

## Relational - Family Lesson 3

**Divine Attribute:** God is Relational

**Heart Response:** Follow him

**Memory Verse:** Genesis 1:27 “God created man in his own image.”

### Points of Emphasis:

1. God created us to have a relationship with him.
2. God created us to have relationships with others.
3. Sin breaks our relationship with God.
4. Jesus restores our relationship with God.

### Family Worship

Gather your family and play the [worship video](#) found on the curriculum resource page! Have fun, sing loud, and follow along with the motions!

### Memory Verse

Supplies:

[Memory verse video](#)

Optional printed memory verse poster

Open your Bible to Genesis 1:27. Show your child that this is where we find today’s verse in the Bible. Watch the memory verse video together. If you printed the memory verse poster, display it for your child to see. Practice the verse and motions with the video. Then, practice it as a family. Consider saying it in funny voices or as you stand, hop, or do other fun motions. Maybe even try making it a song!

### Bible Lesson

*\*\*Note to - the lesson is written to be read like a story. Read the bold words aloud. The words in parenthesis give direction to pause, allow for response, or read Scripture.*

Supplies:

Bible

Today, we’re going to talk about how some people in the Bible did something wrong. They did not do what God said. And it changed how

their lives looked. Let’s sit quietly as we hear about this story in the beginning of the Bible.

Do you remember when we learned about God creating the heavens and the earth? He made the land and the seas, the animals, and the trees. And God made people!

He also made a beautiful garden. Do you remember the name of the garden? (Eden.) That’s right. God put Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden to “work and watch over” it. Adam and Eve were happy living in the garden. God put wonderful trees in the Garden of Eden. Remember all of the wonderful trees God made? Raise your hand if you like apples, oranges, peaches, or cherries. God made those! And there were many more for Adam and Eve to enjoy!

But, there was one rule Adam and Eve had to remember for their job. The one rule God gave them was, “You can eat the fruit of any tree in the garden—except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.”

God wanted Adam and Eve to obey. The way he created the world was wonderful. Life was easy and happy for Adam and Eve. But something happened to change everything.

One day, the evil one Satan is in the garden. He comes up to Eve dressed like a serpent. A serpent is like a snake.

The serpent tries to trick Eve and tell her that she should eat the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Is she supposed to do that? NO! God told her not to eat fruit from that tree, right?

Now, Eve has a choice—she can believe the serpent and his lies or she can believe God. God loves Eve and she has a perfect relationship of love with God. What will Eve do?

I am sorry to say that Eve does not make a wise choice. She eats the fruit. Then, she gives the fruit to her husband Adam, and he eats it, too! Adam and Eve do not obey God. Adam and Eve have sinned. When we do not obey God, it is called sin, too.

The perfect relationship Adam and Eve had with God is now broken by sin. Adam and Eve try to hide from God because they feel ashamed. God has to punish their sin. Now work will be hard for them. And it will be hard for them to work together and get along. God also punishes the serpent for tricking Adam and Eve. God has no choice but to send Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden.

What a sad day! But, is there anything broken that God cannot fix and make new? NO! God already had a plan. We will learn next week how God loves us so much that he made a way to fix our relationship with him that was broken by sin.

Let's pray and thank God for loving us and ask him to help us to follow him and say "no!" to sin.

## **Prayer**

Dear God, thank you for loving us. Help us to see that sin breaks our relationship with you and we need you to fix that. Help us to learn how to have a relationship with you and say "no!" to sin. Amen.

## **Coloring Sheet**

Supplies:

Coloring sheet (found on [Kids Resource Page](#))

Crayons

Have your child color the picture. They can cut. Have your child color the picture. While your child is coloring, consider asking them the review questions below. These questions can also be saved for conversations over dinner or while driving.

## **Review Questions**

1. **Who tricked Eve?** (The serpent, Satan.)
2. **What is it called when we don't obey God?** (Sin.)
3. **Did Eve obey God?** (No.)
4. **Did Adam obey God?** (No.)
5. **What did Adam and Eve do because they were ashamed?** (They tried to hide from God.)
6. **What does sin do?** (It breaks our relationship with God.)

## **Optional Additional Activities**

### **The Garden Rule Says**

Play a game like "Simon Says" but instead, call it "The Garden Rule Says." **Adam and Eve did not obey God's rule in the Garden of Eden, and it changed their relationship with God. They were no longer close to him. We need to remember to obey God and follow what he tells us. He wants us to have a relationship with him and stay close to him. He will always lead us to the right choices, but we have to choose to obey.** Have your child(ren) pretend to brush their teeth, read their Bible, go to sleep, dig in the dirt to help with yard work, pretend to get dressed for the day, and other actions they may have to choose to obey daily at home. (Example: "The Garden Rule says to brush your teeth and get ready for bed.")

