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Resource Pack

Children's ministry resources & activities for groups & families exploring this week's theme.

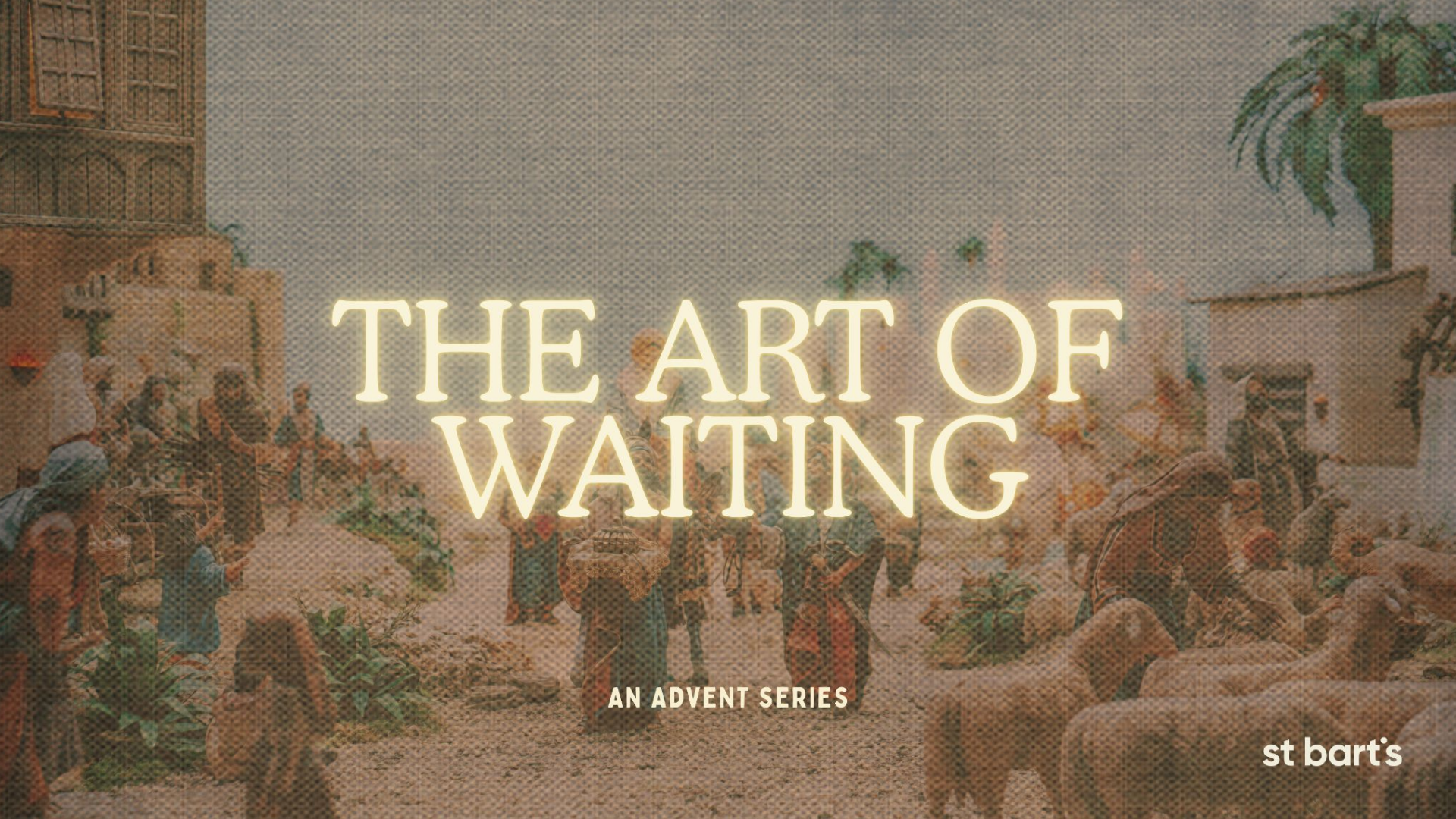
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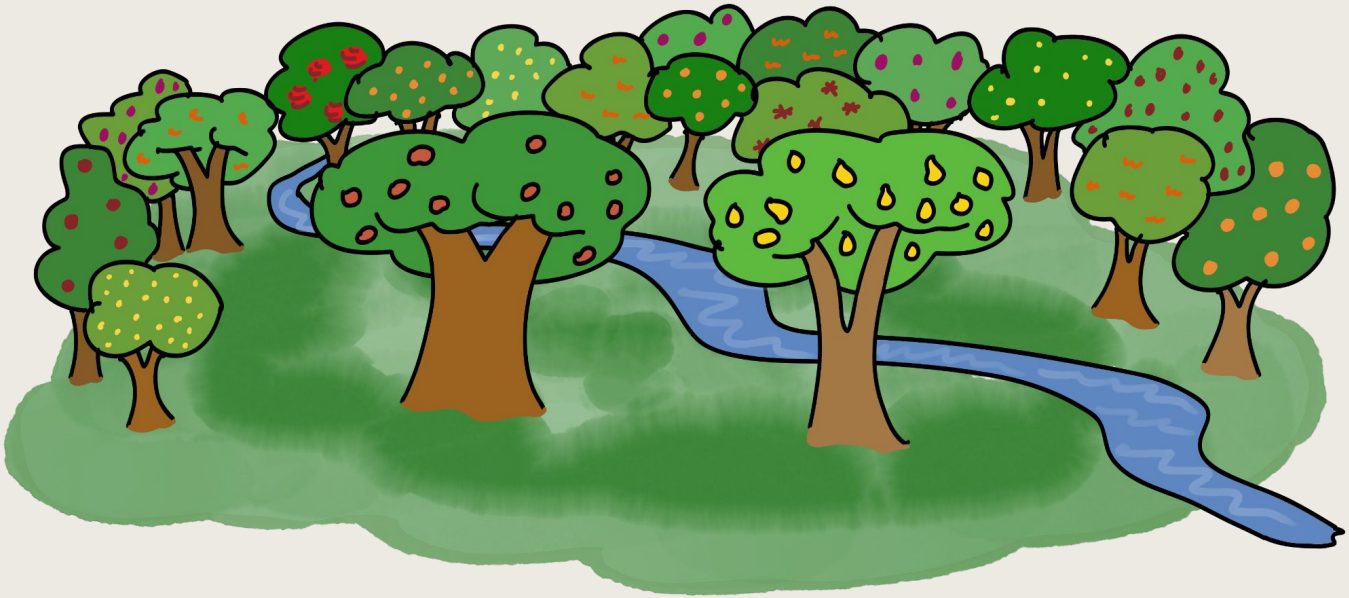
Waiting in the Garden

Advent (The Art of Waiting) / Genesis 3:1-12


THE ART OF WAITING
AN ADVENT SERIES
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SESSION OUTLINE

SERIES
Advent (The Art of Waiting)

BIBLE FOCUS
Genesis 3:1-12

TOPIC
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THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

The world isn't how God made it to be, but He promises to make everything right through Jesus. While we wait, we can trust Him to bring us home to His perfect garden.

SERIES OVERVIEW

Advent (The Art of Waiting)

From the earliest of Christian times, advent has been a season of waiting in eager anticipation of Christ's return. In fact, the traditional church calendar doesn't begin on January 1, but with the first Sunday of advent: we begin our Christian year in waiting! Not with "...the merriment of Christmas or the triumph of Easter. We do not begin with the work of the church or the mandate of the Great Commission. Instead, we begin in a place of yearning." We wait with eyes and hearts ready to receive our King, but also looking back, rejoicing in God's faithfulness in coming to us throughout human history.

In the lead up to Christmas, we're taking a whirlwind tour through the Bible to help us discover what it looks like to wait patiently. Waiting is something most find difficult to do, but the Bible has much to say on the matter!

MULTIMEDIA

1. SBK Kids Talk
2. God's Story: The Fall

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Here are some resources we recommend for helping teach the Gospel to kids.

1. WonderInk have a children's series on Waiting for Jesus

SONGS EARLY CHILDHOOD

1. Colin Buchanan - Super Saviour
2. I'm Trusting You
3. Keep On Waiting

SONGS PRIMARY

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RUNSHEET

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OVERVIEW
GATHER
READ
CHAT
DO
PRAY

HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE

This resource has been written and produced by St Bart's Kids and we're delighted to be able to share this curriculum with you. We pray that it would be an amazing tool to aid teaching and learning occurring either at home or within your children's ministry setting.

This package is part of a series based on **Advent (The Art of Waiting)**. The items within this package all pertain to **one session.**

The tabs on this document will help guide the main sections that should be incorporated within a session. Within each section you will find modifications for different age/learning levels - look for the tags Early Childhood, Lower Primary, Middle Primary, and Upper Primary.

All of the items within
If you have any questions or would like to know more about St Bart's Kids resources, please contact
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TIMING

Welcome and play	15 mins
Teaching Time (includes morning tea for Early Childhood)	15mins
Game (Kindy - Year 6 only)	10mins
Small Groups/Activities	20mins
Worship	10mins
Check-out	

MATERIALS

- ❑ Paper
- ❑ Coloured Cupcake Papers
- ❑ Green Pen
- ❑ Gluestick
- ❑ Felt Story Set of Creation
- ❑ Felt Board
- ❑ Various Toy Fruit
- ❑ Chalkboards
- ❑ Chalk
- ❑ Toy Binoculars or Cardboard Tubes
- ❑ Printout Worksheet #4
- ❑ Blindfolds
- ❑ Bluetac
- ❑ Fruit memory cards
- ❑ Printout Worksheet #1
- ❑ Blue tac
- ❑ Basket
- ❑ Printout Worksheet #2
- ❑ Coloured Pencils/Pens
- ❑ Scissors
- ❑ Clipboard
- ❑ Snakes and Ladders Boardgame
- ❑ Dice
- ❑ Counters/Markers
- ❑ Printout Worksheet #3
- ❑ Clipboards
- ❑ Pencils
- ❑ Bibles
- ❑ Score chart
- ❑ Clipboard
- ❑ Pen

ADDITIONAL INFO

This resource is the first in a five week series on Advent (The Art of Waiting).

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WARM-UPS

- Can you describe a time in your life when you have had to wait?

  Have you had to 'wait' for a sibling to be born. Have you had to 'wait' until you were old enough to ride a bike? Have you had to 'wait' for a special visitor to arrive at your house?

TEACHING TIME

Waiting In The Garden

God gave Adam and Eve the most beautiful garden to live in. They had everything they needed. They had food to eat, animals to care for and shelter to rest in. The most beautiful part of the garden was the very presence of God. He walked with Adam and Eve and talked with them and loved them perfectly.

God had a rule for living in his beautiful garden. God's rule was good. It was designed to keep Adam and Eve close to Him. The rule was that all the delicious fruits could be eaten from any tree in the garden except one - the tree right in the middle.

That doesn't sound like a very hard rule to follow does it? Imagine having everything you need in abundance! So many delicious fruits to choose from. And just one simple rule to follow. But Adam and Eve were about to be tricked! Along comes Satan.

His most cunning plan is to deceive those who trust and follow God. To trick those who love God into disobeying Him.

So Satan asks a question. "Did God REALLY say not to eat that fruit"? He then follows the question with a statement that sparks a strong desire in Adam and Eve to do the wrong thing. Satan says "God just doesn't want you to be as wise as Him".

So the fruit is eaten. In this moment Adam and Eve rejected God's rules and their dependence on Him. They chose instead to depend on themselves and their own resources. This was a costly decision. The perfect harmony between God and man was broken.

God sends them out of the garden. Adam and Eve can no longer walk and talk to God in the garden like He planned. But it's not going to be that way forever. The bible tells us that one day we WILL be in the garden with him again. We WILL once again walk and talk with God and enjoy His presence forever. So.....we wait!

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Early Childhood

What is something we wait for?

2. Lower Primary

What does waiting feel like?

3. Middle Primary

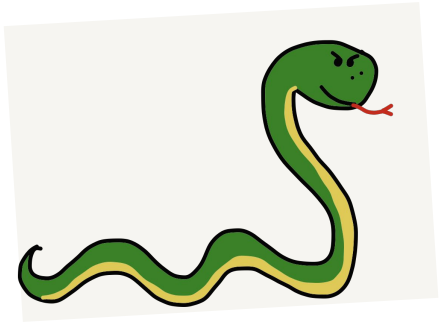
What do Christians wait for?

4. Upper Primary

What is something you are looking forward to being made new?

Early Childhood

Waiting in the Garden



The serpent was very clever.

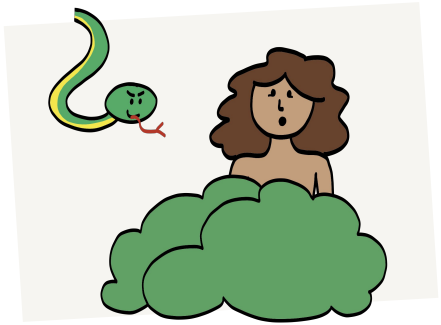


He questioned what rules God gave Adam and Eve.

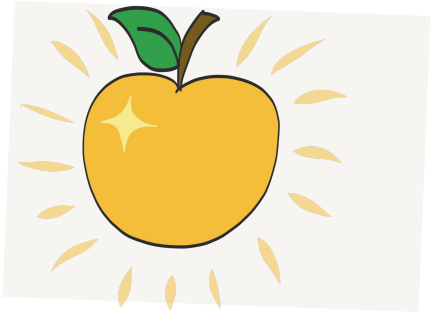


God told Adam and Eve not to eat the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden.

Early Childhood



The serpent said this was not true. The fruit would make you wise like God.

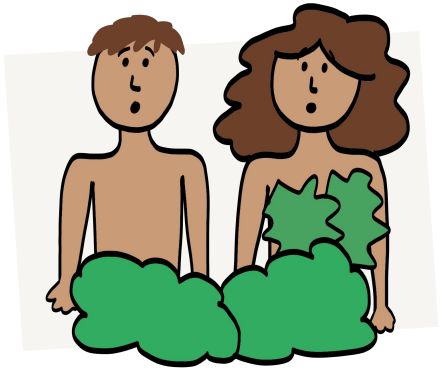


Eve saw that the fruit looked delicious.



So she took some of the fruit and ate it. She gave some to Adam and he ate it.

Early Childhood



Then they realised that they were naked. They made clothes from fig leaves.



Adam and Eve heard God walking in the garden. So they hid.



God called out “Where are you?”

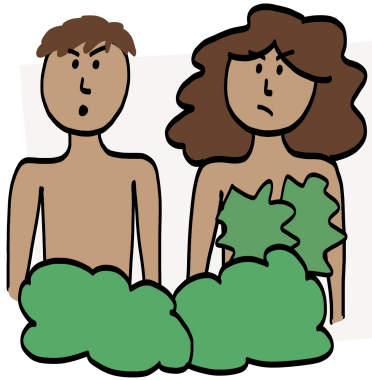
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Adam said “I was afraid because I was naked. So I hid.”



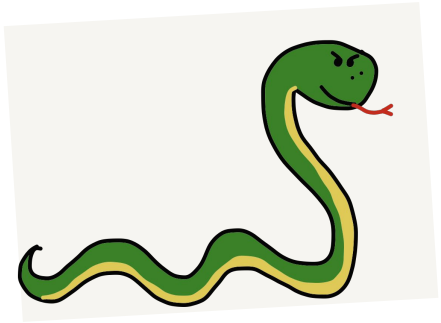
God said “Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat the fruit I said not to?”



Adam blamed Eve. Eve blamed the serpent.

Lower Primary

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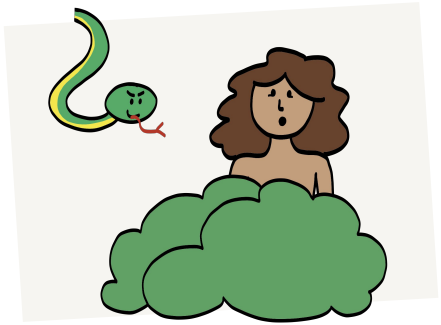




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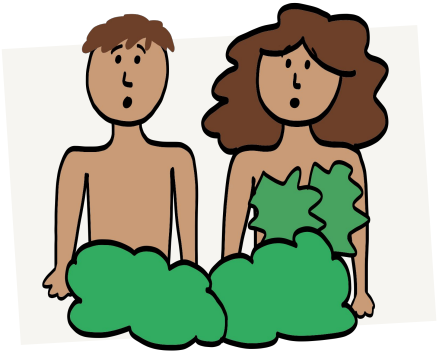




4 “You will not die,” the serpent said
to Eve. 5 “God knows that when you
eat fruit from that tree, you will be
wise like God. You will be able to tell
the difference between good and
evil.”

6 Eve saw that the tree’s fruit looked
delicious. So she took some of the
fruit and ate it. She also gave some
to Adam. And he ate it.

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7 Then they realised they were naked. So they sewed together fig leaves for clothes.

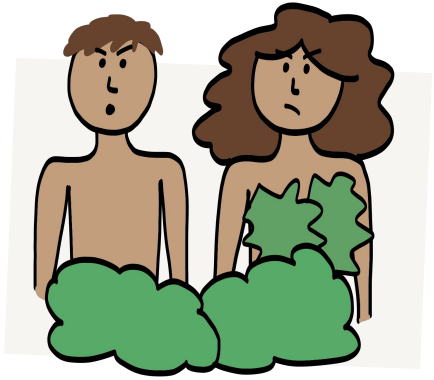


8 Adam and Eve heard God walking in the garden. So they hid. 9 But God called out to Adam. “Where are you?” he asked.

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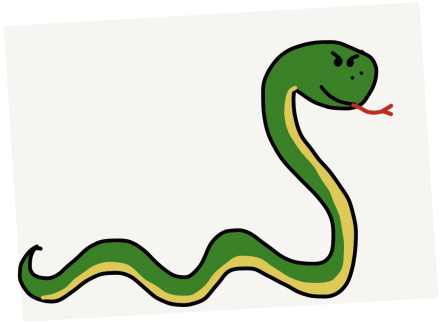
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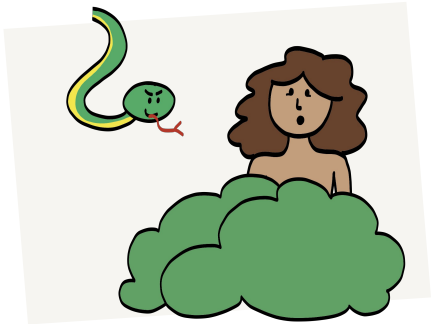
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Middle Primary

Waiting in the Garden







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4 “You will not die,” the serpent said to Eve. 5 “God knows that when you eat fruit from that tree, you will know things you have never known before. Like God, you will be able to tell the difference between good and evil.”

Middle Primary



6 Eve saw that the tree's fruit was good to eat and pleasing to look at. She also saw that it would make a person wise. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. She also gave some to Adam. And he ate it.



7 Then both of them knew things they had never known before. They realised they were naked. So they sewed together fig leaves and made clothes for themselves.



8 Then Adam and Eve heard God walking in the garden. They hid from God among the trees of the garden. 9 But God called out to Adam. "Where are you?" he asked.

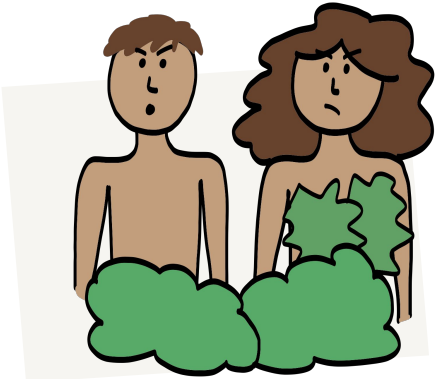
Middle Primary



10 “I heard you in the garden,” Adam answered. “I was afraid, because I was naked. So I hid.”



11 God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten fruit from the tree I commanded you not to eat from?”



12 Adam said, “It’s the fault of the woman you put here with me. She gave me some fruit from the tree. And I ate it.”

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FOCUS

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Early Childhood

PRAYER

Dear God,

THANK YOU for loving us and sending Jesus.

HELP US to trust you while we wait for your beautiful new world.

Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

View SBK ebook Genesis 3:1-12

1. **What is something you have had to wait for?**
   Perhaps you have had to patiently wait for your birthday to come or for a special visitor to arrive at your house?

2. **Why is waiting so hard sometimes?**
   We get really excited when we know that something good is about to happen. For example, on our birthdays we know we are going to get a present!

3. **God has told us about something very exciting that is going to happen one day. From our bible story today, do you know what that is?**
   God has promised us that one day we will all get to live in His beautiful garden again. The most wonderful thing about this garden is we will get to walk and talk with God ALL the time!

4. **When we feel sad or get hurt, what is something we can remember?**
   We can remember that God promised to one day take away all the things that make us sad!

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Genesis 3:8

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Lower Primary

PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for making our beautiful world.

We're sorry that sometimes we make wrong choices and hurt others. Thank you that even when things go wrong, you never stop loving us.

Thank you for sending Jesus to save us and for promising that one day everything will be made right.

We can't wait to be with you in your perfect new world.

Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Genesis 3:1-12 from SBK Lower Primary Scripture

1. **What is something exciting you have had to wait for?**
   Perhaps you have had to patiently wait for your birthday to come or for a special visitor to arrive at your house?

2. **Why is waiting so hard sometimes?**
   We get really excited when we know that something good is about to happen. For example, on our birthdays we know we are going to get a present!

3. **In our bible reading today, we read that there is something really exciting that we are waiting for. Can you think what it might be?**
   We are waiting for God to make all things right again. God has promised that he is going to bring us home to His perfect garden!

4. **What will it be like to be in God's perfect garden?**
   We are going to be able to walk with God and talk with God and be in His presence every day just like Adam and Eve were before they were tricked!

5. **Can you think of some things that are going to be missing in God's perfect garden?**
   Only things that hurt us and make us sad. God has promised there will be no more tears and no more pain and everything will be made perfect again!

6. **So, what do we have to do now?**
   We have to wait. God has sent Jesus to forgive us for all the things we do that keep us out of God's perfect garden. And one day, Jesus is going to return and take all those who believe in Him to live in God's perfect garden with Him forever!

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Middle Primary

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Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Genesis 3:1-12 from SBK Middle Primary Scripture

1. **What is something exciting you have had to wait for?**
   Perhaps you have had to patiently wait for your birthday to come or for a special visitor to arrive at your house?

2. **Why is waiting so hard sometimes?**
   We get really excited when we know that something good is about to happen. For example, on our birthdays we know we are going to get a present!

3. **In our bible reading today, we read that there is something really exciting that we are waiting for. Can you think what it might be?**
   We are waiting for God to make all things right again. God has promised that he is going to bring us home to His perfect garden!

4. **What will it be like to be in God's perfect garden?**
   We are going to be able to walk with God and talk with God and be in His presence every day just like Adam and Eve were before they were tricked!

5. **Can you think of some things that are going to be missing in God's perfect garden?**
   Only things that hurt us and make us sad. God has promised there will be no more tears and no more pain and everything will be made perfect again!

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   We have to wait. God has sent Jesus to forgive us for all the things we do that keep us out of God's perfect garden. And one day, Jesus is going to return and take all those who believe in Him to live in God's perfect garden with Him forever!

7. **What is something you are most looking forward to about being in God's presence?**
   Allow children time to think about things they consider wrong in the world now, and how Jesus is going to make all things right. Share your own thoughts e.g. I'm most looking forward to a time when people I love don't get sick.

8. **Satan tricked Eve into doubting God's word. Satan still does this to believers today. Have you ever experienced this? What should our response be?**
   Jesus tells us exactly what to do. Satan even tempted Jesus in this way and Jesus answered him by saying 'NO' and quoting what the bible says. We can do the same thing. We say NO to temptation and believe what the bible says is true.

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Upper Primary

PRAYER

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Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Genesis 3:1-12 from the NIRV Bible

1. **What tactic did Satan use in Genesis 3:1 to deceive Adam and Eve?**
   Satan planted a seed of doubt. He made Adam and Eve question whether what God said was true and tempted them to take matters into their own hands.

2. **Have you ever experienced this temptation?**
   Students might share when they have been ridiculed for their faith or perhaps been told not to believe what is in the bible.

3. **How should we respond?**
   Jesus tells us exactly what to do. Satan even tempted Jesus in this way and Jesus answered him by saying 'NO' and quoting what the bible says. We can do the same thing. We say NO to temptation and believe what the bible says is true.

4. **Sin entered the world because of disobedience. Adam and Eve chose to depend on themselves instead of God. What was the punishment?**
   Adam and Eve were sent out of the garden. This was not how God had intended for them to live. They would now have to live separated from God's perfect presence.

5. **What does it look like to live in a world that has sinned against God?**
   We still live in this world today. There is pain and sickness and suffering. Wars and earthquakes, death and dying. This is far from the perfect existance Adam and Eve first shared with God in the Garden of Eden.

6. **There were some obvious signs that the relationship Adam and Eve shared with God was immediately damaged. Can you spot them?**
   They immediately felt shame. They hid from God. They blamed each other and the serpent for the wrong they had done. They trusted in themselves above God.

7. **In His goodness, God has promised to make everything right again. To return those who believe in Him home to His perfect garden. Part of the plan has already happened and part of the plan is still to come. Can you distinguish the two parts to God's plan?**
   God has sent his Son Jesus to atone for the sins of the world and bring us back into relationship with Him. Today, we are God's people but still living in a broken world. When Jesus returns, we will go home to be with him forever and sin will be no more!

8. **We are now in a period of waiting. What does it look like for you to wait for Jesus to return?**
   We continue to read God's word, live for Him and tell others about Him.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD

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Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Amen.

TIPS

Reflect on how well you understand that God is always with you and that he will never leave you.

Early Childhood

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Sunday School

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FOCUS

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In this section, you'll find activities for Early Childhood and Primary School aged kids. There's a range of crafts, activities and games suitable for both individuals and groups.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

- Patty Pan Flowers
- Felt Story
- Fruit Play
- Chalkboard Fruit *(Kindy)*
- Creation Hunt *(Kindy)*

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Fruit Memory *(Prep)*
- Find the Fruit *(Prep)*
- Spiral Snake *(1-2)*
- Snakes and Ladders *(3-4)*
- Scrambled Words *(5-6)*

GAMES

- Pin the Fruit on the Tree *(Kindy)*
- Fruit Salad *(Prep-Yr 6)*

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Patty Pan Flowers

YOU'LL NEED...

- Paper
- Coloured Cupcake Papers
- Green Pen
- Gluestick

STEPS

1. Select some cupcake papers and arrange them on the paper to look like flowers growing at different heights.
2. Glue the papers to the paper.
3. Carefully add stems and leaves to each flower, using the green marker.



Link *God made a beautiful world, and one day He will make everything beautiful and new again.*

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Felt Story

YOU'LL NEED...

- Felt Story Set of Creation
- Felt Board

STEPS

1. Have the felt boards and creation felt set on the table for the children to play with.

2. Encourage the children to retell the story of Adam and Eve taking the forbidden fruit and sinning against God.

3. Talk about each of the characters:
   Snake - tricks Adam and Eve, lies about God.
   Tree of the knowledge of good and evil - Adam and Eve not allowed to eat from it.
   Adam and Eve - created in the image of God.
   Fruit - taken by Eve and Adam.
   Fig leaves - after the fruit, Adam and Eve now worried that they are naked.



Link

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WEEK 1

Fruit Play

YOU'LL NEED...

- Various Toy Fruit

STEPS

1. Set up the toy fruit.
2. Talk to the children about the names of each of them and how God made so much for us to enjoy.
3. Allow them to play and explore the different fruit.



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Chalkboard Fruit

YOU'LL NEED...

- Chalkboards
- Chalk

STEPS

1. Encourage the children to draw different fruit using the chalk and chalkboards.
2. For younger children draw different types of fruit and get them to colour them in with chalk.



Link *God made a beautiful world, and one day He will make everything beautiful and new again.*

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Creation Hunt

YOU'LL NEED...

- Toy Binoculars or Cardboard Tubes

STEPS

1. Give each child a cardboard tube and explain that you are all going on a Creation Hunt.
2. Take the children outside and use the 'binoculars' to try and spot some things that God has created. You may even like to play a game of I Spy and have the children try and guess what you have found that begins with specific colour.



Link *Adam and Eve had to leave the garden, but God promised that one day his people would live with him in his perfect new creation.*

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Fruit Memory

YOU'LL NEED...

- Fruit memory cards

STEPS

1. Lay the fruit cards face down in rows.
2. One at a time children turn over two cards, if they match they keep them.
3. If they don't match the cards are turned face down again and it's the next child's turn.
4. Keep playing until all cards have been matched. The winner is the child with the most cards at the end.



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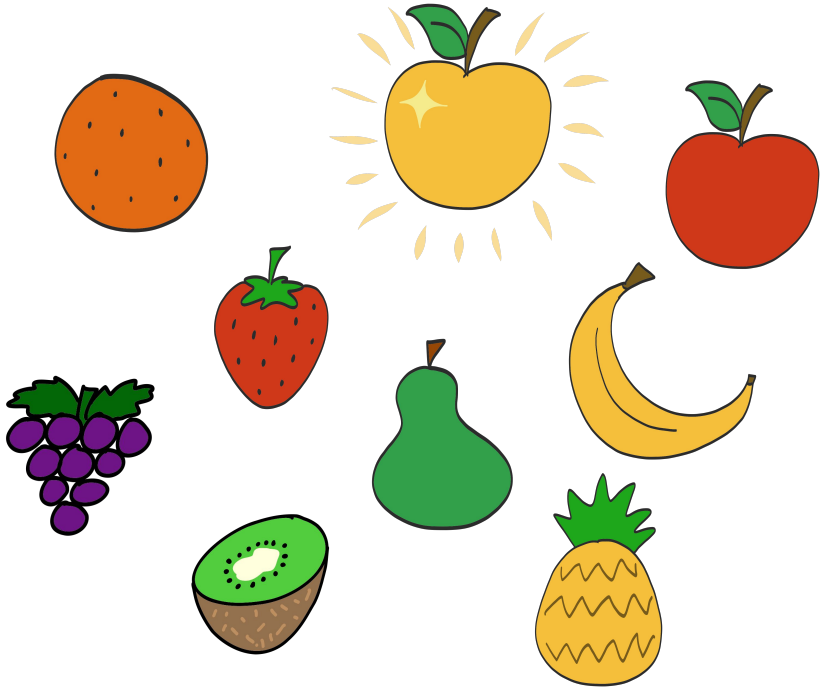
WEEK 1

Find the Fruit

YOU'LL NEED...
- Printout Worksheet #1
- Blue tac
- Basket

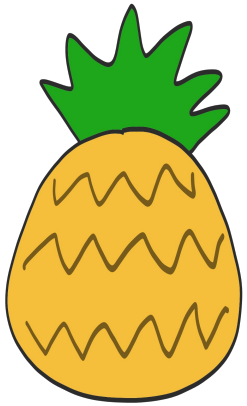
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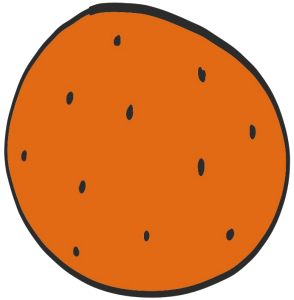
1. Preparation - cut out each picture of fruit and hide it around the room with blue tac.
2. Send the kids out to find the hidden fruit. Once they find one piece they bring it to the basket, and then can go out again.
3. After every piece has been found gather together around the basket and talk about what kind of fruit they found (one will be the forbidden fruit). (Note that fruit is not bad, but what was bad was Adam and Eve rebelling against God.)

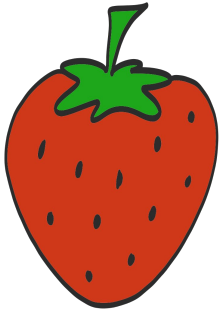


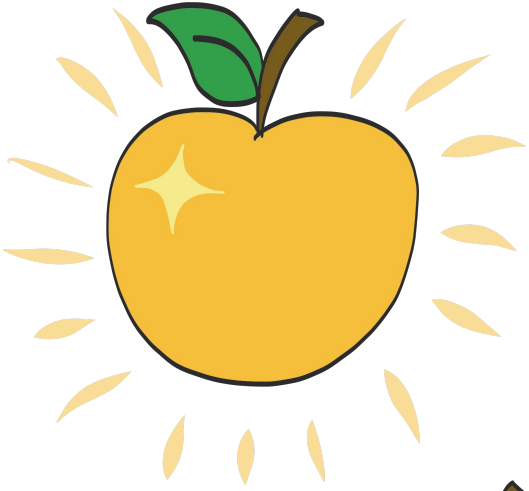
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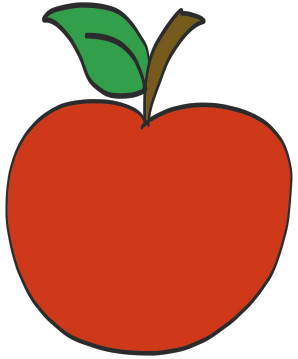
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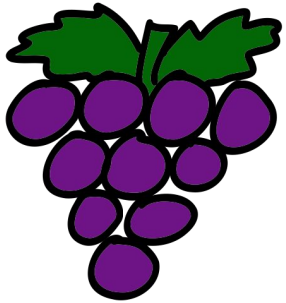


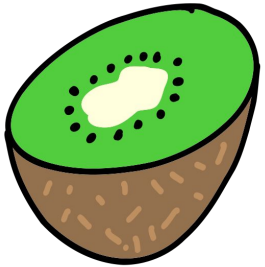


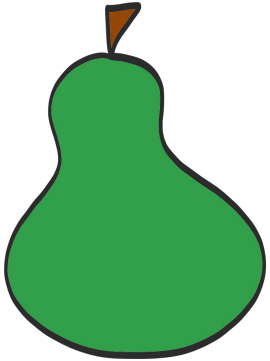


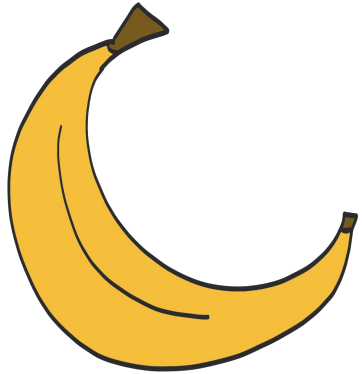


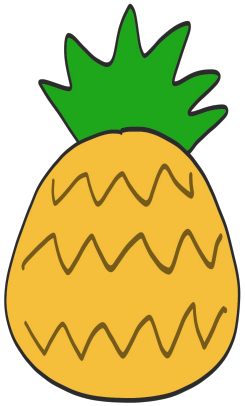


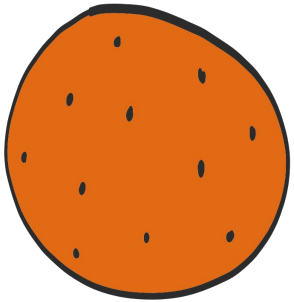


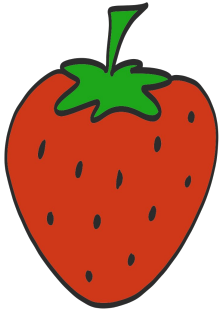


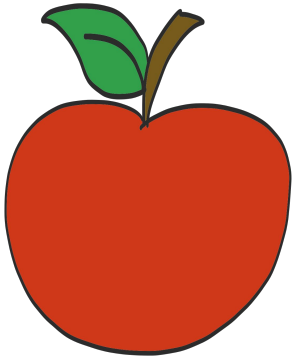


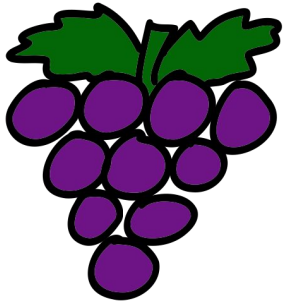


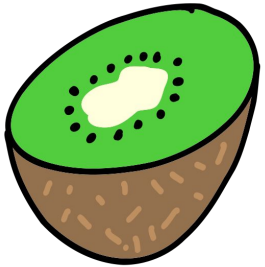


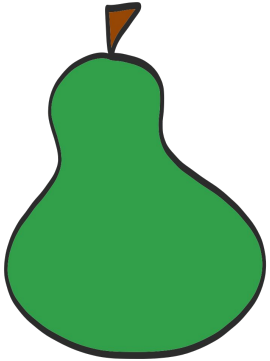


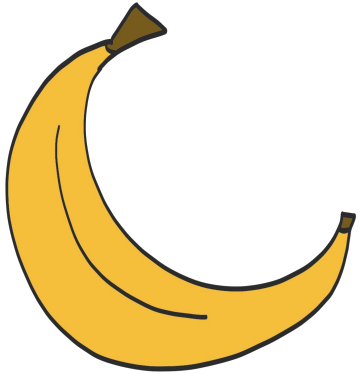












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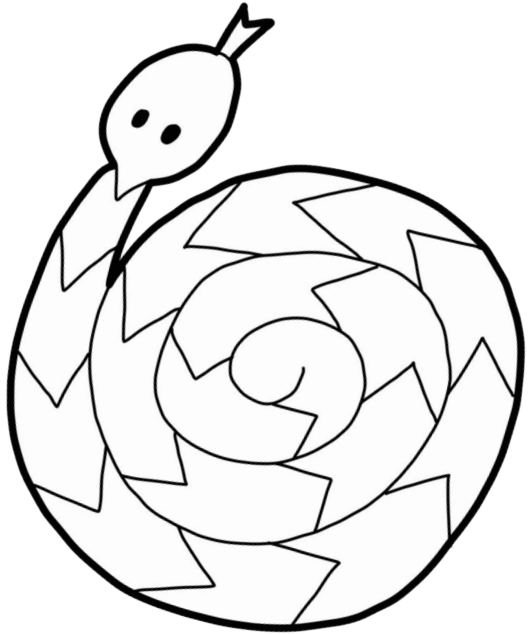
Spiral Snake

YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout Worksheet #2
- Coloured Pencils/Pens
- Scissors
- Clipboard

STEPS

1. Get the kids to colour in the template of the snake.
2. Once coloured cut out the snake.
3. While colouring talk about:
   All the animals that God created.
   How the snake told lies about God.
   What happened when Adam and Eve ate the fruit.
   God has promised to make everything new.



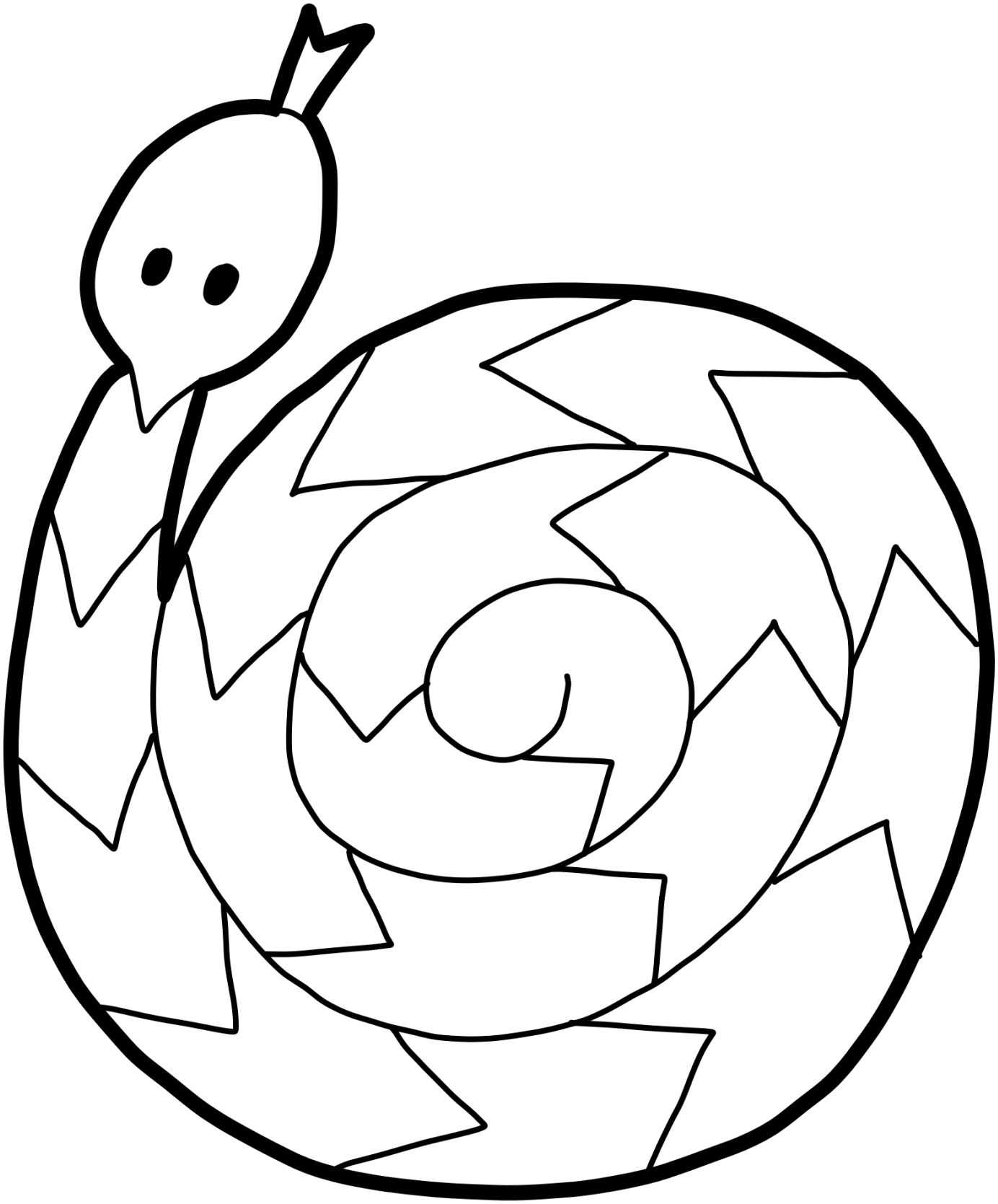
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WORKSHEET #2

The printable template for the Spiral Snake can be found on the following page.

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Colour in the snake & cut around the outline.



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Snakes and Ladders

YOU'LL NEED...

- Snakes and Ladders Boardgame
- Dice
- Counters/Markers

STEPS

1. This game is usually suitable for up to 6 players. If there are more children in your group you may wish to choose to run 2 separate games or else buddy children up to play as a pair.
2. Players place their markers on the first square.
3. Then, the children take turns rolling the dice and moving that many squares forward.
4. If they land on a snake HEAD, they slide down the snake and land on the tail. If they land on the BOTTOM of a LADDER, they climb UP the ladder and land on the top square where the ladder finishes.
5. Continue playing until one of the players reaches the '100' square.



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Scrambled Words

YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout Worksheet #3
- Clipboards
- Pencils
- Bibles

STEPS

1. Give each child a printout, clipboard and colouring pencils.
2. Explain that all the words are included in the Bible passage of Genesis 3. It will be handy to keep a Bible nearby to help with this activity.
3. Aim of the activity is to unscramble all the words. If anyone is stuck you could give them the first letter of the word (but this will make it much easier!).



Link

All of the words scrambled in this activity come from the Bible passage Genesis 3 (NIRV version). But God's story doesn't end with people being separated from him. It ends with God's people living with him forever.

The printable template for the Scrambled Words can be found on the following pages.

Scrambled Words

Genesis 3

Can you unscramble these words to reveal the correct words from Genesis 3?

1. **aietcnro** _____
2. **ptensre** _____
3. **nsi** _____
4. **egnrad** _____
5. **utfir** _____
6. **eusrc** _____
7. **sienmee** _____
8. **npia** _____
9. **dlheicnr** _____
10. **koeps** _____
11. **rhad** _____
12. **ycirkpl** _____
13. **odnurg** _____
14. **deswe** _____
15. **need** _____

Scrambled Words

Genesis 3

ANSWERS

1. creation
2. serpent
3. sin
4. garden
5. fruit
6. curse
7. enemies
8. pain
9. children
10. spoke
11. hard
12. prickly
13. ground
14. weeds
15. Eden

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GAME: Pin the Fruit on the Tree

YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout Worksheet #4
- Blindfolds
- Bluetac

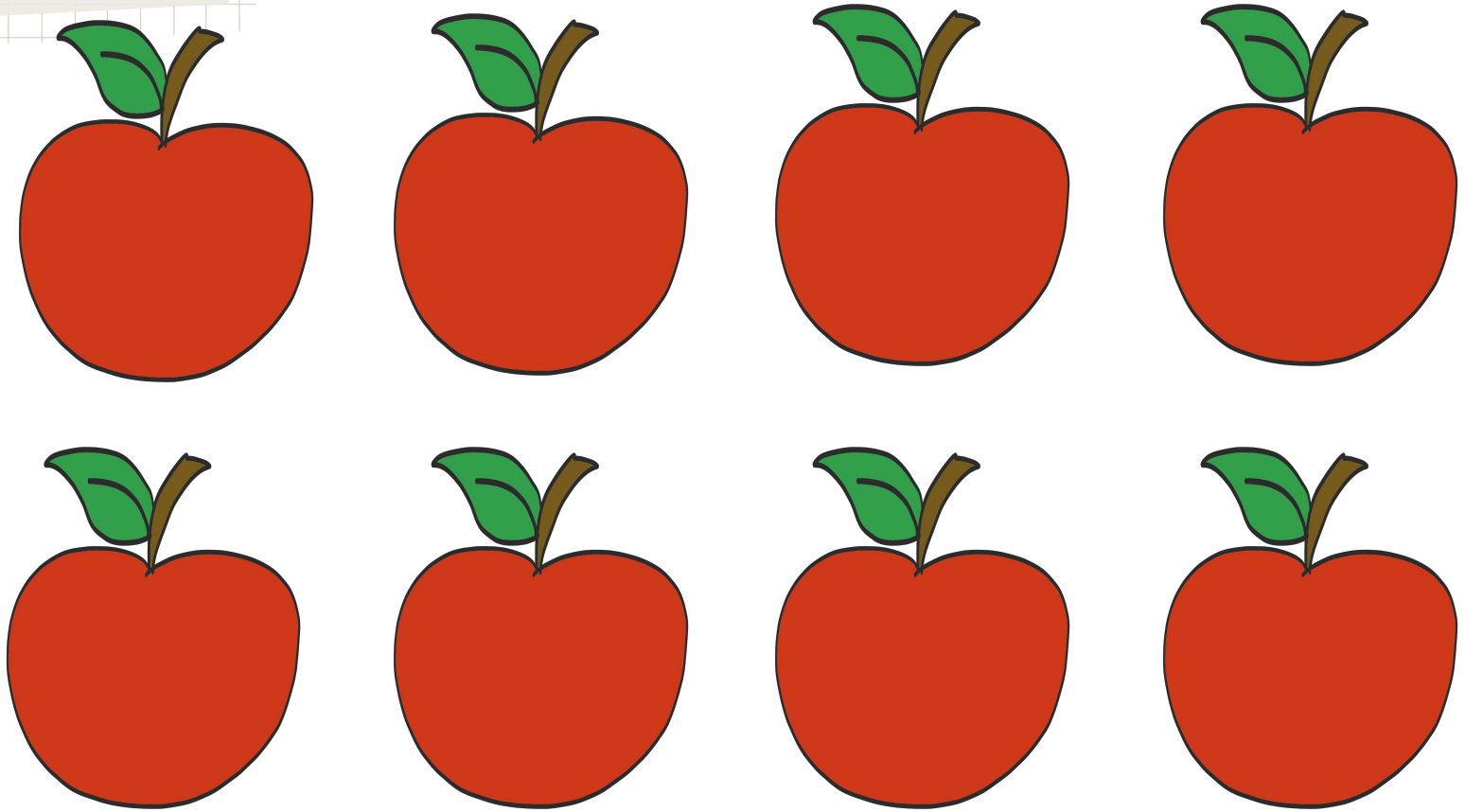
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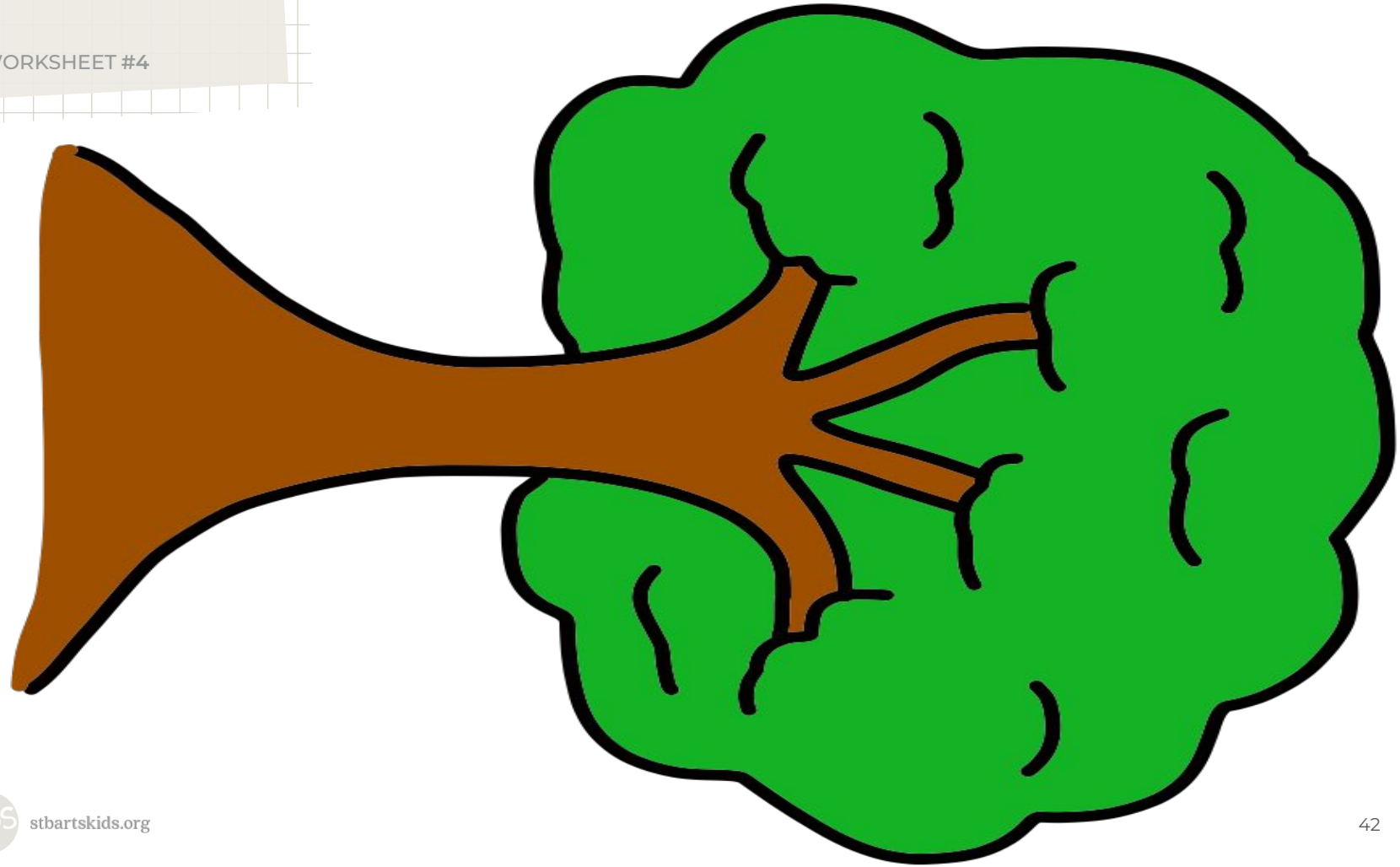
1. Pin up the Tree poster on a steady wall, at about shoulder height for the group you are working with.
2. Give each child a fruit cut out and explain that the aim of the game is to pin the fruit on the tree, in the spot where fruit would normally be found.
3. Children line up to have their turn, however they must be blindfolded for their turn!
4. Once all of the children have had a turn, they are to see which fruit was the closest to being in the correct spot.



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GAME: Fruit Salad

YOU'LL NEED...

- Score chart
- Clipboard
- Pen

STEPS

1. This game is played with two teams sitting opposite each other - each child is to have a partner on the opposite team. Children must sit down with legs directly out in front of them, feet touching their partner's feet. Knees must be on the ground, feet together at all times, and hands in laps.
2. Each pair are to decide on a fruit playing name. Each pair must choose a different fruit.
3. The leader calls out the fruit at random. When a player's fruit is called, they must stand up, run up the middle (being carefully to stand only in the gap between one pair and the next), then around and down the outside (of their OWN team's side only), then up the middle again, back to their own spot.
4. The first person to sit down out of the pair earns a point for their team.
5. Continue for as long as desired. The winning team is the team with the most points at the end.



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