



### LESSON- LISTEN TO GOD AND OBEY

**Optional Props: Hats, binoculars, and adventure props you have on hand. Teachers can pass out hats for everyone to wear while watching the video. Each teacher can wear binoculars around your necks as well.**

Welcome back, explorers! We're on another amazing adventure to learn about the beginning of everything—God's Creation!

Are you ready to watch a video?

**Display Slide (Wk 4-1).** Last week, we learned that on the seventh day, God rested, but the week before that, we learned about Adam and Eve. Do you remember them?

**SAY IT:** Can you say those names with me? Adam and Eve! Great Job! Adam and Eve were the first people God ever created! He gave them a very important job of taking care of all of the plants and animals here on Earth.

**Display Slide (Wk 4-2).** Adam and Eve lived in a beautiful and perfect garden.

**SAY IT:** Can you remember its name? It was called the Garden of Eden! They were so happy there! Adam and Eve took care of all the plants and animals in God's special garden, and they spent so much time with God. Now, in this beautiful garden, they had 1 rule.

**DO IT:** Can you hold up 1 finger with me? Good job! God told them they could eat the fruit from any tree in the garden.... Except one tree. They could not eat the fruit from this tree because it was not good for them. It was a bad fruit.

**DO IT:** How would your body feel if you ate something that was not good for you? Would your belly hurt? (act out how someone feels when they are ill)

**SAY IT:** God told Adam not to eat from this tree, and Eve also knew that she should not eat from the tree.

Eve knew she wasn't supposed to eat fruit from the tree, but she did not follow God's directions. Eve disobeyed God and ate the fruit.

**DO IT:** Pretend to take a bite from the fruit/apple. Oh no! **(make a 'surprise' face)** After Eve ate the fruit, she gave Adam the fruit. Do you know what Adam did? He ate the fruit, too. Adam and Eve did not follow God's directions. They disobeyed God and ate the fruit.

**Display Slide (Wk 4-3).** God was angry that Adam and Eve did not follow His directions. Adam and Eve knew they did not make good choices, and because they did not listen to or obey God, they could no longer live in the Garden of Eden.

Now, God still loved Adam and Eve very much! He forgave them for not listening and obeying, just like He forgives us when we don't make good choices. Sometimes, when you do not follow directions, do your parents get angry? **(get responses)** Yes, but they still love you. The way God still loved Adam and Eve even though they did not follow directions. He created each of us because of His love for us and wants us to listen, obey, and make good choices.

**PRAYER:** Dear God, thank You for creating everything, and everyone. Help us to make good choices and follow your directions. Thank You for loving us so much. In Jesus' Name.... Amen!

### LESSON QUESTIONS - 10 MINS

#### 2 & 3YR OLDS

**Question 1:** Did God create Adam? **(Yes)**

**Question 2:** Did God create Eve first? **(No)**

**Question 3:** Did Adam and Eve live in a garden? **(Yes)**

#### 4YRS - 1ST GRADE

**Question 1:** Where did Adam and Eve live? **(The Garden of Eden)**

**Question 2:** Who ate the fruit from the tree first? **(Eve)**

**Question 3:** How did Adam and Eve disobey God? **(They ate the bad fruit or should not have eaten the fruit.)**

**Question 4:** What does God want us to do? **(Listen, obey, and make good choices)**



### ACTIVITY 1 - PIN THE APPLE ON THE TREE

**Items Needed:** Tree Decal, paper apple cut outs, and tape.

**Connection:** Today, our adventure led us to the Garden of Eden! In today's story, we learned about Adam and Eve eating the bad fruit and not following God's directions.

**Step #1:** Gather children on the floor.

**Step #2:** Show them the tree decal on the wall. Show them the apple cut outs.

**Step #3:** Tell them to close their eyes and see who can pin the apple on the tree.

**Step #4:** Have teachers hand each child 1-2 apple cut outs and let them come up to the front of the room one or two at a time. (Every child does not have to have a turn)

### ACTIVITY 2: GARDEN ADVENTURE OBSTACLE COURSE

**Items Needed:** Fake trees or cardboard cutouts of trees, Plastic fruit (or paper apple cutouts). A basket labeled "Garden of Eden," Signs with instructions for each station (optional)

**Connection:** Help children learn and remember the story of Adam and Eve by recreating moments from the lesson in a fun, physical way.

**Step #1: Set Up the Garden:** Arrange the room area to represent the Garden of Eden. Place fake trees or tree cutouts around the space and scatter the fruit on or near the trees.

**Step #2: Guide the Children Through the Course:** Lead the children as "explorers," take them through the "garden," and explain to them that they must only pick up "good" fruit. They cannot pick up the bad fruit (if using the paper apple cutouts -pick a color apple to represent the bad fruit, example the purple apples are the bad fruit) (if using the plastic fruit the apples will be the bad fruit), so they will not disobey God.

**Step #3: Collecting Fruit:** Ask the Children to pick up the good fruit (The goal is that they pick up everything except for the bad fruit (see step #2 to determine which is the bad fruit)

**Step #4: Obeying God:** Gather the children and talk about the importance of listening to God and making good choices. Sit in a circle after the activity and talk about how Adam and Eve were tempted but didn't make good choices. Remind them that God loves us even when we make mistakes and forgives us when we say we're sorry.

### ACTIVITY 3: BUBBLE PARTY

**Items Needed:** Bubbles and music!

We've got some extra time today, so let's spend it worshipping and dancing with bubbles!

### CRAFT OR COLORING SHEET (USE 1 OR 2 OPTIONS DEPENDING ON CLASS SIZE)

#### LISTENING EARS

**Items Needed:** Construction paper (various colors), Scissors (child-safe) or precut ear shapes, Glue sticks or tape, Markers or crayons, Headbands, or strips of paper to fit around the child's head.

**Connection:** These special ears remind us to listen to God just like He asks us to.

**Step #1:** Cut out ear shapes from construction paper (large and fun-sized).

**Step #2:** Let the children decorate their ears with markers, crayons, or stickers.

**Step #3:** Attach the ears to a headband or strip of paper.

**Step #4:** Help each child wear their "listening ears."

#### COLORING SHEET: GARDEN OF EDEN

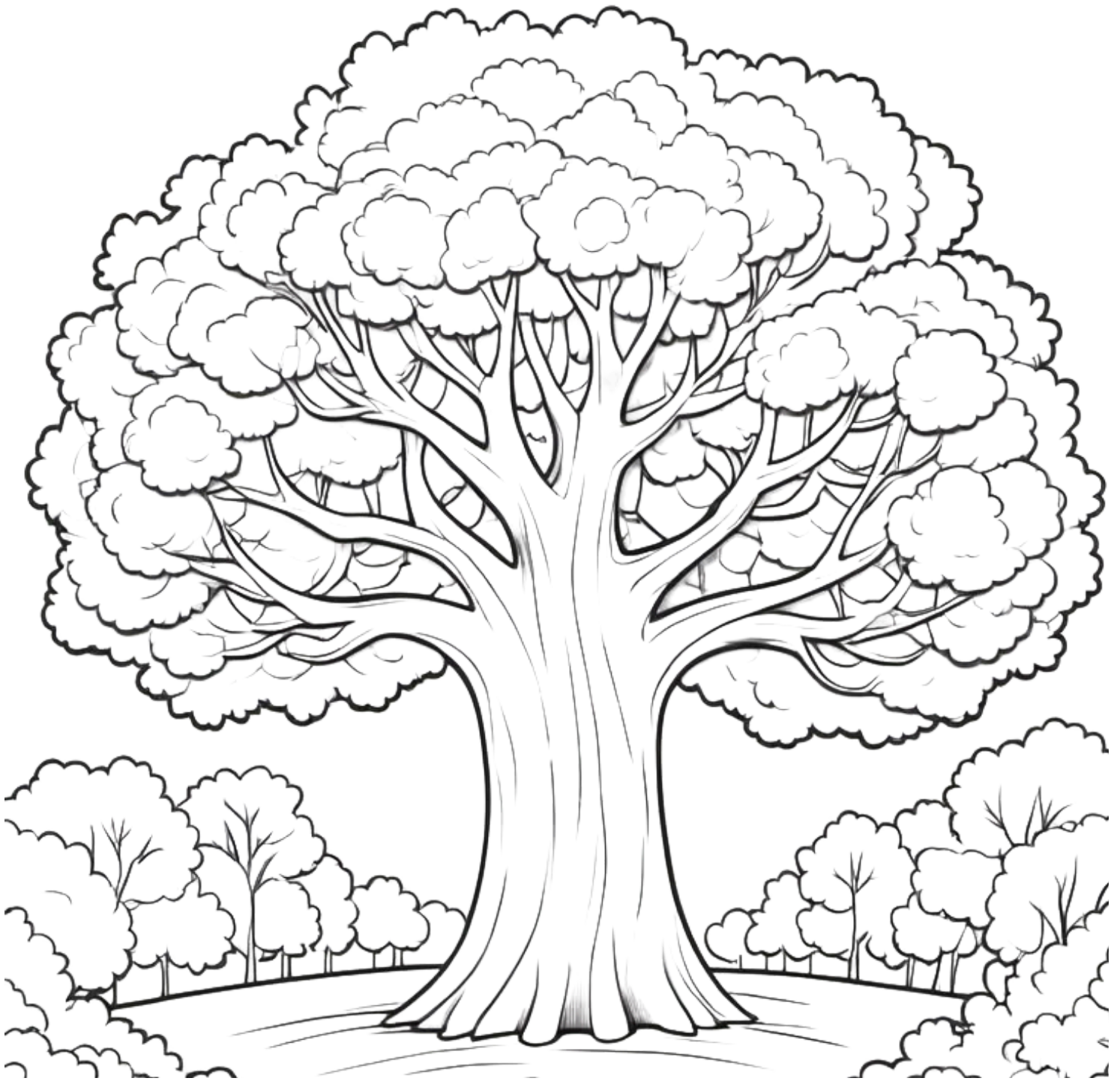
**Items Needed:** Coloring sheet, fruit stickers, and crayons.

**Connection:** Today, we learned that there was a special tree in the Garden of Eden. This tree had special fruit that Adam and Eve were not supposed to eat. Did they eat the fruit? Yes, they did, oh no! Thankfully, God still loves and forgives us when we make bad choices. I'm so glad God created all of us and loves us so much! Let's make a craft today that helps us remember to listen and obey.

**Step #1:** Distribute the coloring sheets and allow time to color.

**Step #2:** Once they're finished coloring, pass out the fruit stickers for them to add to their craft.

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**GARDEN OF EDEN**