

LARGE GROUP LESSON

Lesson Focus:

Because of Jesus, we are no longer separated from God.

Objective:

Kids will learn that sin separates us from God, but Jesus came to destroy the barrier.

Key Scripture:

Genesis 3:23-24

Romans 5:18-19

Matthew 27:51

Introduction:

Has a grown-up ever talked to you about cause and effect? Maybe it was at home. You broke something BECAUSE you were throwing a ball in the house even though you were told not to. Maybe at school, you put baking soda in the vinegar volcano to watch the eruption. Maybe you play soccer and you practiced really hard all season and your coach is going to let you play goalie. These are all examples of cause and effect.

Cause and effect are everywhere around us in the world whether we like it or not. Sometimes it can be good, and sometimes it's bad. Sometimes the effects are big, sometimes the effects are so small, we almost forget about them.

Even our actions and decisions have effects. The very first people, Adam and Eve made a big, big decision that changed life for all of humanity for all of history. They chose against following God's ways, and decided to live their own way. And that choice had consequences...

Read: GENESIS 3:23-24

So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden [angels] and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

Main Point:

The Bible tells us that Adam and Eve sinned. They disobeyed God by eating fruit from the one tree in the whole entire garden that was forbidden. When sin entered the world, death entered the world. This death meant being separated from God. The separation wasn't just for Adam and Eve, it was for everyone.

Adam and Eve chose sin instead of God, so God removed them from His presence in the garden. God placed angels to guard the garden. He also placed a flaming sword so that nobody would ever enter the Garden of Eden again. The angels and the sword separated people from God.

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