



PRELUDE      SOCIAL      WORSHIP      STORY      **GROUPS**      HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

**MADE TO PLAY**

an activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts



**2. THUMBS UP!**

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Thumbs Up Game Cards" Activity Page, cardstock, and scissors

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Thumbs Up Game Cards" on cardstock and cut apart, one set per small group.

Shuffle the game cards.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Ask children, one at a time, to draw a game card and show it to the group. Read each card and ask if that was in the Bible story or not. Ask the group to give a thumbs-up if the picture on the card was in the story or a thumbs-down if it was not in the story. Repeat until all cards have been read. Put the story cards in order and review the Bible story.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Review the Bottom Line.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Come sit with me! I have a fun card game we can play called 'Thumbs-Up!' To play our game, we will take turns drawing a card. If the picture on the card was in the Bible story, give a thumbs-up. (Give a thumbs-up.) If the picture was not in the Bible story, give a thumbs down. (Give a thumbs-down.) Let's play!"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "[Child's name], draw a card and show everybody the picture. It's a picture of Eve eating the fruit and it says 'Eve ate the fruit God said not to eat.' (or the picture and words appropriate to the drawn card) Did we hear that in our Bible story? Thumbs-up or thumbs-down? (Pause for response.) That [was/wasn't] part of our story today. Good job! Next friend, pick a card. (Continue until each child has a turn.) You did a great job! You knew what was in our Bible story. Now let's put the cards in order and review our story from the beginning.

"God made a beautiful garden filled with trees with lots of yummy food. Then God made Adam and Eve, the very first people! (Hold up the card showing Adam and Eve in the garden.) God told Adam and Eve to take care of the garden and that they could eat fruit from any of the trees except for one. (Hold up the card of the tree with fruit.) One day, a snake told Eve to eat the fruit that God said not to eat. And she ate the fruit! (Hold up the card of Eve eating fruit from the tree.) Oh, no! Then Eve went to Adam and asked him if he wanted the fruit, and Adam ate the fruit, too! (Hold up the card of Adam eating the fruit next to Eve.) Adam and Eve made the wrong choice, and they had to leave the garden. (Hold up the card of the garden without Adam and Eve.) But even though they had to leave the garden, God still loved them and gave them what they needed." (Hold up the heart card.)

**BIBLE STORY**

God knows what is best for me.

**IN THE GARDEN**  
**GENESIS 1:31, 2:8-3:24**

**MEMORY VERSE**

"God . . . knows everything."

**1 JOHN 3:20, NIV**

**KEY QUESTION**

Who knows what's best for you?

**BOTTOM LINE**

God knows what's best for me.

**BASIC TRUTH**

God loves me.



WEEK  
**ONE**  
SEPTEMBER 2023

SMALL GROUP  
**3-5** YEAR  
-OLDS

PRELUDE      SOCIAL      WORSHIP      STORY      **GROUPS**      HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Adam and Eve learned that they should have done what God said because God knew what was best for them. And God knows what's best for us, too! **Who knows what's best for you? God knows what's best for me.**"



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

## MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



## 6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Memory Verse Card" Activity Page, cardstock, scissors, Bible, journal, and a fun-shaped pen

### BIBLE STORY

God knows what is best for me.

**IN THE GARDEN**  
**GENESIS 1:31, 2:8-3:24**

Let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God.

"We know that God knows everything because God MADE everything! So let's make a list of things God made. When I say your name, tell me one thing God made." (Remember to print as you write in the journal so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "This is a great list! Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

### MEMORY VERSE

"God . . . knows everything."

**1 JOHN 3:20, NIV**

"Dear God, we believe You made the whole world and everything in it. You made things like (read the list the children made). And because You made everything, You know everything. Because You know everything, You will always know what's best for me and (say each child's name). Help us trust You and do what You say. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

### KEY QUESTION

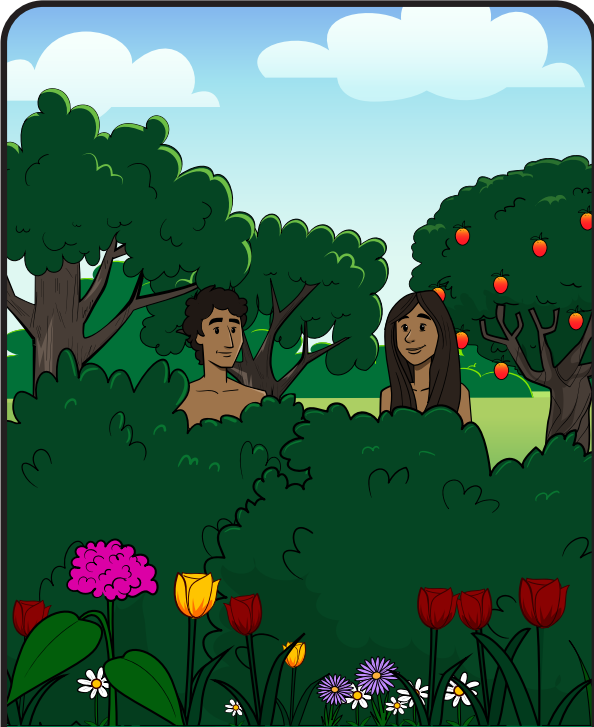
Who knows what's best for you?

### BOTTOM LINE

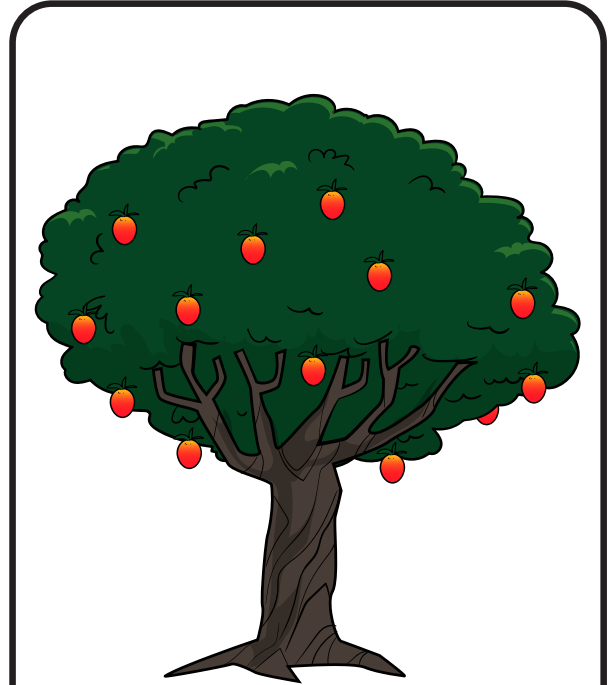
God knows what's best for me.

### BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.



**God made Adam and Eve  
and put them in a garden.**



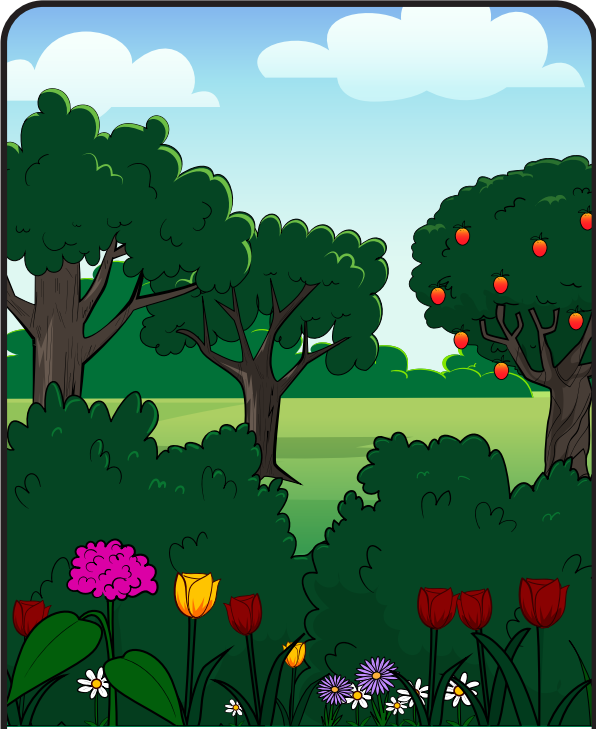
**God said,  
"Do not eat from this one tree."**



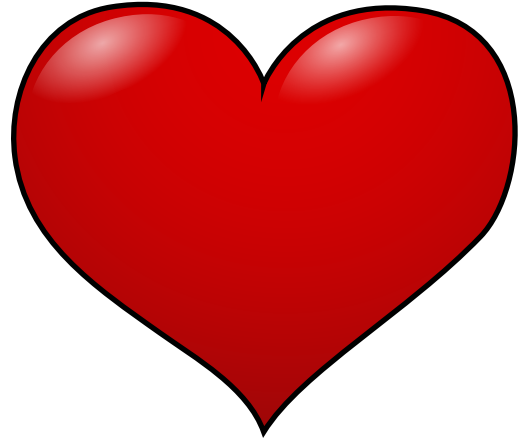
**Eve ate the fruit  
God said not to eat.**



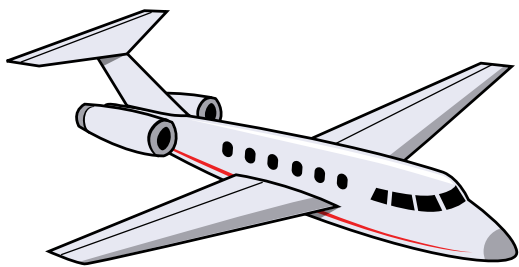
**Eve gave Adam some of the fruit and  
he ate the fruit God said not to eat.**



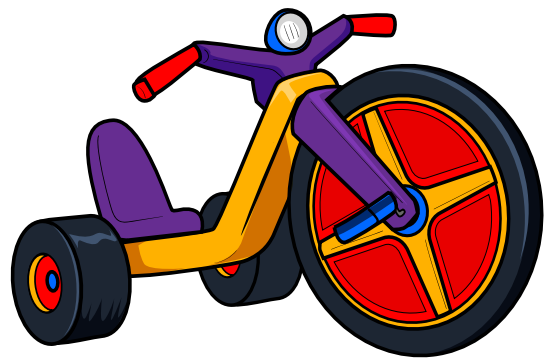
Adam and Eve made the wrong choice and had to leave the garden.



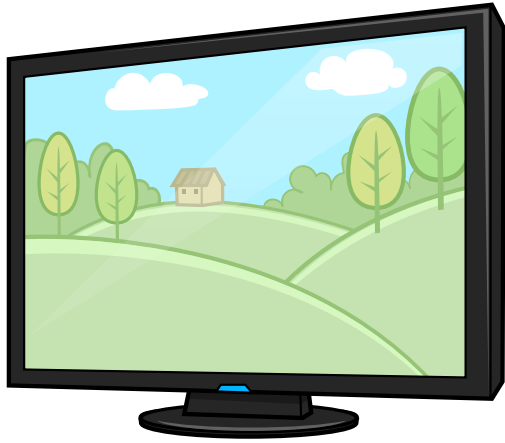
God still loved Adam and Eve. God took care of them and gave them what they needed.



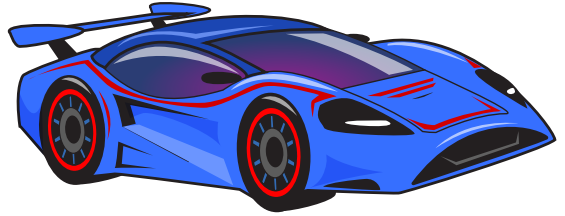
Airplane



Tricycle



**Television**



**Racecar**



**Teddy Bear**



**Crayons**