

The Case of the Terrible, Terrible Day

Genesis 3-4



Story-telling Tips

Ahead of time:

1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!
2. Choose story action cues and/or prepare storyboard pictures, if using. (Included in Visual Aids book)
3. Practice telling story with the pictures, timing your presentation. Shorten, if necessary to fit your allotted time.

During your presentation:

1. Maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story.
2. Put up storyboard figures/add story action cues as you tell the story. Allow the children to help you put them on the board, if desired.
3. Include the children in your story with a few questions about what they think will happen or words/concepts that might be new to them.
4. Watch the kids for signs that their attention span has been reached. Shorten, if necessary.

INTRODUCTION/ LISTENING ASSIGNMENTS

“Our story is called: The Case of the Terrible, Terrible Day. Here is your listening assignment... ”

Read from Detective Dan’s Listening Assignment signs, but questions are summarized below:

Detective Dan’s Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:

I need to find out:

1. What made this day so terrible?
2. What did God promise to do to rescue us from what happened that day?

Detective Dan’s Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:

Our Bible verse is Romans 5:12: “Sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned.”

As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:

1. Who did sin enter the world through?
2. How did their sin hurt all of God’s good world?

Detective Dan’s Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:

I found four clues, but one of them is NOT in the story.

They are: a serpent; Jesus; fruit; and, ice cream.

Hold up each of the four pictures for the children to see as you identify them. Better yet, put them up on your flannelgraph board, off to one side.

I need to know:

1. Which of these things was not in our story today?
2. How were the other three things important in our story?

Detective Dan’s Lesson #4 Listening Assignment:

As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:

1. Who was sorry for their sins and looked for hope in God?
2. How did God show them kindness, even though they disobeyed Him?

Detective Dan’s Lesson #5 Listening Assignment:

As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:

1. What did Adam and Eve do that brought sin into God’s good world?
2. What good news did God give Adma and Eve that day?

Read the questions, THEN SAY,

“Ok, Hide ‘n’ Seekers! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan’s questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions.”

“The Case of the Terrible, Terrible Day” Genesis 3-4

Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics) Numbers correspond to storyboard pictures and placement upon the storyboard. Always feel free to use less pictures, if it's best for your kids. Simply, black out the numbers next to pictures you do not plan to use. All pictures are found in the Visual Aids book. Put BG (background) pictures on storyboard ahead of time. SB pictures (listed below in story text) are added to board as you tell the story. These numbers are also found on the back of each picture.

Tip: Stack pictures in numerical order before telling story for easy use. Use sticky-back velcro to attach pictures to storyboard felt. Use sticky-tac putty to stick a picture on top of another picture.

Adam and Eve (SB1) were the first people. God, Himself, made them in the very beginning, long ago. He gave them a wonderful home in a beautiful garden.

God (SB2) loved Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve loved God. And everything was happy, happy, happy!

Can you show me your happiest face?

But then something very bad happened...

God's enemy, (SB3) Satan, came. He wanted to spoil God's perfectly wonderful world (SB4). He especially wanted to spoil the perfect happiness and wonderful friendship that God had with people (SB5). So he tricked Adam and Eve.

Satan used (SB6) the serpent to trick Adam and Eve into wanting to disobey God... and they did! They took (SB7) fruit from the one tree in their garden home God had told them NOT to eat... and they (SB8) ate it!

Now everything was sad, sad, sad! Sin (SB9) had come into God's good world!

Can you show me your saddest face? This was a very, very, VERY sad and bad thing that happened!

Now, there would be (SB10) disobeying. Now, there would be (SB11) hurting, and crying, and dying. Not just for Adam and Eve, but for all people and everything else in God's world.

I don't like to hurt or disobey or cry, do you? What do you look like when you are hurting? or crying? or disobeying? What a sad, sad day it was when these things came into God's good world!

Worst of all, the (SB12) perfect happiness and friendship that God had with people was broken.

It looked like Satan had won (SB13), but had he?

HAD Satan won? Can you tell me?

(SB14) NO, HE HAD NOT!

On that sad, sad day, God gave Adam and Eve a wonderful promise: “One day, I will send a (SB15) Savior. He will beat Satan. He will save all of God's people from their sins. He will make the way for them to know perfect happiness and have friendship with Me again... and it will last forever!

Do you know who that Savior was? It was God's Son, Jesus! He came to earth, just as God said He would. He lived a perfect life (SB16), then He suffered and died on a cross.

And do you know what Jesus did as He suffered and died? He took ALL THE PUNISHMENT that God's people deserved for disobeying God. He took their sin and gave them His perfect life so they could be FORGIVEN!

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Jesus (BG4) died and was buried in a cave-grave that day. But then on Day One, Two, Three, He (SB17) rose up from the dead!

Hold up one, two, three fingers.

Why? Because Jesus had really done it! He had saved God's people. He had beaten Satan, just like God said He would! Yay!

Let's jump up and down and cheer, "Yay!" for Jesus beating Satan!

Because of Jesus, God's people would get to know and love God in their hearts while they live here on earth. And one day, they (SB18) will go to live with God forever! And that will be best of all!

What do God's people get to do? They get to know God in their hearts here on earth now. And one day, when they die, they will go to live with Him forever! What will that be like? Happy, happy, happy! Can you make your happiest face again?

Who are God's people? They are everyone who will turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. We can be God's people, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you. He loves to answer this prayer!

Cracking the Case: (story wrap-up for Listening Assignments)

It's time to see how we did with our Listening Assignment.

Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:

1. What made this day so terrible?

This was the day that bad things came to God's good world, when Adam and Eve disobeyed God. Now all people would know sin and death.

2. What did God promise to do to rescue us from what happened that day? God promised to send Jesus to beat Satan and be our Savior.

For You and Me:

This was a terrible day for all of us. We are all in Adam and Eve's family and we all disobey God, just like they did. How good it is that God sent Jesus to rescue us! He will save us from our sins when turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior.

Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:

Our Bible verse is Romans 5:12: "Sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned."

As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:

1. How did sin come into the world? Satan tempted Adam and Eve and they disobeyed God. That's how sin came into the world.

2. How did their sin hurt all of God's good world?

Sad things, sickness and death came into God's good world, when Adam and Eve disobeyed God long ago. They still hurt everything in our world even today.

For You and Me:

We are all in Adam and Eve's family. We all disobey God just like they did. How good it is that God sent Jesus to rescue us! He will save us from our sins when we trust in Jesus as our Savior and live for Him.

Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:

I found four clues, but one of them is NOT in the story. They are: a serpent; Jesus; fruit; and, ice cream.

1. Which of these things was not in our story today? Ice cream.

2. How were the other three things important in our story? Satan used the serpent to trick Adam and Eve into listening to him. His trick worked. They disobeyed God and ate the fruit that God had told them not to eat. Sin had come into God's good world. But that wasn't the end of the story. God promised to send them a Savior--Jesus--to beat Satan and rescue us from our sins.

For You and Me:

Like Adam and Eve, we too often choose to disobey God. Like them, we deserve God's punishment. Yet, God has sent Jesus and He can be our Savior. We can ask Him to help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus and be forgiven!

Detective Dan's Lesson #4 Listening Assignment:

1. Who was sorry for their sins and looked for hope in God? Adam and Eve.

2. How did God show them kindness, even though they disobeyed Him? He promised to send Jesus to beat Satan and to be their Savior.

For You and Me:

We all disobey God, just like Adam and Eve did. God sent Jesus to rescue us, too! God wants us to confess our sins to God and ask for His forgiveness. He wants us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Detective Dan's Lesson #5 Listening Assignment:

1. What did Adam and Eve do that brought sin into God's good world? They listened to Satan and disobeyed God.

2. What good news did God give Adam and Eve that day? God promised to send them a Savior--Jesus--to beat Satan and be their Savior.

For You and Me:

We all disobey God, just like Adam and Eve did. God offers to us the same good news He gave Adam and Eve: He would send a Savior to save us from our sins. That Savior is Jesus. God wants us to confess our sins to God and ask for His forgiveness. He wants us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then we will be God's dearly loved people forever.

The Gospel (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)

Our Bible Truth is:

How Did Bad Things Come to God's Good World?

Bad Things Came through Sin!

What a terrible thing happened when Adam and Eve sinned! How sad and lonely they were when they lost the special closeness they had with God!

But how kind God was to promise to one day send Jesus to destroy Satan and to save sinners like them and us from our sins! Jesus came and took the punishment for the sins of God's people on the cross. On the third day, He rose from the dead, proving He had really beaten sin and death.

We can become God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask Him to help you. He loves to answer this prayer.

Close in prayer.

Closing Unit 6 ACTS Prayer

A=Adoration C=Confession T=Thanksgiving S=Supplication

A We praise You, God, for being so good. You never do anything wrong.

C God, we confess that like Adam and Eve, we have all chosen to disobey You. We deserve Your punishment. Please forgive us and save us from our sins through Jesus!

T Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to save us from our sins. Thank You for making the way for us to know You and to get to live with You forever.

S God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from disobeying You. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to tell others about Jesus how they can be saved through Him, too.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.