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Three easy steps for an at-home experience!

BIG IDEA: Obey God

Adam and Eve had the entire garden to enjoy. They were in paradise. All they had was one simple rule - don't eat from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. When they chose to disobey God, they set an example for us that sin has consequences.



Genesis 3 from the NIrV Pages 14-19 in the Read With Me Bible.



Available at youtube.com/eastviewkids Camp Genesis - Week 3



FOR YOUNGER KIDS: Listen and Obey!

Materials: None

Have all your family members line up at one end of a room or the yard, and you stand at the other. Explain that they need to listen and obey what you say.

Give commands like, "Take two giant steps forward" or "Turn around two times and hop forward three times."

Watch the players. If you see someone do the command incorrectly, that player must go back to the starting line. Play until someone reaches you!

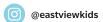
Follow up discussion:

This was a fun activity about listening and obeying. In our story today, did Adam and Eve obey God? No, they didn't. And because they did not obey, they had to leave the beautiful garden. Their relationship with God was broken.

When we played this game, each time you obeyed, you came closer to me. When we obey God, we grow closer to him, too.







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FOR OLDER KIDS: Separated from God

Materials: Paper and markers or crayons; paper with the word "GOD"

Take out the paper and markers and have each person in the family draw a self-portrait.

The Bible says that men and women are different from any other of God's living creations because we were made in God's image. We talked about that last week. Does that mean we look like God? Probably not, because God is Spirit and does not have a physical body.

But, we know that we have physical parts that reflect Him in several ways.

- God can hear--we have physical ears to hear.
- God can see--we have physical eyes to see.

We also reflect Him in non-physical ways.

- God is love--we can feel love.
- God is all-knowing--we have the ability to reason.
- God is eternal--our spirits are eternal.

Place the paper with the word "God" in front of you. Gather up all the self-portraits and place then next to the "God" paper.

God made Adam and Eve in his image. And they got to enjoy a special relationship with him because there was no sin. They were able to walk with him, spend time with him, talk with him.

But when they chose to sin, a wall went up between them and God. They couldn't have the same kind of relationship they had before. Sin separates us from God.

Take all the self-portraits, fold them and place them behind your back.

You know, because of Adam and Eve's decision, we have to deal with the result of sin--separation from God. That reality is very sad.

BUT there is hope! God still loves us all so much--we are his children. And so he came up with a plan to take care of the sin problem. Does anyone know what that plan was? Yes, Jesus! God sent Jesus to get rid of the separation! To get rid of the sin! When we accept Jesus as our Savior, the sin that once separated us from God is gone! And we have the hope to be with him forever in heaven!

Pull out the self-portraits place them once again next to the "God" paper.

Pray together, thanking God for sending Jesus!





