

TEACHER BACKGROUND & PREPARATION SHEET

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LESSON IDENTIFICATION

Week 3 – January 18, 2026

Lesson Title: The Fall: Sin Enters the World & God's Promise Begins

Primary Scripture Passage: Genesis 3

Bible Timeline Placement: Early History – After Creation and Before the Flood

PURPOSE OF THIS LESSON

This lesson explains how sin entered God's good creation, why the world is broken, and how God immediately responded with mercy and hope. Children learn that disobedience separates people from God, but God did not abandon humanity. Instead, He promised a Savior right away, showing that rescue has always been part of His plan.

BOOK & PASSAGE BACKGROUND

Genesis, traditionally authored by Moses around 1400 BC, was written to the people of Israel to explain who God is, how the world began, why sin exists, and how God started His rescue plan. The word Genesis means "beginning." Genesis 1–2 describe a perfect creation, while Genesis 3 explains why creation is now broken and why redemption is needed.

HISTORICAL & CULTURAL CONTEXT

Adam and Eve lived in the Garden of Eden, a real place prepared by God where there was no death, sickness, fear, or shame (Genesis 2:8–9). God walked with them and provided everything they needed. They were given meaningful responsibility and one clear command meant to protect them (Genesis 2:16–17). The serpent appears as a deceiver, later identified in Scripture as Satan (Revelation 12:9), questioning God's Word and character.

IMMEDIATE BIBLICAL CONTEXT

Before: God created everything and declared it "very good" (Genesis 1:31). Adam and Eve lived in perfect relationship with God and one another.

After: Sin spreads through humanity (Genesis 4). Death, pain, and separation enter the world, and God continues unfolding His rescue plan.

KEY THEOLOGICAL TRUTHS

God: God is holy, truthful, and loving. He warned Adam and Eve clearly, and He sought them after they sinned (Genesis 3:9).

People: Humanity chose disobedience, bringing sin and separation (Genesis 3:6; Romans 3:23).

Salvation: God promised a Rescuer immediately. Genesis 3:15 points forward to Jesus' victory over Satan.

Trusting God's Word: God's warning proved true (Genesis 2:17). His Word is always trustworthy.

Trinity: God the Father judges with justice, God the Son is promised as Savior, and the Holy Spirit convicts hearts (John 16:8).

RELIABILITY OF SCRIPTURE

Genesis fits seamlessly with the rest of Scripture. The promise of Genesis 3:15 is fulfilled through Jesus' death and resurrection (Hebrews 2:14). The unity of Scripture across centuries supports its divine origin.

APOLOGETICS FOUNDATION

This passage explains the origin of evil without blaming God. Scripture teaches that God created everything good (Genesis 1:31), and evil entered through human choice. This helps children trust God's goodness even when the world is broken.

ANTICIPATED CHILD QUESTIONS

Why didn't God stop Adam and Eve? God allows real choices because love requires choice (Deuteronomy 30:19).
Did God stop loving them? No. God clothed and cared for them even after sin (Genesis 3:21).

COMMON MISUNDERSTANDINGS

Children may think Adam and Eve were unforgivable. Scripture shows God still loved them and promised help immediately (Genesis 3:15).

GOSPEL CONNECTION

Jesus came to undo what sin broke. Romans 5:19 explains that just as sin came through one man, life comes through Jesus' obedience.

TEACHER HEART PREPARATION

Pray for gentleness and clarity. This lesson should never shame children but invite them to trust the God who rescues.