

Start-Up/Third Grade Lesson Plan Session 2 – Creation: Original Sin

Materials needed:

- 4 sets of Alphabet Cards (the alphabet written on note cards). You will need to make these cards ahead of time – note cards are in your tub.
- DVD “*Superbook- In the Beginning*” (Video is not in your tub – we will have it set up for you in your assigned room.)

Before class:

- ✓ Have your cards ready for the game.
- *After prayer and a brief explanation of the DVD you are about to see, gather your class and go to your assigned room (see curriculum calendar) to watch the DVD. Please be sure that all the 3rd /Start Up classes are present before beginning the video.*

Prayer:

Our Father/Hail Mary/Glory Be

Say:

Last week we learned about the creation of the world and all the wonderful things that God put into it. But did anyone notice that something is missing? (God created the world, the animals and Adam but there is no Eve!) Today we’ll learn a little more about what happened after God created Adam and what happened after that is something that affects each and every one of us all these years later.*

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It's quite a story!

This movie we are going to see will be a review of what we talked about last week but it will also tell the rest of the story (which is pretty interesting, let me tell you.) It involves God and Adam and Eve and all the animals plus a character you might have heard of by the name of Satan.

Take your class to watch the video.

After the video, please return to your classroom.

- Say:

- **God created Adam and Eve and gave them a beautiful, heavenly place to live. He walked with them every day and they had everything their hearts desired.**
- **There was only one thing that God asked Adam and Eve not to do. What was it? (Eat from the Tree of Life)**
- **Why would God set aside one tree and ask them not to eat from it? (God wanted to know that Adam and Eve loved Him more than something He created.*)**
- **So, when Adam and Eve ate the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge, what did it show God? (That Adam and Eve loved themselves more than they loved God. They wanted to please themselves more than they wanted to please God.)**

- **Adam and Eve sinned when they disobeyed God and there were to be consequences for their actions.**
- **Do you remember what they were?** (Eve would suffer pain in childbirth and Adam would now have to work and sweat for everything he needed. They would not live forever but would die and “return to dust”.)
- **Do you remember that I said the actions of Adam and Eve would affect every human being through the ages, including us? How does their sin affect us?** (Sin and death came into the world through Adam and Eve. So now we have a hard time not sinning and we will all die one day.) **This is called Original Sin.**
- **There is one other character in this story that we haven’t mentioned yet, do you know who it is?** (Satan)
- **Who is Satan?** (Satan is the devil. He was once a very beautiful and powerful angel of God but he and one third of all the other angels rebelled against God. They did not want to listen to God, but wanted to be like gods themselves. They were thrown out of heaven and today they roam the earth trying to make people like us do things we should not do.)
- **Satan had a big part in the story of Adam and Eve.**

- **He wanted to ruin God’s plan to live forever with all of the humans he created in the wonderful Garden of Eden and he certainly succeeded. How did Satan do it?** (Satan told a big lie and got Adam and Eve to eat the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge.)
- **Who remembers the Big Lie?** (Eve told Satan that God said they would die if they ate the fruit. Satan said, “You will not die. If you eat it, you will be like God.”)
- **Well, Adam and Eve ate the fruit and found out that they were not like God and that they would die one day.**
- **One more thing, what about that flaming sword that would not let them back into the Garden of Eden? Why wouldn’t God just let them come back?** (Adam and Eve had seriously sinned against God. They could not come back into His presence until that sin had been paid for.)
- **But here is the good news! Someone did come to pay for the sin of Adam and Eve and all the rest of us as well. Do you know who that was?** (Jesus)
- **God knew He had to give Adam and Eve consequences because they had sinned but did that mean God did not love them anymore?** (No, absolutely not.)
- **How do we know God still loved Adam and Eve?** (God had already made plans to send a Savior.)

- **Do you remember the part in the movie when God was talking to the snake? God told the snake (Satan) that he would be cursed but God also told Satan something else that is very interesting.**
- **God said, “I will make you and the woman enemies and her child will strike at your head.”**
- **Well, what does that mean?**
- **The woman is Mary and her child is Jesus. But what does it mean that Jesus will strike at the head of the snake? (When you kill a snake, you crush its’ head so it can’t bite you. Jesus will be the one who will come and defeat Satan and remove the curse that would have kept us all out of heaven.)**
- **I guess that tells us how much God still loved Adam and Eve and all of us too! Getting us to heaven is the most important thing on God’s mind. Thank you, Jesus, for all you did to save us.**
- **We will be learning much more about Jesus and how he came to save us next week!**

Game:

We Got It!

Divide the class into two teams. Tell them that this game is a review of the last two weeks. Give each team two sets of alphabet cards and have the teams go to opposite corners of the room.

Have them spread their cards out on the floor so they will be easy to grab. Ask a question from the list below. Each team must find the letters of the answer, have one student carry each letter and run to the front of the room. Students must line up so their cards spell the answer.

The first team to line up their cards with the correct answer wins the round and gets two points. Tell the kids to look for their letters and find their answer quietly so the other team doesn't hear! Spelling counts! If a team makes it to the front with a misspelled word, they lose a point.

GAME QUESTIONS:

- † **God asked Adam and Eve not to eat from the Tree of ____ (Life)**
- † **We are created in the image of God because of the part of us that never dies. That part of us is called the _____ (soul)**
- † **God made the seventh day a day of ____ (rest)**
- † **God looked at His creation and said, "It is _____ (good).**
- † **Adam and Eve sinned because they wanted to please themselves more than they wanted to please _____ (God).**
- † **After Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden, it was guarded by angels with flaming _____ (swords).**
- † **_____ (Satan) wanted to ruin God's plan to live forever with all the humans He created. (cont.)**

- † Satan got Adam and Eve to eat the fruit of the Tree of Life by telling them a big _____ (lie).
- † Satan said, “If you eat the fruit of the Tree of Life you will not die. You will be like _____ (God).
- † Adam and Eve’s sin affects all of us. It is called Original ____ (sin).
- † The good news is that someone came to pay for the sin of Adam and Eve and all the rest of us. Who is it? _____ (Jesus)