

WEEK 2 BIBLE LESSON



Need to Know: *Put on the Belt of Truth*

Bible Story: *The Fall (Genesis 2:15-17, 3)*

1. LEADER SAYS: *There's a story in the Bible that helps us see why we need to put on the belt of truth every day. Let's act this story out!*
2. GIVE one child a piece of **green tissue paper*** and all other kids a piece of **brown tissue paper***. Then SAY: *If you have brown, sometimes you're going to be Adam and sometimes you're going to be Eve throughout the story, so roll your tissue paper up so it can be hair like Eve's when you put it on top of your head and a beard like Adam's when you put it under your chin! If you have green, you can roll yours into a snake, because that's who you will be in the story!*

*Could use brown and green construction paper. Use your creativity to roll up or cut out to use with acting out the story. You may even think up some hand or body movements to act out the story with if color paper isn't available.
3. READ the **Bible Story Sheet** aloud, and HELP kids act out their parts throughout. Afterwards, ASK:
 - *What happened when the devil tried to trick Eve with his lies?* (She believed him)
 - *What piece of God's armor can we put on to help us detect lies and know the truth?* (The belt of truth) *That's right! Knowing what God says is true in the Bible will help us detect lies. We have the power to do that when we wear the belt of truth!*

When you hear me say, “Eve,” I want you to put your tissue paper on your head like it’s Eve’s hair. (Kids put brown tissue paper on their head)

When you hear me say, “Adam,” I want you to put your tissue paper under your chin to make a beard like Adam may have had. (Kids put brown tissue paper under their chin)

And snake, whenever you hear me talk about you, you can hiss and make your tissue paper slither around. (Child with green tissue paper hisses and moves it around like a snake) *Are you ready? Here we go!*

When God created the world we live in, there was a man named Adam (kids put brown tissue paper under their chin) *and a woman named Eve* (kids put brown tissue paper on their head). *They lived in the Garden of Eden and they were friends with God. God gave them everything they needed. He told them that they could eat anything growing in the garden except fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. God warned the two that if they ate from that tree, they would die.*

The Bible tells us that Adam (kids put brown tissue paper under their chin) *and Eve* (kids put brown tissue paper on their head) *had a very real enemy who wanted to twist that truth God said into a major lie.*

The devil was their enemy, and one day he came to them as a sneaky snake (child with green tissue paper hisses and moves it around like a snake).

The snake (child with green tissue paper hisses and moves it around like a snake) *came to Eve* (kids put brown tissue paper on their head) *and asked her what God said about the fruit in the garden. She told the snake* (child with green tissue paper hisses and moves it around like a snake) *that if she and Adam* (kids put brown tissue paper under their chin) *ate fruit from that one tree, they would die. So let me hear everyone say, “If we eat it, we will die.”* (Kids say, “If we eat it, we will die.”)

But the snake (child with green tissue paper hisses and moves it around like a snake) *convinced Eve* (kids put brown tissue paper on their head) *that was a lie. Snake* (child with green tissue paper hisses and moves it around like a snake), *let me hear you hiss and say, “That’s a lie! You won’t die!”* (Snake hisses and says, “That’s a lie! You won’t die!”)

Sadly, Eve (kids put brown tissue paper on their head) *listened to the snake’s lie and got distracted from the truth. First, she ate some of the fruit, so let me see you all act like Eve* (kids put brown tissue paper on their head) *and take a bite.* (Everyone pretends to take a bite)

Then, she gave some of the fruit to Adam (kids put brown tissue paper under their chin), *and he ate some, too! So let me see you all pretend to take another bite.* (Everyone pretends to take a bite)

God punished Adam (kids put brown tissue paper under their chin) *and Eve* (kids put brown tissue paper on their head) *for what they had done wrong and sent them out of the beautiful garden. God punished the snake* (child with green tissue paper hisses and moves it around like a snake), *too. You can all put down your tissue paper now.*

When all of this happened, evil and death entered the world, and we’re still battling them today. But God has given us a piece of His armor that helps us detect lies and stand up against them. It’s called the belt of truth. We put on the belt of truth by remembering God’s words in the Bible!