Preparation:

The creation story continues with God forming the man from the dust of the ground. But also, another beginning starts here in the garden. God’s plan of salvation to draw man back to Himself after their fall (Genesis 3:21 - The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them). The first animals sacrificed for man’s sin – A temporary sacrifice until the ultimate sacrifice would come, “The Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, the Son of God”. We too are like Adam and Eve. We fall prey to the Devil’s schemes every day. There is not a day that goes by that the Devil is not planning some way to separate us from the Lord our God! I guess the emphasis of this story is not to pick on Adam and Eve for their disobedience, but to learn from it. What are some ways we can help the children of our day shy away from the Evil One and be set apart for God? This lesson will try to help us do just that.

Teacher’s Devotion:

Waiting Patiently

Romans 8:18-25

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

How could a God love his creation so much that he would provide so many rich, wonderful, and mighty things and then allow human beings the opportunity to destroy the work of his hands through disobedience and sin? When humanity chose to do things their own way instead of God’s way, the impact was not only on people but also on all of creation. All of creation groaned when human beings chose to disobey. God made man and woman and gave them everything, including the choice to be faithful to him or not and the consequences of that choice. The choice they made was to follow their way instead of God’s way. We still make that choice. In response, it would have been easy for God to walk away and allow humanity to die with their choices. Instead, God gave humanity and, indeed, creation, an opportunity for redemption. God made us and offered us choices. Now God is saving us from the consequences of our wrong choices—the punishment of an eternity without him, his peace, and his love. When baby Jesus came to this earth, God emptied himself into the form of a baby destined to live and die for us. The Creator gave and gave and continues to give to us. As you teach the creation story, help boys and girls see that God loved us so much that he both created us and saved us. God did not stop at creation. He did not stop at Jesus’ birth, death, and resurrection. He continues to love us and save us today. We can depend on God.

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This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created. When the LORD God made the earth and the heavens-and no shrub of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no man to work the ground, but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground-the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground-trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters. The name of the first is the Pishon; it winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. (The gold of that land is good; aromatic resin and onyx are also there.) The name of the second river is the Gihon; it winds through the entire land of Cush. The name of the third river is the Tigris; it runs along the east side of Asshur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die." The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman, for she was taken out of man." For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

The Fall of Man
Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?” The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?” He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.” And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit
So the LORD God banished him from the Garden

from the tree, and I ate it." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you." To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return." Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.

The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. And the LORD God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever." So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

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Memory Verse

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.
Crafts

How To Make A Chain Of Slavery

1. Cut strips of paper this big

2. Write on each strip one of the sins that chain us up as slaves of sin.
3. Stick the first strip of paper into a loop.
4. Thread the next strip through the loop like this...
5. Tie yourself up in these chains of slavery, as you pray in Jesus Christ's name, break the chains.

You will need:
- pens or crayons
- scissors
- glue stick
- sheets of different colored paper

"UNJUMBLE THESE LETTERS TO FIND OUT WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO HAVE ETERNAL LIFE..."

"We're going in the S.O.S. trap file"

It's in John 3:36
Crafts

Color Code Craft

What you will need:
6 Beads (Black, red, white, blue, green, gold or yellow), and thin cord or rawhide lace that will fit through your beads, clear glue.

Step 1: Cut your cord. If you're making a necklace, start with three feet of cord. For a bookmark, bracelet, or key chain, use one foot of cord. Place the gold bead onto one end of the cord and place in the center.

Step 2: Put the cord ends together and pull them through the green bead.

Step 3: Put the red bead onto one side of the cord, and the blue bead onto the other side. Pull them tight.

Step 4: Put the cord ends together again and pull them through the black bead.

Step 5: Place a very small dot of clear drying glue onto the red and blue bead, at the center of the cross where they touch. Wedge your white bead between the red and blue bead so that the white bead’s holes touch the sides of the red and blue bead where the glue was placed. Pull the string tightly and tie a knot against the top of the black bead.

Step 6: Tie the ends of the cord. Wrap the cord ends around your finger, and loop it through the hole, pull tight. Share your ‘Colors of Christ Cross’ with a friend.

Leading A Friend To Christ Color Code:

Black = Sin - The black bead reminds us of our sin which separates us from God and dooms us to eternal darkness. Romans 3:23 “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Red = Christ’s blood - The red bead symbolizes Christ’s blood shed for you and me. Romans 5:8-9 “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us...we have been justified by his blood...”

White = Prayer of Repentance For Cleansing - The white bead represents the cleansing that occurs when a sinner repents and turns to God. Psalm 51:1-2 “Have mercy on me, Oh God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.” (Isaiah 1:18-19)

Blue = Water - Spirit Baptism - The blue bead represents baptism. Ephesians 4:5 “…one Lord, one faith, one baptism.” We are baptized with water to identify ourselves with Jesus. The Holy Spirit baptizes those who trust in Jesus and takes up residence in the believer’s heart. If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. Romans 8:9

Green = Christian Growth - The green bead represents growth in our faith. Colossians 1:10 “And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God…”

Gold = Eternal life - The gold bead represents eternal life with Jesus in Heaven. John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

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The Heart Of God

1 John 4:11
If God so loved us, we ought to love one another.
Game

See who can unscramble the hidden message the quickest!

according buried, for that third Christ was and to our Scriptures, died and ... that according the sins again that He rose Scriptures ... the He today the

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

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Something So Good!

Have you ever opened up a gift you received for your birthday or at Christmas time and were so overjoyed because you were hoping and telling your friends and family for a long time you wanted that particular toy? Well, God must have felt the same kind of overjoyment when day after day, He created, He stepped back – took a look and said, “it is good”.

Have you ever thought of God as having feelings like you and me? Well God does! We know that God “loves” (John 3:16), and He “sees” (Genesis 1:4, 10, 18, 31), God can even sympathies (feel our pain) with us because, Hebrews 4:15 says “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet was without sin.”

So, the next time we approach God in prayer or think about God, don’t think of God as someone who is far away in heaven. Because, the God we worship and serve is right here, right now, listening, caring, walking with us day after day because He loves us! So talk with Him and walk with Him, looking up to Him as your Father.