



We're LIVE Sundays mornings! Join us at 9:15 a.m. downstairs by the elevator.

Today's Story—The Fall

Genesis 2:15-17 and 3:1-24

Today's story is a common one in children's Bibles. If you have one at home you can read it together this week.

Or you could watch a quick video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D7LZnMHYrmY>

Today's Verse

For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:22

Truths to Remember

We can't hide our sin from God.

Sin has consequences.

God loves us and cares for us even when we disobey.

Did you miss a week? Find our updates on the St. Mark web site (look for the Sunday school link under the 'services' menu) or drop by the church to get a take home packet of supplies.



Who's to blame?

In our Bible story today it seems like things should have been simple for Adam and Eve. They lived in a beautiful garden. God provided for them. They only had one rule: do not eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Even with all that going for them, they couldn't keep God's law. When God questioned Adam and Eve about what they had done, they began to pass the blame. It's still a common response to sin today along with denial, justification, and rationalization—anything we can think of to try to make sin 'not our fault'.

It didn't work for Adam and Eve and it won't work for us either. Sin isn't just something we do, it's who we are. The good news is that God didn't leave Adam and Eve (or us!) without hope. Instead He promised one who would come to rescue us and to bear the blame of sin. Many generations later the promise was fulfilled as Jesus accepted the blame and weight of sin for us and the relationship broken at the foot of a tree in Eden is restored again through Calvary's cross.

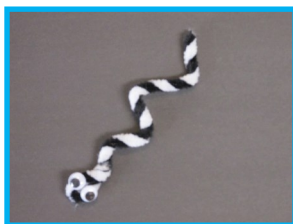
Today's Project

We used a mix of materials to make a collage picture of a tree as a reminder of the temptation and first sin in the garden of Eden. The trunk of the tree is a tracing of the kids' hands as a reminder that we're also connected to the events in Eden.



First we glued some of the green fabric and napkin pieces to make the background of the tree top.

Then we traced our hands and cut it out to make the trunk. We added some paper leaves around our tree top and some buttons as the fruit.



A twisted pipe cleaner with eyes became the snake.

We also added the verse of the day to our projects.



Some puppet friends helped tell today's story about Adam and Eve.



In a skit about the word 'sin', the censor character tried to buzz out the word 'sin' every time it was mentioned because people don't like to hear about sin. He suggested it sounded more pleasant to say God's people did a 'boo-boo' or created an 'oopsie'. By the end of the skit the censor learned that sin is serious and something we all do, but that God sent Jesus to die on the cross to be the answer to our sin!

