

Week 7: Choices Have Consequences

Genesis 3:11-19; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22; Romans 5:8

Objectives

Students will . . .

- Summarize the consequences of Adam and Eve’s sin.
- Explain God’s rescue plan.

Week at a Glance

To the Teacher: Pray for your students daily and prayerfully study the verses given above.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lesson	Consequences of Sin for Satan	Consequences of Sin for Adam and Eve	God’s Rescue Plan	Leaving the Garden – Cain & Abel	Show What You Know
Big Idea	Sin causes irreversible consequences. Punishment & Promise	Adam and Eve’s punishment and the curse.	God’s plan to break the curse.	What God did after the curse. Cain – the first murderer.	Review and administer this week’s quiz.
Preview Videos					
Materials	At least one tube of toothpaste, a hammer, nails, and a board				
Copies	Daily Bible Connection				Show What You Know Quiz

MONDAY: The Consequences of Sin for Satan

Genesis 3:11-15

Hook: Hands-On Activity

Materials: Tube of toothpaste (preferably one per student) or a board and hammer and nails

Note: It's up to you if you want to use one tube of toothpaste and have everyone in the class help participate in squeezing out the contents, or if you want to use multiple small tubes and have teams or individuals squeeze them out—but the goal is to squeeze all the toothpaste out of the tube and then have students try to put it back.

The point of the activity is to show students that there is no way to get the toothpaste back in. Even if you say you are sorry, it doesn't change the fact that the toothpaste is now out of the tube. Toothpaste staying out of the tube is a consequence of squeezing it all out of the tube.

If you prefer hammer and nails, you can have students hammer nails into a board. Then pull out the nail. The hole is a consequence of the nail having been pounded in.

Application: Once Adam and Eve chose to disobey God, they knew evil. They couldn't un-know it. They could choose the path of disobedience—but they did not get to choose where that path would take them. One reason we should trust God's wisdom and not try to live life by our own wisdom is because God knows the consequences of each path.

This week we will learn more about the consequences that came from Adam and Eve's choice to disobey. We will also learn about the consequences that come from God's choice to keep loving them.

Discovery Words

1. He is a **descendant** of the Queen of England.
descendant - someone who is related to a person or group of people who lived in the past
2. The judge pronounced **judgment** on the criminal by declaring he was guilty and sentencing him to jail.
judgment - a formal utterance of an authoritative opinion
3. There was a lot of **conflict** between the siblings.
conflict - a serious disagreement or argument
4. Air is one of the **invisible** things we deal with every day.
invisible - something that cannot be seen
5. My cat must think she has **autonomy**, she never comes when I call.
autonomy - desire to rule over yourself and reject any outside ruler

6. I knew refusing to obey was a **sin**.
sin - anything I say, think, or do that breaks God's commands.

7. It was a **temptation** to lie about cleaning my room so I could go outside.
temptation - a desire to do something, especially something wrong or unwise.

Connect to Prior Learning: Who was hiding?

Answer: Adam and Eve

Why were they hiding?

Answer: They had eaten the fruit and were ashamed.

Who came looking for them?

Answer: God

Reading Focus: Listen to the question God asked Adam.

Read Aloud: Genesis 3:11b

Question for Comprehension: What was the right answer to that question?

Answer: Yes.

Yes, Adam had eaten the fruit. Right then Adam could have confessed the wrong they had done. Remember the verses we read at the end yesterday? Instead of confessing—Adam blamed Eve and Eve blamed the snake.

God heard their excuses. Their excuses didn't change the facts. Adam and Eve chose to eat the fruit. With that choice came consequences. Actions always have consequences.

If someone gets multiple tickets for drunk driving, a judge in a court of law may take their driver's license away or put them in jail. That sentence is the consequence of the driver's action of driving drunk.

God is the ruler over the whole world that He created. When wrong is done—God is the judge who gives the consequences.

Reading Focus: What were the consequences for the serpent?

Read Aloud: Genesis 3:14

Question for Comprehension: Do snakes crawl on their bellies?

Answer: yes. It sounds like they were created to somehow walk off the ground, but now they do crawl (or slither) on their bellies. We don't know if snakes originally had legs to walk on, but the consequence of the Serpent's deception was that they would be humiliated—crawling in the dirt, and eating dust.

Reading Focus: Listen to what else God said to the serpent.

Read Aloud: Genesis 3:15

God isn't saying just that people will not like snakes and snakes will not like people. Remember, the serpent was Satan. Satan and humans are enemies. Satan hates humans and wants to destroy them.

Reading Focus: Listen again to the second part of the verse.

Here, the word *son* means descendent—someone who comes from Eve—a human child will be born who crushes the head of Satan.

Question for Comprehension: If you crush a snake's head, what happens to it?

Answer: It dies

God is calling Satan a snake that bites a person's heel. If a snake bites your heel—it does hurt, but there is a big difference between being a heel-biter and a head-crusher.

God is telling Satan that he will one day be destroyed by a great, great...grandson of Eve.

Do you know who that Human would be who would one day defeat Satan?

Answer: Jesus.

Memory Verse

Romans 3:23

TUESDAY: Consequences of Sin for Adam and Eve

Genesis 3:16-19

Discussion

Connect to Prior Learning: Yesterday we talked about how sin has consequences. Adam and Eve chose to disobey God, could they choose what consequences would come from that?

Answer: No.

What consequence did the snake receive?

Answer: He would crawl on his belly.

Eve had consequences as well. Even though Satan tricked her (and was judged for that), she was still responsible for her choice. She could have chosen to believe God, but she chose to go her own way and have what she wanted even though it was against God's command.

Reading Focus: What were the consequences for Eve?

Read Aloud: Genesis 3:16

When Eve would later have a baby, it would be an extremely painful process. Eve's desire would be to rule over her husband, but her husband would rule over her. Instead of unity and security in her marriage, she would have conflict.

There were consequences for Adam too. He could have helped Eve resist the serpent. He could have refused to go along with Eve. Instead, he stood passively by and then joined in eating what God had told them not to eat.

Reading Focus: What were Adam's consequences?

Read Aloud: Genesis 3:17

Question for Comprehension: What was cursed because of Adam's sin?

Answer: The ground.

What grows up from the ground?

Answer: crops, trees, plants

Reading Focus: Listen to the rest of the curse.

Read Aloud: Genesis 3:18-19

Question for Comprehension: Would Adam and Eve still be able to grow crops and eat what grew from the ground?

Answer: Yes.

What would grow in the garden with the plants?

Answer: thorns, painful weeds.

Would work be easy or hard?

Answer: hard

When do you sweat a lot?

Answer: when you are working hard

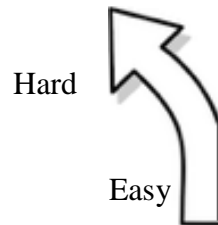
What would happen eventually to Adam's body?

Answer: He would die and return to dust.

Reading Focus: Do you remember what God told them would happen if they ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?

Read Aloud: Genesis 2:17

What God said would happen, is exactly what's going to happen. Adam and Eve chose to eat of a tree that would take them down the path to death.



Satan wanted humans on the path that leads to death. God is just and must punish sin. Death was the consequence for the choice Adam and Eve made.

Discussion: Did Adam and Eve Die?

Remember when God told Adam and Eve that they would die if they ate the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil in the garden? Did they die? Adam and Eve died in 2 ways.

1—**They died spiritually.** God is life. Being separated from God is being separated from spiritual life.

There is a physical world we can see and there is a spiritual world we cannot see. Even though we can't see Him, God is everywhere. Even though we don't see the spiritual death of Adam and Eve, it was real. They had separated themselves from God and they would FOREVER be separated from God (even after they died) unless God acted to rescue them.

2—**Their choice put them on the path that leads to death.** The only way off that path is through death. They were as good as dead. And they did die. God said their death was certain, not immediate.

Wrap Up

What we've talked about today is hard. Sin may feel like an easy choice, but the consequences are hard. Death is hard. There is nothing Adam and Eve could do after their sin but keep going on the path that leads to death. At this point the story seems hopeless. Adam and Eve's choice to sin did not surprise God. He has a rescue plan already in the works. **God still loves them! He never stopped loving them.** Tomorrow we will find out about God's rescue plan.

Memory Verse

Romans 3:23

Week 7: Teacher's Notes

WEDNESDAY: God's Rescue Plan

1 Corinthians 15:21-22

Discussion

Connect to Prior Learning: Yesterday we read about the consequences that came from disobeying. God, as ruler over all, is the judge. Many people do not like to think about God as judge. And yet, all of us wish for justice when someone has done wrong to us. We don't want to live in a world where wrong goes unpunished (especially if that wrong is against us or someone we love).

Judgement means to cut or make a line. Judgement has two sides like two sides of a coin.

One side is CONDEMNATION—like we read about this week.

The other side is SALVATION—which is what happens in God's rescue plan.

Reading Focus: Listen to these verses from God's Word.

Read Aloud: 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

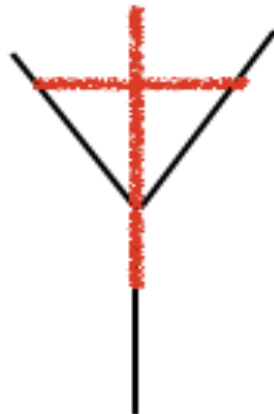
Question for Comprehension: Who has the power to make all alive?

Answer: Christ (which is another name for Jesus, who is God the Son).

Reading Focus: How did God show His love for humans?

Read Aloud: Romans 5:8

Remember how God said the descendent of the woman would crush the head of Satan so that He would be destroyed? That's all part of God's rescue plan. God will destroy the enemy Satan who wanted all humans to die.



Because Adam was the first human, his choice led all humans onto the path that leads to death.

Jesus Christ (who would be born a human descendent of Eve) would become the way off the path that leads to death. All humans who trusted in His death as the sacrifice for their sin could walk across from the path that leads to death to the path that leads to life. Jesus made a way to escape the death path



Hands-On Activity

Go for a walk outside. Look for all the things that are a result of sin coming into the world: weeds, dead animals, broken things.

Variation: If you don't want to take your class outside, assign them to take a picture or draw a picture of things they see on their way to or from school that show evidence of sin in the world.

Discussion

Other consequences of sin we read about yesterday are still on this earth as well—snakes that slither on their bellies, women having pain when they have babies, and humans dying.

How is it that the consequences of Adam's sin are still going on today? (answers will vary)

Adam, as the first human, was representative of all humans. When Adam was given consequences—all of the human race got the same consequences. That's really bad news and it may seem unfair when you think about it—but WAIT. Don't let yourself think that God is doing something wrong. He's not!

The fact that one person's sin could bring death to every other human is really important when it comes to God's rescue plan. Adam and Eve made a choice that put them on the death path. Their sin cut them off from God—even after they died.

However, God also made a choice. He sent His Son, Jesus, to live the perfect life Adam and Eve should have lived. Just like Adam and Eve's sin choice passed to all humans, Jesus' obedience choice gives life to all humans who believe Jesus died for their sins.

When Jesus was given a choice to disobey God—Jesus didn't fail like Adam and Eve did. Jesus was both God and human—which is why his death could pay the price for all sin. Jesus lived the life none of us could live. He died the death each of us should have died. Then Jesus defeated death and rose again. Now all who believe in Jesus can leave the death path and once again be right with God. See 2 Corinthians 5:21.

Wrap Up

God is the just judge. He is not influenced by fame or wealth. A just judge declares the guilty as guilty and gives them consequences. But God is also just when He declares those who believe in Jesus Christ as NOT guilty. Jesus died in our place and took the consequences for our sin on himself. We can only get back to the life path connected to God through Jesus Christ.

It is important to understand that in God's Story—First, God created us. Then, we chose to rebel against God and sin. Now—throughout all the rest of the Bible—we will learn about God's rescue plan of redemption.

Memory Verse

Romans 3:23

THURSDAY: Leaving the Garden-Cain & Abel

Genesis 3:21 – 4:16

Discussion

Connect to prior learning: We've learned about the consequences that came from Adam and Eve's choice to disobey God, and about God's rescue plan and forgiveness. But even when we are forgiven we must still face the consequences of our sin.

Read Aloud: Genesis 3:21

Question for Comprehension: What did God make clothes out of?

Answer: Animal skins.

Do you remember what Adam and Eve tried to clothe themselves with?

Answer: Fig leaves

What would make better clothing?

Answer: Animal skins. [show example of leather]

Leather is much better than leaves when you are in a world with thorns. God was, again, providing what His children would need.

To make clothing from the skin of an animal, what has to happen to the animal?

Answer: It has to die.

Adam and Eve had never seen a dead bird or animal—ever. There was no death before sin came into the world. An animal had to die for Adam and Eve to have the covering they needed. Their sin brought death to animals as well.

Reading Focus: Listen to the conversation God the Father, Son and Spirit had.

Read Aloud: Genesis 3:22

Remember how Satan told Eve she would be like God—knowing good and evil? He was right, but the trick was getting Eve to think that was going to be a good thing.

Living forever was a great idea when there was no sin, but once disease and pain was part of their life—living forever would have been more of a curse than a blessing.

Reading Focus: Listen to what God did to protect Adam and Eve from eating of the tree of life.

Read Aloud: Genesis 3:23-24

Question for Comprehension: Why did God send Adam and Eve out of the garden?

Answer: To protect them from eating the tree of life

Who did God leave to guard the entrance of the garden?

Answer: An angel

What did the angel use to keep people out?

Answer: a flaming sword

Remember, angels are not soft and fluffy. They are God's soldiers (warriors – Marines). You would not want to mess with an angel—especially one with a flaming sword.

While it was hard for Adam and Eve to leave the garden and start over, God still provided for them. He never ever stopped loving them.

Reading Focus: Listen to what happens when Adam and Eve begin their family.

[Read with caution based on the age you teach. For older students—Sex is God's idea and it is totally right inside Biblical marriage.]

Read Aloud: Genesis 4:1-2

Question for Comprehension: Who did Eve say helped her give birth?

Answer: The Lord

Even though Eve had the pain that came from having children (now that evil was in the world), she still knew it was God who helped her.

What were the names of the first two babies born on earth?

Answer: Cain and Abel.

[On one side of a white board write ABEL. Draw a few sheep and a crook stick like a shepherd uses. On the other side of the white board write CAIN. Draw a rake, shovel, and something growing.]

Reading Focus: Listen to find out what Cain and Abel did with what they produced.

Read Aloud: Genesis 4:3

Question for Comprehension: What did Cain give?

Answer: some things he had grown.

Reading Focus: Listen to what Abel brought.

Read Aloud: Genesis 4:4

Question for Comprehension: What did Abel give?

Answer: animals from his flock. First born.

There's a difference between the two gifts. Not only is one vegetable and one animal. Cain gathered a few things. We don't know for sure, but it sounds like he offered a few left overs. Abel, however, brought the first, the fattest. It seems like he was more excited to give back to God from the abundance God had given him.

Reading Focus: Listen to how God responded to their offerings.

Read Aloud: Genesis 4:5

Hebrews 11:4 gives us further clarification as to why God accepted Abel's offering.

Read Aloud: Hebrews 11:4

Question for Comprehension: Why is Abel praised as a godly man?

Answer: because of his faith

Reading Focus: Listen to what God said to Cain.

Read Aloud: Genesis 4:6-7

God was not pleased with Cain and his offering. He saw how this made Cain angry and asked him why. He explained to Cain that if he would do what was right, he would be accepted. God's desire was to accept Cain and his offering—but Cain had to offer the right offering in the right spirit (attitude). God was kind to explain this and kind to warn Cain about how sin was waiting to grab hold of him and control him.

Reading Focus: Listen to find out if Cain paid attention to God's warning.

Read Aloud: Genesis 4:8

Question for Comprehension: What did Cain do?

Answer: Killed his brother.

Reading Focus: Listen to find out what God did next.

Read Aloud: Genesis 4:9-10

God often asks questions to get people to think. God talks about Abel's blood crying out. Blood does not have the ability to yell. God means that Abel's blood soaking into the ground let God know that Cain has done something terribly wrong.

Reading Focus: Listen to find out what consequences Cain would have for his murder of Abel.

Read Aloud: Genesis 4:11-12

Cain would no longer be a farmer with a permanent home, but a wanderer.

Reading Focus: Listen to how Cain responded.

Read Aloud: Genesis 4:13-14

Question for Comprehension: What did Cain think about his punishment?

Answer: that it was more than he could take.

What did Cain think would happen to him?

Answer: He would be killed.

Reading Focus: Listen to how God responded.

Read Aloud: Genesis 4:15-16

We don't know how God marked Cain—but God protected him. Later God would give mankind rules saying that if someone murdered another human, the one doing the murder was to be put to death by the legal system. At this time—those laws had not been given and there was no legal system.

Wrap Up

The consequences of Adam and Eve's sin led to the first animal's death and then the death of their son Abel by the hand of their other son Cain. Any time we think our sin won't affect anyone else we are believing Satan's lie. Sin destroys us and destroys others. We desperately need Jesus to save us from our sins. There is nothing we can do to save ourselves.

Memory Verse

Romans 3:23

FRIDAY: Show What You Know (Key)

Multiple Choice: Choose the letter that best answers the question and write it in the blank.

- D 1. Why did Adam & Eve hide from God?
A. They knew they were naked
B. They had disobeyed
C. They were ashamed
D. All of the above
- B 2. What judgement or consequence did God put on the serpent?
A. It would die
B. It would crawl on its belly and eat dirt
C. It would be hunted by all other animals
D. It would live in the water
- A 3. What judgement or consequence did God put on Eve?
A. she would have pain in childbirth, long for her husband, be ruled by her husband
B. she would long for a husband, long for children, and long for grandchildren
C. she would be ruled by the snake and hate snakes forever
- D 4. What judgement or consequence did God put on Adam?
A. he would have to work hard to get food from the ground
B. he would have pain and sweat
C. he would die and his body turn to dust
D. all of the above
- B 5. What judgement or consequence did God put on Satan?
A. humans would be his enemies and he would never rule the animals
B. humans would be his enemies and a human would crush his head
C. he would never be able to talk again
- A 6. What was cursed because of Adam?
A. the ground
B. the animals
C. the ocean
D. all of the above
- A 7. Did Adam and Eve admit to God that they had done wrong?
A. No, they blamed each other
B. Yes, they admitted their wrong
- C 8. Who is the just judge?
A. those who are fair
B. someone who is righteous
C. God

- D 9. What is a just judge?
 A. declare the guilty as guilty
 B. give a consequence for doing wrong
 C. he is not influenced by fame or wealth
 D. all of the above
- B 10. What did Adam and Eve try to use as clothes?
 A. Animal skins B. Fig leaves
 C. Spider webs D. Mud
- A 11. What did God make clothes out of for Adam and Eve?
 A. Animal skins B. Fig leaves
 C. Spider webs D. Mud
- C 12. Who guarded the entrance of the garden?
 A. Lions
 B. A dragon with a sword
 C. An angel with a flaming sword
 D. all of the above
- C 13. Who or what was Cain angry with?
 A. Abel B. His parents
 C. thorns D. sweat
- B 14. Why did God send Adam and Eve out of the garden?
 A. He wanted someone else to live there
 B. To keep them from eating from the tree of life
 C. Adam and Eve didn't want to live there anymore

Short Answer: Write your answer to the question on the lines provided.

15. What was God's rescue plan? Jesus would come as a human to live on earth, he would give up his life so that all other humans would have a chance to escape the death path and have life

16-20. Romans 3:23 says "Everyone has sinned. No one measures up to God's glory ."