that the moment you eat from that tree, you’ll see what’s really going on. You’ll be just like God, knowing everything, ranging all the way from good to evil.”

When she saw that the tree looked like good eating and realized what she would get out of it—she’d know everything!—she took and ate the fruit and then gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Immediately the two of them did “see what’s really going on”—saw themselves naked! They sewed fig leaves together as makeshift clothes for themselves.

When they heard the sound of God strolling in the garden in the evening breeze, the Man and his Wife hid away in the trees.

God called to the Man: “Where are you?”

He said, “I heard you in the garden and I was afraid because I was naked. So I hid.” God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from that tree I told you not to eat from?” The Man said, “The Woman you gave me as a companion, she gave me fruit from the tree, and, yes, I ate it.”

God said to the Woman, “What is this that you’ve done?”

“The serpent seduced me,” she said, “and I ate.”

God told the serpent: “Because you’ve done this, you’re cursed, cursed beyond all cattle and wild animals, cursed to slink on your belly and eat dirt all your life. I’m declaring war between you and the Woman, between your offspring and hers. He’ll wound your head, you’ll wound his heel.”

He told the Woman: “Because you listened to the serpent instead of Me, giving birth to babies will now bring you pain. You’ll want the position of your husband, but he’ll be over you.”

He told the Man: “Because you listened to your wife instead of Me, the very ground is cursed; you’ll be working in pain all your life. The ground will sprout thorns and weeds, you’ll get your food the hard way, planting and tilling and harvesting, sweating in the fields from dawn to dusk, until you return to that ground yourself, dead and buried; you started out as dirt, you’ll end up dirt.” God made leather clothing for Adam and his wife and dressed them.

God said, “The Man has become like one of us, capable of knowing everything, ranging from good to evil. What if he now should reach out and take fruit from the Tree-of-Life and eat, and live forever? Never—this cannot happen!” So God expelled them from the Garden of Eden and sent them to work the ground, the same dirt out of which they’d been made. He threw them out of the garden and stationed angel-cherubim and a revolving sword of fire east of it, guarding the path to the Tree-of-Life.

[Dialogue Questions - you may use some or all]

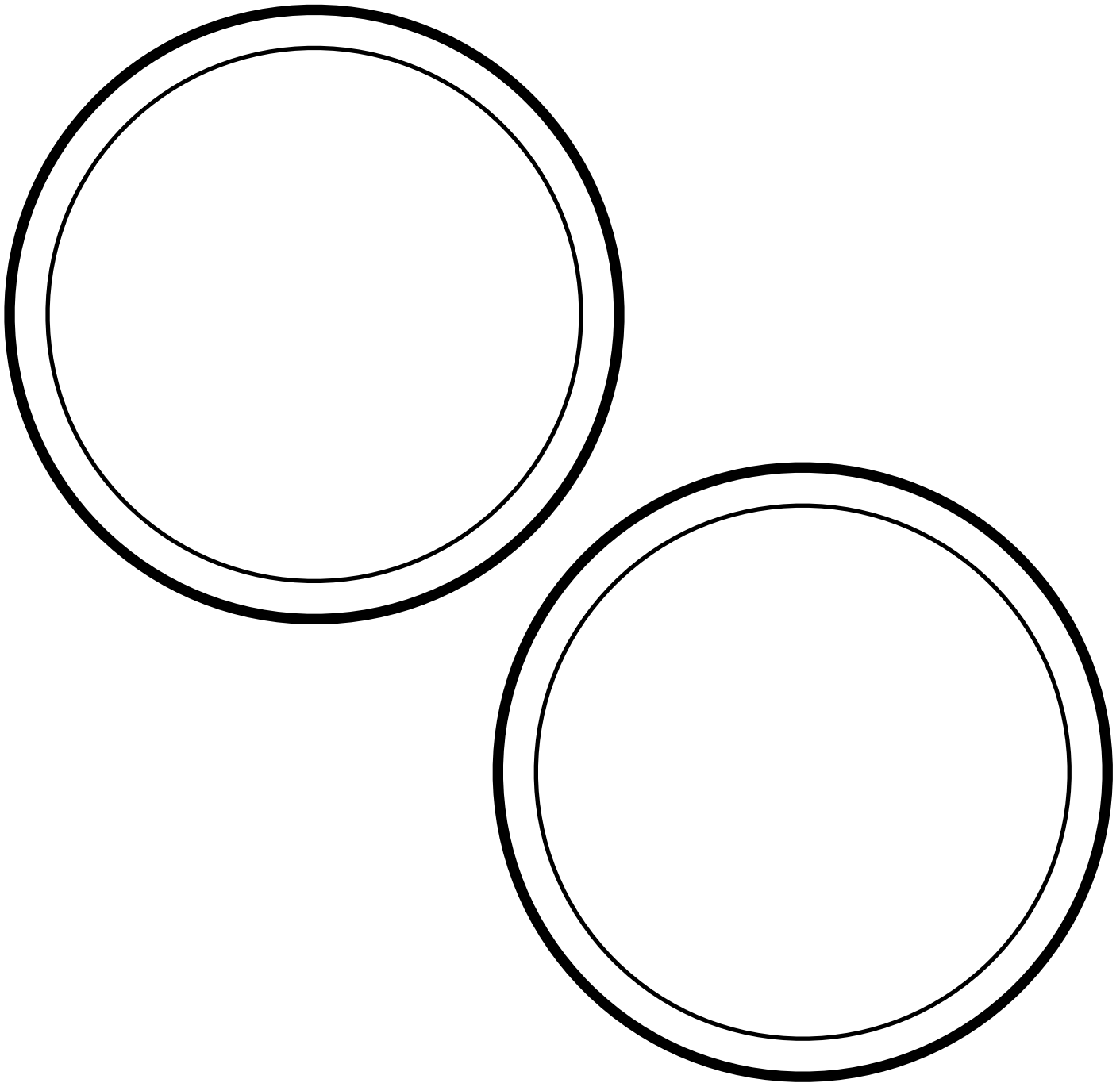
- Why do you think the humans listened to the serpent’s words over God’s words?
- The serpent tempted them by getting them to **doubt** God’s words, to be **dissatisfied** with what God provided, and to **desire** something more. What things are you tempted with?
- We can **delight** in what God has already done for us, or choose to desire something outside of God’s work. What has God done for us that we can delight in? *(Salvation through Jesus! His Spirit with us!)*

Breakout Time

- **Prayer:**
Lord, forgive us for rebelling against your words and listening to lies. Help us to listen to you and to follow your ways. Help us to delight in your salvation through Jesus. Amen!
- **Craft:**
Use the attached sheet to color and cut out headphones. They can be attached by a strip of paper or using pipe cleaners. Talk about how we are to listen to God when He speaks.
- **BLESS Activity:** **For kids to do during the week**
Because this Story is true, we want to be faithful to live in it. We ask Spirit to help us *Bless, Listen, Eat, Speak, and Sabbath* (rest & celebrate) in ways that tell the good news of God’s Story.

This week, focus on the **Listen** rhythm. Look for opportunities to listen to God this week. He can speak through the Bible, your parents, your church, or even as you sit outside in His creation. Any time you think you hear God tell you something, write it down and tell it to somebody!

COLOR, CUTOUT, AND ATTACH TO MAKE HEADPHONES!



“If anyone has ears to hear, let him listen.”
And he said to them, “Pay attention to what
you hear.”
(Mark 4:23-24)