

Family Discussion Questions & Activities

'Broken Image Bearers' Genesis 3

Hi Kids Church Parents,

Here are some quick discussion questions and some fun activities you can do with your children to reflect and apply together what we have heard today. If you have children in multiple age groups you can pick a question or two for each child and choose an activity you'd like to do all together.

Summary

Because Adam & Eve's sin, they are no longer God's perfect image bearers. They do not rule like God or perfectly represent him. Because of Adam and Eve's sin we experience the brokenness of sin in God's world and in our relationships with each other. Jesus has come to be the new and perfect Adam. As followers of Jesus, we are being made new in the image of Jesus, no longer bound by sin and have perfect friendship with God.

Activities for Toddlers and Pre-schoolers

- Recreate the garden of Genesis 3 and tell the story with duplo, or potplants, teaspoons for people & lolly snakes 😊
- Read Genesis 3 from a children's bible together - The Beginners Bible (or The Toddlers version) or Gospel Story Book Bible is a favourite in our household.
- Have a listen to some songs together about Jesus' love and death for our sin
 - Story of the Cross – Rend Collective
 - Jesus didn't sin (Colin Buchanan)
 - He died Upon the Cross (Colin Buchanan)
- Go for a walk together and find something that's broken.
 - Discuss how it may have become broken.
 - Discuss how there are lots of broken things in our world, even our bodies get sick and broken.
 - Brokenness in our world is because of sin, but Jesus has come to fix our brokenness, and will one day make all things new and unbreakable.
- Make a craft from the preschool activity pack for today

Preschool Discussion Questions

Icebreaker

- What is a lie?
- Role play someone telling a lie – and discuss that a lie is hiding the truth and making someone believe something that is not true.
- Discuss how it makes you feel when you believe a lie, what happens to our friendships when we lie (trust is broken)?

Reflect

- What was the lie that Adam and Eve believed about God? (See Gen 2:17, 3:4)
- What happened to Adam & Eve's friendship with God? (See Gen 2:22-23)
- Adam and Eve couldn't fix their broken friendship with God or their sin. Only God can forgive sin.

Apply

- How is Jesus like Adam but better? (think about Jesus' temptation in the wilderness)
- When we trust in Jesus, we are no longer like Adam, but are being made new, like Jesus, with perfect friendship with God. One day sin will be gone completely and forever (see 1 Cor 15:47-49)

Pray together.

Primary Activities

- Use your garden or head to a park to re-enact the story of Genesis 3. Or You could create a garden from your pillows and blankets and potplants and make your own snake from a sock or stocking.
- Go for a family walk and find something broken.
 - Discuss how there are lots of broken things in our world, even our bodies get sick and broken. Brokenness in our world is because of sin.
 - Discuss what it would be like to be in a world without brokenness. Look forward together to the day when Jesus will make all things new and unbreakable. Thank God for Jesus has come to fix our brokenness to give us perfect friendship with God.
- Play a game with lolly snakes – you can tie them with string to the washing line and have to eat them without your hands or you can hide them for your children to find.
- Watch and Learn the Memory Verse Mel has made for us
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/goleo4bxv0a2fvc/made%20in%20his%20image.mov?dl=0>

Lower Primary Discussion Questions

Icebreaker:

- What is a lie? (a lie is when we hide the truth, try to make someone believe what is not true)
- Play a game like 2 truths and 1 lie, share 3 facts about yourself two true and one a lie, and have your children try to guess what is true and what is a lie.
- How does it feel when you believe a lie, what happens to our friendships when we lie (trust is broken)?

Reflect:

- What is the lie that Adam & Eve believe in Genesis 3:4, why is it a lie?
- How did Adam & Eve's sin break their friendship with God? (see Gen 3:10-11, 19, 22-24)
- What else is broken because of their broken friendship with God? (look how God's blessings become curses 3:14-19 and what is cursed)

Apply

- What is the impact of their sin on you and me? (Look at Romans 5:17-21)
- How do you think Jesus a new and better Adam? (think about Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, think about the result of Jesus' obedience is to give life), Why is that good news for us?

Pray together

Upper Primary Discussion Questions

Icebreaker:

- Share a time when you told a lie that your parents believed or Play a game like 2 truths and 1 lie, share 3 facts about yourself two true and one a lie, and have your children try to guess what is true and what is a lie.
- How does it feel when you believe a lie, what happens to our friendships when we lie (trust is broken)?

Reflect

- What is the lie that Adam & Eve believe in Genesis 3:4 (see 2:17), why is it a lie?
- What is the impact of the lie & their sin? (See Gen 3:10-11, 19, 22-24 – look at what is cursed)
- In what way does their sin break Adam and Eve's role as rulers & image bearers or representatives of God?

Apply

- How and why are Adam and Eve representatives of us?
- How is Jesus a new and better Adam? (Romans 5:17-21 – think about Jesus' temptation, and the results of his obedience for all who trust in him - Jesus brings blessings/removes curses)
- How are we being made in the image of Jesus? (Rom 8:29)
- Does that mean we'll never sin or experience sin/brokenness in our lives? Why or why not (Jesus has taken the punishment/penalty for sin, the power of sin is broken but the presence of sin continues in our world & lives until we are in the new creation - see 1 Cor 15:48-49)

Pray together.