

BIG QUESTION 6



How did bad things come to God's good world?



ANSWER:

Bad things came through sin!



The Big Question

*Hold up the Big Question sign for all the children to see,
and say:*

The Big Question we are investigating today is
Big Question Number 6:

How Did Bad Things Come to God's Good World?
and the Answer is:
Bad Things Came through Sin!

Meaning:

When God created the world in the beginning, He created all things good; but, now there are many bad and sad things in God's good world. All these bad things came through sin when people disobeyed God. How good it is that God sent Jesus to be our Savior! He can forgive our sins and make us God's people!

Let's sing our Big Question Song:"

Big Q & A 6 Song

*DDD ESV Songs 6, track 12
(adapted version of "Frere Jacques")*

How did bad things,
How did bad things,
Come to God's good world?
Come to God's good world?
Bad things came through sin,
Bad things came through sin,
That's how bad things came,
That's how bad things came.

BIG QUESTION 6: Two truths about how bad things came

Visual Aid #2 take out of BQB

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This Unit's Bible Truths

"Bad things Came through Sin" is a good beginning, but there's so more to learn. So it's time for us to dig down even deeper for more answers to our Big Question about God. We're going to be learning TWO Bible truths about how sin came into the world and what happened when it did.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our two Bible truths on it? It's in the Big Question Box/Briefcase."

Choose a child to get it and hand it to you, then hold it up and show them the pictures of the four truths they will be learning.

After everyone has had a good look say...

"Ok, now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these two truths we will be learning about today. Who would like to get it out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the Bible Truth Clue sign and hand it to you.

CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH I?

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

Bad Things Came through Sin...



Visual Aid
#3
take out
Big Question Briefcase
of BQB

ANSWER:

When ADAM and EVE chose to disobey God!

Revealing the Bible Truth We Are Learning

Hold up the front side for the children to see. Cover up the answer, written along the bottom, and say:

**“How Did Bad Things Come to God’s Good World?
Bad Things Came through Sin...
When ???? and ???? Chose to Disobey God!”**

We’re missing two words. Here are the hints for the missing words. It says: “What are the names of the first people God made?”

Can you guess? The answers are: “Adam and Eve.”

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:

(uncover answer from bottom of sign, show it to them and say:)

**“How Did Bad Things Come to God’s Good World?
Bad Things Came through Sin...
When ADAM and EVE Chose to Disobey God!”**

And here is what this Bible Truth means:

(read the meaning off of the back of the sign, say:)

God made the world good. He gave Adam and Eve good laws to live by, so that they would live happily with Him forever. God warned Adam and Eve that terrible things would happen if they disobeyed Him and His good laws. At first, Adam and Eve wanted to obey God. They loved knowing Him and living His way. But then, Satan, God’s enemy, came to Adam and Eve. He lied to them and tempted them to disobey God... and they did! Adam and Eve thought their lives would be better when they disobeyed God, but they were wrong. NOTHING good came from disobeying God, but only the sad things God warned them would happen. And happen, they did! A terrible change happened in their spirits. They no longer enjoyed the same special closeness with God that they first had with Him. They didn’t love each other in the same way, either. They became afraid and selfish and rebellious. Something happened in their bodies, too. Now, they hurt and got sick. One day, they would die.

God is good and just. He hates sin. Adam and Eve now deserved His punishment and death. How very sad! But God isn’t ONLY just. He is also very, very merciful. He treats us better than we deserve. God promised that one day He would send a Savior to put an end to Satan, sin, and death. He would save people from their sins. That Savior was Jesus! Through faith in Him, we can be forgiven our sins and have special closeness with God. Thank You, God!

**“The LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;
but...you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it...
you will surely die!”**

Place
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of BQB



**[Eve] too some [fruit] and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.
Then the eyes of them both were opened... ‘Because you... ate from the tree, you must not eat,
cursed is the ground because of you... By the sweat of the brow you will eat until
you return to the ground.’” Genesis 2:16; 3:6,7,17,19, NIV 1984**

Bible Truth | Bible Verse

Remove the Bible Verse Picture from the "Bible" folder and hold it up for all the children to see, then say:

Genesis 2:16; 3:6,7,17,19 tells us:

Genesis 2:16; 3:6,7,17,19, NIV 1984

"The LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but...you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it... you will surely die.' ... [Eve] too some [fruit] and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of them both were opened...'Because you... ate from the tree, you must not eat, cursed is the ground because of you... By the sweat of the brow you will eat until you return to the ground.'"

Learn a Little: "The LORD God commanded the man, "You must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it... you will surely die.'"

What does that mean?

What wonderful gifts God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit give to God's people! Jesus gives them the free, undeserved gifts of salvation through faith in Him. God, the Father loves His people so much that He gave Jesus to die for them. And, He continues to love them every day of their lives. The Holy Spirit lives inside them, giving them closeness with God (fellowship). He helps them to know, love and obey God better.

"We've said our Bible verse, now let's sing it!"

You Must Not Eat, Eat, Eat:

Genesis 2,3

DDD ESV Songs 5, track 18

"Gather around, children. I have a story to tell you about Adam and Eve, back in the beginning of the world."

The LORD God commanded the man:

"Oh, you are free, free, free, to eat, eat, eat,
From any tree, tree, tree in the garden,
But you must not eat from the tree, tree, tree,
Of the knowledge of good and evil.

For when you eat of it... you will surely die. But did Adam and Eve obey God? No! They did not!

Eve took some fruit, fruit, fruit and ate, ate, ate,
She also gave, gave, gave some to her husband.
And he ate, ate, ate, ate, ate,
He ate, ate it,
Then the eyes of them both were opened.

Oh, no! What did God do then? Well, God told Adam:

Because you ate, ate, ate, from the tree, tree, tree,
From the tree, tree, tree you must not eat.
Cursed is the ground, because of you,
By the sweat of your brow you'll eat,
'Til you return to the ground.

What a sad, sad day! is that the end? Well, it could have been, but...God is so rich in mercy that he gave them a wonderful promise of hope that day.

He promised them, them, them, to send, send, send,
A Savior to save them from their sins.
The Lord Jesus Christ, to bring eternal life,
To all who repent and believe in Him.
Thank God for sending Jesus! Amen!
Genesis Two and Three.

"Now it's time to do a bit more deep down investigating. Let's see what Detective Dan wants us to help him figure out. Would someone like to get it out for me?"

"The Case of the Terrible, Terrible Day" Genesis 2,3



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What happened to Adam and Eve on the Terrible, Terrible Day?
2. What did God promise to do to help them (and all of us)?



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Genesis 2:16-17

"And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

1. What were Adam and Eve tempted to do? What happened when they gave into temptation?
2. What did God promise to do to help them (and all of us)?

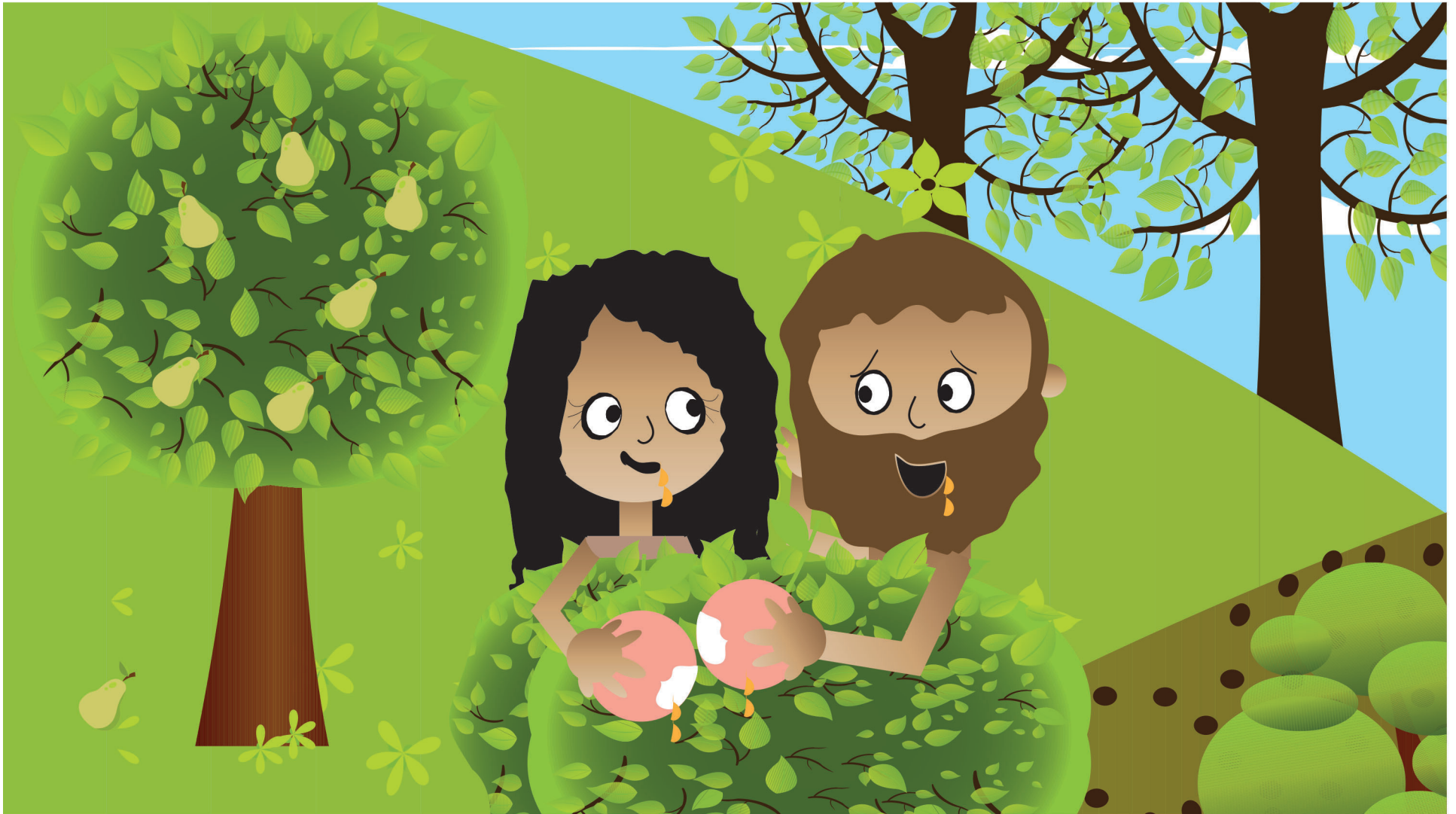
(more listening and discussion questions are included in the curriculum at praisefactory.org)



I. The LORD God made a special home for Adam and Eve, the people He had created. Was it a tepee? Was it a big, brick mansion?



2. No, it was none of those kinds of homes. This home was a garden: the Garden of Eden. Eden was a very special place. So special, that there has never been another place like it on earth. It was very beautiful. It was filled with many kinds of plants and trees. A river flowed through it and watered it all. But it was the Perfect Wonderfulness of God's love for Adam and Eve, and, Adam and Eve's love for God and each other, that made this home unlike any other, and better than them all!



3. Eden was a lovely place to live, with all of those plants and trees. But the trees were more than just lovely to look at. They were covered in deliciousness that was for good for eating. Bunches of fruit, fat, ripe, and juicy, hung from their branches. “Feel free to eat from any of these trees,” God told Adam and Eve. “I have put them here for you to enjoy and eat,” He said. And eat, Adam and Eve did! They could walk along in the garden and pluck the fruit. Their mouths would be filled with delicious sweetness and juice would drip down their chins. Yum! Yum! Yum!



4. Besides all of these fruit trees for eating, God put two other trees in the garden. These trees were not like the other trees. One was called "The Tree of Life." Through it, God offered people life that would never end. The other one was "The Tree of Knowing Good and Evil." God warned Adam and Eve about this second tree: "Do NOT eat from the Tree of Knowing Good and Evil," He told them. "Obey Me and My good laws. If you do, you will get to stay in this beautiful world and enjoy this perfectly wonderful life with Me and with each other forever," God promised.

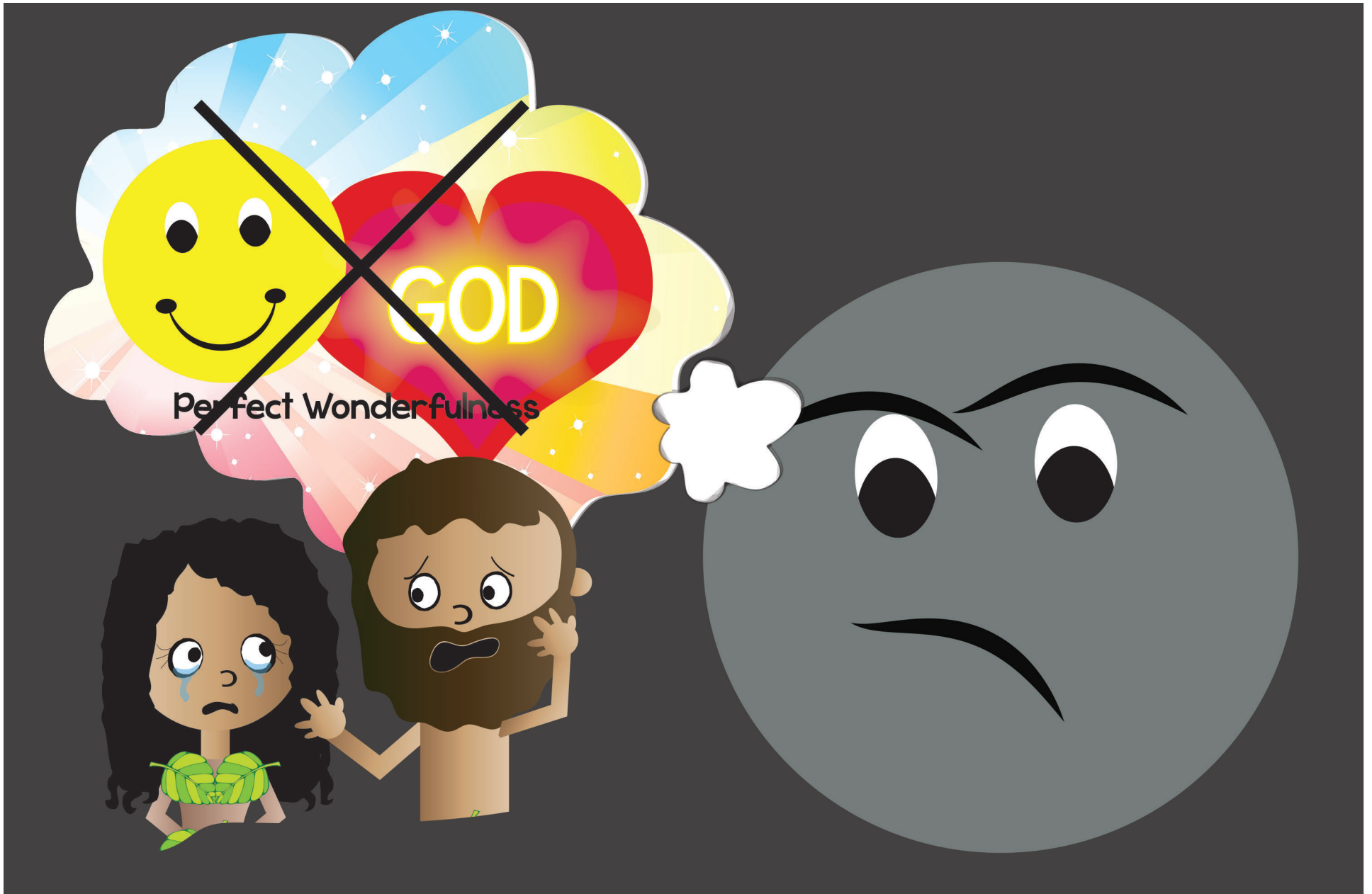


5. "But if you do turn away from My good way and eat from this one tree, you will surely die," God warned them. Oh, no! Adam and Eve did NOT want to die! They did NOT want to lose the special closeness they had with God. They did not want to lose the good life God had given them with Him and each other in this beautiful, new world. No, they would NOT eat from that tree. They would live within the good laws God had given them. God loved them and He knew what was best for them! They trusted Him.

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6. So, for a while, the Perfect Wonderfulness of God's beautiful world remained. Adam and Eve enjoyed eating from the many trees in the Garden of Eden. And, they stayed away from the two, special trees, especially that Tree of Knowing Good and Evil.



7. But then, something terrible happened. God's enemy, Satan, came. Satan hated God and His good plan for the world. He decided to trick Adam and Eve into disobeying God. He wanted to break God's good plan. He wanted to hurt the people whom God loved.



8. Satan decided to use the serpent, one of God's creatures, to trick Adam and Eve into disobeying God. The serpent went to Adam and Eve, and Satan did his talking through him: "Did God say, 'You can't eat the fruit from ANY tree in the garden?'" he asked Eve.

"We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden," Eve told him, "But God said, 'Don't eat from the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden. We shouldn't even touch it! Or we will die,'" she said.



9. "You will not die," Satan lied through the serpent. "God knows that when you eat that fruit you will start to know as much as He knows. You will become like Him, knowing good and bad," he said.

Eve listened. The serpent made it seem like God was keeping something good from them. Eve liked to think she might be like God. That sounded better than just being a human. Maybe living within God's laws wasn't really so good after all. Maybe God hadn't given them Perfect Wonderfulness. Maybe He was KEEPING it from them! Should she keep trusting God?



10. Eve was tempted to believe Satan's lies and disobey God. Run away, Eve, run away! Don't give in! But DID Eve run away? DID she turn to Adam or to God for help?

Eve did NOT run away. She did NOT turn to Adam or to God for help. Instead, she went up to that tree and looked closely at the fruit on the tree. "It looks so beautiful and so yummy!" Eve thought. "And best of all, it will make me wise like God!" Eve liked that idea very much.



II. Eve reached out and took some of the tree's fruit. She held it and she ate it. Then, she gave some fruit to Adam to eat. Run away, Adam! Don't take it! Don't eat it! What do you think Adam did?

Adam did the same thing Eve had done. He took the fruit and he ate it. Satan's trick had worked! Adam and Eve had disobeyed God. Now, their wonderful, special closeness with God was broken. Now, they would die!



12. Life changed for Adam and Eve as soon as they ate that fruit. Their eyes were opened to see new things. Their hearts felt new things, too. Not happy, new things, but sad things: fear, shame, and sin. Now, they wanted to hide from each other. They sewed tree leaves together as clothes to hide their bare bodies. Now, they wanted to hide from God, too. When they heard Him coming to see them, they hid among the trees. Could they keep God from seeing them? No, they couldn't. No one can hide from God. He knows and sees everything. God knew exactly what had happened.

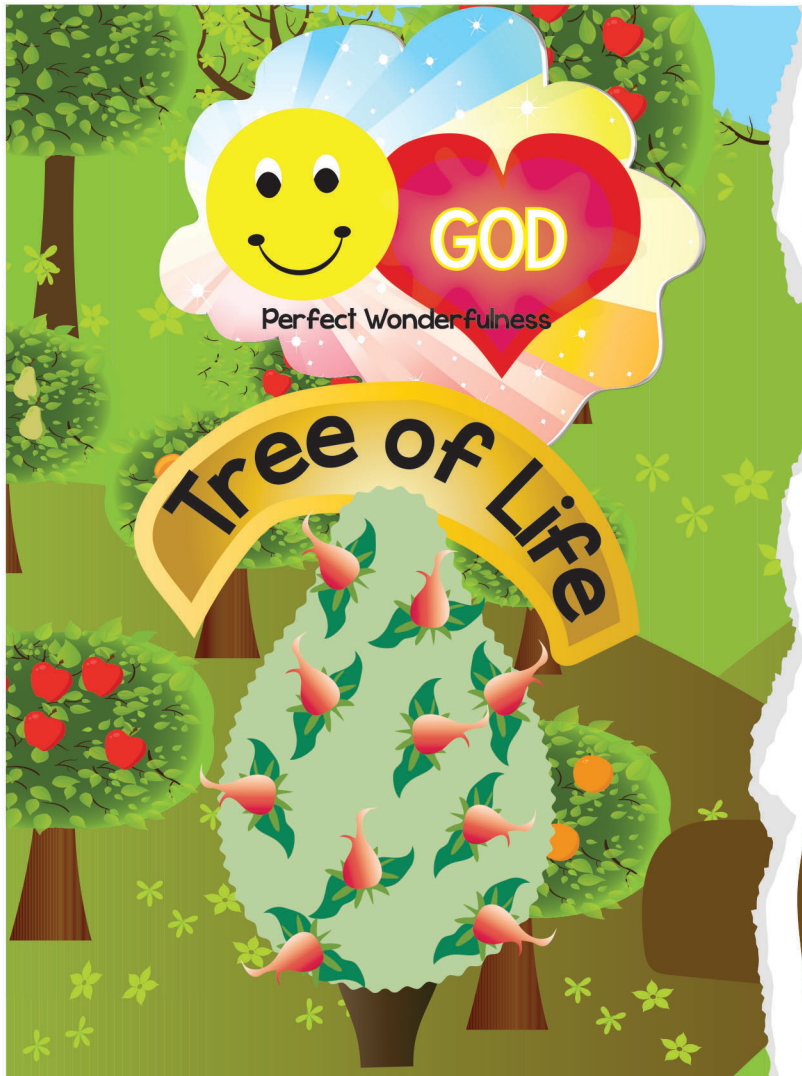


13. "Where are you?" God called to Adam. Adam answered from his hiding place: "I heard you coming and I hid from You. I was afraid for You to see me without any clothes on," he told God.

Then, God made Adam and Eve tell what had happened. They made excuses. They blamed others. But there was no denying the truth. The serpent had helped Satan trick them; but, they had chosen to disobey God and eat the fruit. Sin had come into God's good world. Now, many other sad and bad things would come, too.



14. God gave out sad punishments to the serpent and to Adam and Eve. They had all gone against His good ways. Sin had come into God's good world, and there were consequences. "Serpent, I am changing what you look like," God told him. "Now you will slither along the ground on your belly, as the lowest of creatures. I want you to be ashamed of what you have done." "Eve, having children will hurt now. You will have a hard time being happy obeying your husband," God told her. "Adam, now it will be harder to feed your family. The ground won't be like it was in the Garden of Eden. Now, there will be weeds to ruin your crops. You will have to work really hard," God told him.



15. "You and your family can't stay in this garden home anymore," God told Adam. "You won't get to eat from the Tree of Life. Now, you and Eve, and your children after you, will suffer sickness. You will grow old, and your bodies will die. Worst of all, you have lost the closeness with Me that we enjoyed together," God said. What a terrible day that was! Away from their home! Away from God's special presence! God's punishments were really hard. But Adam and Eve knew they deserved them. God was good and His punishments were fair.



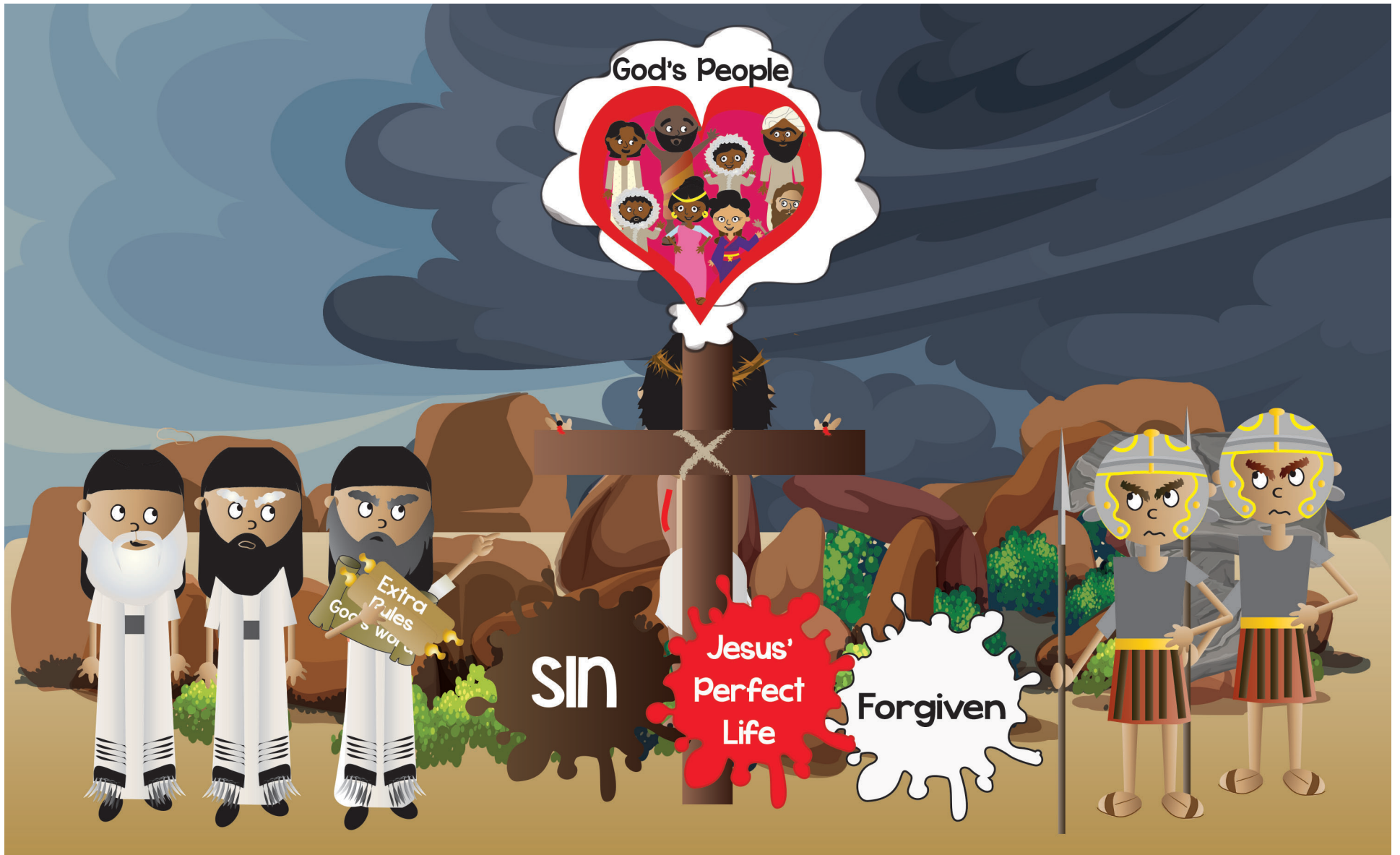
16. But God was merciful that day, too. He gave Adam and Eve something better than they deserved. God made them a promise. He gave them HOPE. One day, He would send a Savior. This Savior would be one of their sons. He would put an end to Satan, once and for all.

Adam and Eve believed God's promise and trusted in Him. They looked forward to the day when this son would come and crush their enemy.

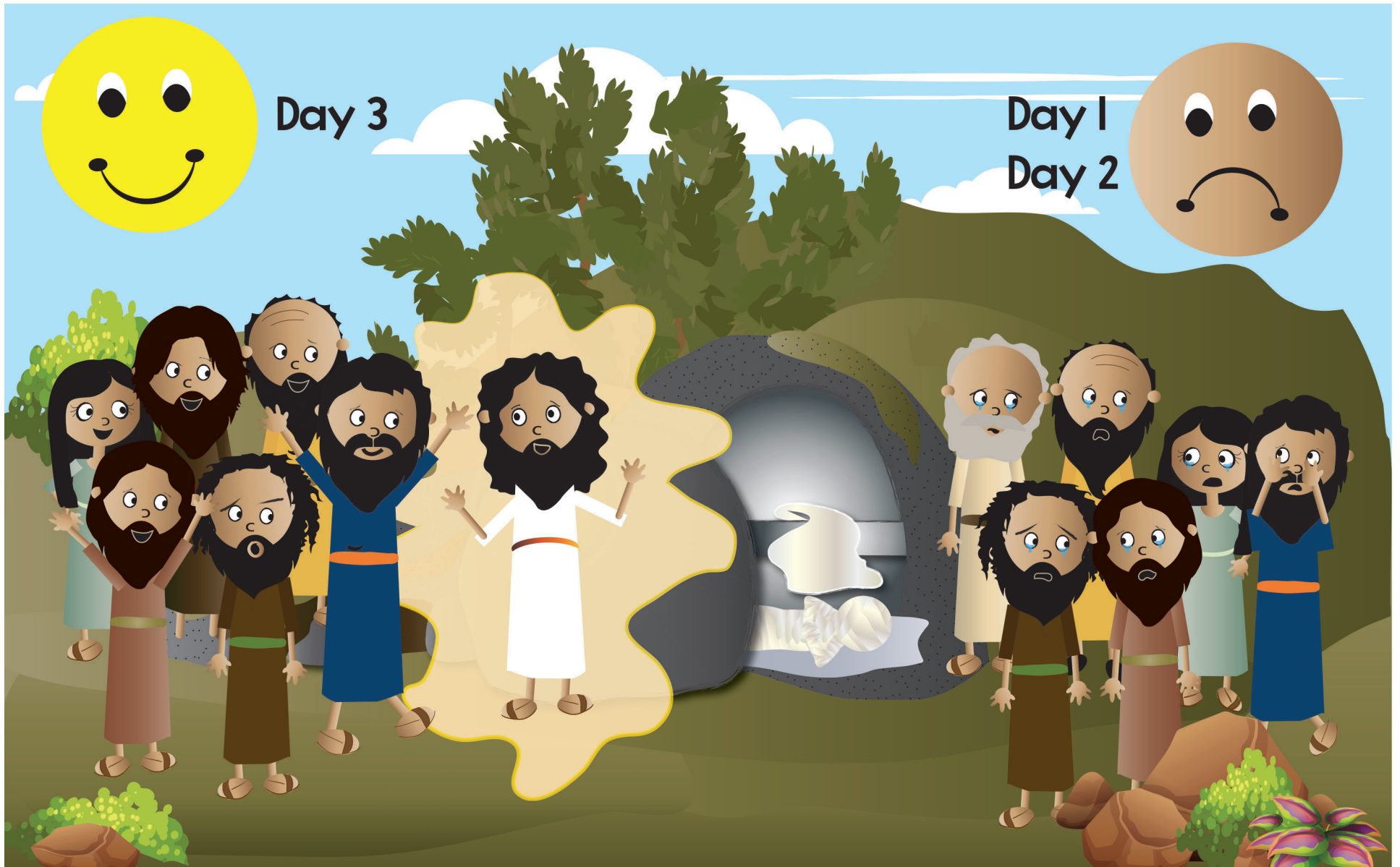


17. God didn't tell Adam and Eve the name of this Savior who would crush Satan, but I bet you know His name. It's Jesus! At just the right time, many, many years later, Jesus was born. And, while Jesus was a son of Adam and Eve, born of His mother, Mary, Jesus was also GOD'S SON.

Jesus grew up to be a man and He taught about God and did amazing things.



18. Like Adam and Eve, Satan came to tempt Jesus to disobey God; but **UNLIKE** them, Jesus did **NOT** sin! Instead, Jesus always obeyed God. He lived a perfect life, then He gave it up on the cross. Jesus suffered and died there, as the perfect payment for the sins of all who trust in Him as their Savior. Jesus took the punishment they deserved for their sins, so they wouldn't have to.



19. Jesus died and was buried in a cave-grave that sad day.

Oh, no! The Savior was DEAD? Was He really any different from Adam and Eve? Oh, yes, He was! For on the third day, Jesus rose up from the dead, never to die again. He had beaten sin and death for all who put their trust in Him!



20. Jesus went up to heaven in victory. Jesus is there, even now. From heaven, He is helping God's people. He sends the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts. He prays for them. He is at work, completing all of God's great plans for this world.



Perfect Wonderfulness

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21. And on that wonderful day, when God's plans are completed, Jesus will come back again. He will put an end to Satan forever. Satan will be crushed, just as God promised! Then, God will make a beautiful, new world, with no sin in it, for His people to live in with Him forever. It will be even better than the beautiful garden, in that perfect world, Adam and Eve enjoyed long ago. And this time, the Perfect Wonderfulness will last forever. We can be God's people and be there, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you. He loves to do this!

"The Case of the Terrible, Terrible Day" Genesis 2,3

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

1. What happened to Adam and Eve on the Terrible, Terrible Day?
They disobeyed God and lost the perfect life and fellowship with God that He had given them.
2. What did God promise to do to help them (and all of us)?
To send a Son to crush the enemy and save them.

For You and Me:

Adam and Eve did not know the name of the Savior God would send, but we do! It's Jesus! He came at just the right time to crush Satan and make the way for us to be saved from our sins. He can be our Savior, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. Ask Him to help you! He loves to do this!



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Genesis 2:16-17, NIV

"And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

1. What were Adam and Eve tempted to do? What happened when they gave into temptation? They were tempted to disobey God and eat the fruit of the Tree of Knowing Good and Evil. They lost their perfect friendship and life with God when they disobeyed Him. This is how sin and bad things came into God's good world.
2. What did God promise to do to help them (and all of us)? To send a Son to crush the enemy and save them.

For You and Me

Adam and Eve did not know the name of the Savior God would send, but we do! It's Jesus! He came at just the right time to crush Satan and make the way for us to be saved from our sins. He can be our Savior, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. Ask Him to help you! He loves to do this!

How Did Bad Things Come to God's Good World?
Bad Things Came through Sin...
when Adam and Eve chose to disobey God!

The Gospel



What a terrible thing happened when Adam and Eve sinned! They lost the special closeness they had with God. But how kind God was to promise to send Jesus to destroy Satan and save sinners like them and us from our sins!

Jesus lived a perfect life and took the punishment for the sins of God's people when He suffered and died on the cross. On Day Three, He rose from the dead in victory. Now, all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior can be forgiven and become God's people. God gives them new hearts to know and love Him. And one day, they will go to live with Him forever.

We can become God's people, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus. Ask Him to help you. He loves to!



A Prayer

A We praise You, God, for being holy and just. You hate sin and are fair to punish us for how we have disobeyed You and Your good laws.

C Adam and Eve chose to disobey Your good laws, long ago. We have chosen to disobey You many times, too. We want to say sorry to You for choosing to disobey You and ask that You would forgive us. We need a Savior!

T Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to save us when we should only get punishment for disobeying You. Thank You for promising to forgive the sins of all who turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as their own Savior.

S God, when we are tempted to sin, help us to choose to obey You. Work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Save us from Your punishment for our sins. We want to get to love You and enjoy You as Your people forever.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

