

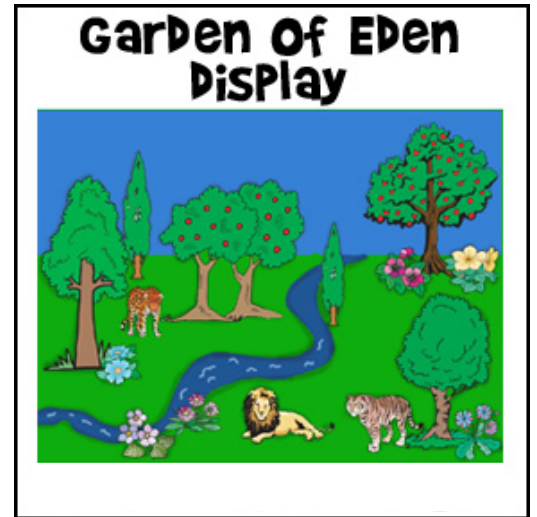
## Interactive Lesson about Adam and Eve and their Expulsion from the Garden of Eden

**Teacher's Notes:** Bring this lesson to life by using pictures and visuals while you tell the story. You may do so by:

- Using a felt board and pictures
- Printing and cutting out the pictures
- Drawing each picture on a whiteboard or chart paper as you are storytelling

**Preparation:** Before class prepare your visuals of the following:

- 3 Trees: 1 plain and 2 with fruit growing
- Adam & Eve
- Flowers
- Animals - lions, tigers, bears, and others
- Fruit to attach to trees
- River



You have probably heard of the story of how God created the world and the very first people. Adam and Eve were the very first people on earth. God planted a beautiful garden east of Eden for Adam and Eve to live in and take care of. God planted all kinds of beautiful trees in the garden that produced all kinds of fruit and nuts for them to eat. Adam and Eve had plenty to eat. They had all kinds of fruits, and nuts, and herbs to eat. All they had to do was to go out and pick them. They grew everywhere. Let's place some trees and flowers in the Garden of Eden. (Genesis 2:8-10)

*(Give some of your children the pictures of flowers, trees, fruits, Adam and Eve, and let them place them on your board where they would like. Or, if drawing the pictures, invite children to draw each of the pictures.)*

Adam and Eve had a very good life. The world was brand new and there was no sin, or death, or bad people in the world. They could play with all the animals, even the lions, and tigers, and bears and not be afraid. Wouldn't you love to play with lions, and tigers, and bears and not be afraid of them hurting you? (Genesis 9:2 -The fear of man fell upon every beast after the flood.)

*(Give some of your children the pictures of the lion, tiger, bear, and other animals and let them place/draw them on the board where they would like.)*

Adam kept very busy in the Garden of Eden. He was the very first gardener. Although it was hard work taking care of the plants, it was enjoyable work. Adam didn't have to worry about thorns and thistles because there weren't any. Don't you just hate it when you get a prickly thing in your hands when you're playing outside? Have you ever gotten a cactus needle or thorn in your hand or foot? It is no fun. Adam didn't have to worry about that.

Adam didn't have to worry about the plants getting enough water either because there was a river flowing through the garden.

*(Give a child the picture of the river and let him place/draw it on the board where he or she would like.)*

In the middle of the garden God placed two trees with the most delicious looking fruit growing on them. One tree was called the Tree of Life and the other was called The Tree of the Knowledge of

Good and Evil. The only problem with these trees was that Adam and Eve were not allowed to eat fruit from the trees. God warned them that if they ate the fruit from these trees, they would die. But you wouldn't think that would be a big problem. They had so many other trees from which they could eat the fruit.

*(Give two of your children the trees and let them place/draw them in the middle of the board. Label the trees "Tree of Life" and "Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil")*

Life was very good for Adam and Eve. And the best thing of all was that they could meet with God in the Garden and talk with him. Wouldn't it be great if you could meet with God and talk to him in a beautiful garden? (Genesis 3:8)

But because of one sin all that changed in a moment. One day a tricky snake appeared before Adam and Eve. He lied to Eve; he said that if she ate the fruit from the tree, she would be like God. Eve thought that would be great so she ate some and gave some to Adam, and he ate some.

*(Give a child the picture of the snake and let him place/draw it on the board near to Eve.)*

After they ate the fruit they felt really bad for what they had done. They had disobeyed God. Then they heard the sound of God as he was walking through the garden and they tried to hide from him. Of course, God knew where they were. God knew that they had disobeyed and ate the fruit and because of this they would have to be punished.

God told Eve that because she had done this, it would now be very painful for her and all women to have children. And God cursed the ground so that it would be very hard for Adam to grow food to eat. Plants began to produce thorns and thistles and the soil was rocky and not very good. God also told them that their bodies would begin to grow old and they would die because of their sins.

But God did provide a way that they could be forgiven of their sins. Their bodies would still die, but they would receive new bodies and live with God forever. God also provided a way for all men to be forgiven of their sins and live forever with him. He sent his only son to die for us. When we believe in Jesus and ask for forgiveness he wipes away all our sins so that when we die we can go to live with him in heaven forever. And some day there will be a new heaven and a new earth. There will be no pain, sickness, disease or thorns. Animals won't be afraid and humans won't be afraid. (Isaiah 11:6-9)

## **Prayer**

Father, thank you for providing us a way to be forgiven of our sins through Jesus Christ. We look forward to a day when there will be a new heaven and a new earth where there will be no sickness or death. And the animals and people won't be afraid of each other. Amen.