

THE WORLD GETS BROKEN

Scripture: Genesis 3

Materials Needed:

Visuals of creation/Adam and Eve
Apple/knife to cut it
Tea cup and saucer
Hammer and newspaper

Objectives: As a result of this lesson, I want my students

To Know—Although God created a perfect place for Adam and Eve because He loved them, they chose to believe Satan’s lie and break God’s law of love, which resulted in sin and death for the whole human race. Nevertheless, God promised to send someone who would one day come and crush Satan.

To Realize—The world we live in and the sin we deal with came as a result of Adam and Eve breaking God’s law of love. Nevertheless, God promised to take care of the problem and one day crush Satan.

To Respond by—acknowledging the hopeless condition we and our world are in, and rather than despairing, look to God for His provision that will take care of the problem and one day crush Satan.

Setting up the Story:

I want to describe a vacation place to you and afterwards I want you to tell me whether or not you would want to go there.

A place where you are right on the ocean. Beautiful beaches. Seagulls and other seabirds. Waves crashing and splashing against the rocks. Mountains in the distance. Behind you the beach gradually goes up into green hills with tons of beautiful flowers spread all over the grass. There are bushes and trees, and more birds. In the morning, the air is clear and you can see the sun rise over the mountains. At night the glorious sunset goes down over the water. And then the stars come out! There is no pollution and you can see the millions and millions of stars....so many it takes your breath away! When you get up in the mornings, you can walk as far as you want. You can hike into the mountains, or walk up into the hills, or stroll along the beach. And you can listen and hear all the wonderful sounds of nature.

How many of you would want to go there? Why/why not? (some might say they wouldn’t want to be there without their friends).

I have just described Genesis 1-2 for you. When God created the world, He created the perfect Vacation Spot! Look in Genesis 1.

Scripture
Gen. 1

Telling the story:

- I. God Creates a Beautiful Place for Adam and Eve
 - A. Six Days=Good!

Gen. 2

- B. Created Man
 - 1. male/ female
 - 2. very good!

- C. Rules:
 - 1. one tree, don't eat
 - 2. law of love

As you tell the story:

Storytell through each day of creation. Imagine together what it would be like if the world had only the things created on that day. "If that had been the only thing created, if there were only _____ on the earth, would God have been happy with it? Yes! When God finished the day, what did He say? "It is GOOD!" And then the next day, he created something else!

What is missing? Someone to share it with/someone to give this world to. **God gives!**
Bring out gift wrapped up.

It's in his nature, and he wants to give this beautiful world to someone who will love and enjoy it with Him! God doesn't just want pets! He wants People! (storytell creation of Adam and Eve)

God loves Adam and Eve. He gives them this beautiful, perfect vacation spot! But He wants them to love Him back! And in order for them to love Him, they must choose to love Him more than anything else.

Question: Can I make you love me? What if I said, "If you don't love me, I'm going to beat you up?" Would that make you love me? What if you suddenly started doing nice things for me and buying me things? Would that be because you love me? It would be because you were afraid—not because love was in your heart for me. In order to love someone, it must be your choice to love them.

<p>II. Adam and Eve believe Satan's Lie and Break Law of Love</p> <p>A. God states Consequences= you will die</p> <p>B. Satan's lie= you won't die!</p> <p>C. Eve and Adam choose to sin</p>	<p>There were consequences to breaking God's law of love! Ex: Small child with electrical outlet. "Don't touch; if you touch this you will get hurt." Is the mother being mean to her child when she says that? Is that the same as if I say, "If you don't love me, I'm going to beat you up?" No! The mother isn't forcing the child to love her; she is telling the child what it needs to know in order to be safe. God was telling Adam and Eve the consequences of breaking His law.</p> <p>Storytell Satan coming to Eve. Satan wasn't strong enough to hurt God, so he went after what God loved the most. What was that? The mountains? The trees? The oceans? What was different about Adam and Eve? They could love God. That was what Satan was going for!</p> <p>Storytell about Eve's choice/Adam's choice</p>
<p>III. Sin and Death for Whole Human Race</p> <p>A. Death=Separation</p> <p>B. Broken World</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pain 2. Tears 	<p>They didn't drop down dead. (example of flower disconnected from plant)</p> <p>Something happened to the beautiful world that God had made:</p> <p>Show beautiful tea cup; given as gift to enjoy. Wrap in newspaper and shatter with a hammer. Show broken pieces.</p> <p>"The world got broken because of what Adam and Eve had done. Now there was pain, and death, and crying."</p> <p>Brokenness=anything that doesn't work the way it was supposed to. If you have ever felt excluded,</p>

been talked about, had someone treat you rudely, experienced anger, lust, greed...you know you live in a broken world. But other things got broken: if you have ever had someone you love die, or seen a loved one suffer with cancer, or had someone in your family with an illness, or dealt with an addiction, or wanted to have children and couldn't, or miscarried a child, or have cried in deep pain, or had someone you deeply loved not love you in return...you know you live in a broken world.

Something else happened:

Example of apple with seed being changed.

What is sin? "Me" above "God"
"My way" above "God's way"

At this moment, what could God have done with the whole mess? Only one man, one woman. What would you do with a broken tea cup?

But I think I know why he doesn't just throw it away:

Who is in the mess? The brokenness? Someone he loves very much!

AND what does He want? People who will love Him and trust Him. If he gets rid of the world right now, who wins? Satan.

So God makes a promise to Adam and Eve in Genesis 3:15— someone will come who will crush Satan.

C. Sin

1. Me! (NO!)
2. Mine!

IV. God Promises Someone Would Come

A. Come from a Woman

1. Who had been deceived
2. Who was now on Satan's side
3. Would be human

B. Would Crush Satan

Concluding the Story:

I don't know you and what has happened to you in your lives, but I do know two things about each one of you:

1. You have been deeply hurt. Not by a dog or a cat. Not by a tree or the sun. But by another human being. It is probably by someone you wanted to love you. "We live in a broken mess." People have sin and death inside of them.
2. You have hurt someone else. Probably someone you wanted to love. The people closest to us are the ones we tend to hurt the most. "We are a broken mess." We have sin and death inside of us.

It feels hopeless, EXCEPT...what?

God has a plan that is bigger than the broken pieces.

What do you think the rest of this story, the rest of this book is going to be about?

Who is going to come? Who is going to crush Satan? Who is going to fix the mess?

There is hope. (close in prayer)