

Adventures with GOD!

GOD GIVES US A CHANCE TO GIVE (A.2.Spring.2)

Biblical Reference	Genesis 3
Key Verse	Matthew 25:34-36
Key Concept	God provides for me out of love.
Educational Objectives	At the end of class today, children will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Recognize that God provided for Adam and Eve in a time of need.2. Name the pieces of clothing they are wearing.3. Recite the Key Verse.

Life Application

When Adam and Eve realized they were naked, God provided clothing as cover for the cold and wind. Today God makes it possible for us to give just as God gives to us. Just as God provided for Adam and Eve to protect the body from the cold, heat, rain, and wind, we can give clothing to others.

Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
Opening Prayer	Candle	1 minute
Introduction	Cardboard	10 minutes
Activity	Bag of clothes	10 minutes
Bible story	Bible, Clothing, Circle, Markers	15 minutes
Craft	Crayons, Illustrations	15 minutes
Conclusion	Today's verse	5 minutes
Closing Prayer	Candle	1 minute

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INSTRUCTIONS

Opening Prayer

Gather children around a candle and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them, palms up, as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today. Light the candle.

Prayer: God we light this candle remembering: you made light, you made us, and you are with us now. Amen

(For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer.)

Introduction: In a corner of the room place a dark circle (draw and color black circle on cardboard or large piece of paper). When children arrive surely they will be curious and want to know what the black circle is for. Try not to give many hints about the story until everyone has arrived.

Note: The purpose of this lesson is not to dwell on the disobedience of Adam and Eve. Rather, the focus should be on the mercy of God in our time of need. Tell the story not to talk about their sin, but explain that in our time of need, God is present regardless of the situation. Today we will focus on how we can give as God gave to Adam and Eve.

Activity: Before class, fill a bag of adult clothing. Open the bag in front of children and ask each child to look for something to wear. When children are finished choosing the clothing, have them sit in a circle. Begin reading the Bible story.

Bible Story: Hold up the paper doll attached on page 6. Ask: what does the doll need? Give children time to respond with what they think the paper doll needs. Encourage children to demonstrate by holding up the clothes they picked from bag.

Open the Bible to Genesis and tell the story while drawing the sun, stars, flowers, trees, etc. in the circle. Finally, draw Adam and Eve in the circle. Ask: how was life in the garden God made for Adam and Eve? Discuss with children, how God provides Adam and Eve with food, shelter and clothing. Encourage participation on the things that Adam and Eve needed after disobeying God.

Explain to children that Adam and Eve learned how God always takes care of us. God, as a good parent, provided clothes when they had nothing to wear (while talking - show the doll). God provides for us and we can provide for others. Read Matthew 25:34-36. Ask: What are some things we can give to others?

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Craft: Have children color the illustrations on pages 4-6. Now would be a good time to serve healthy snacks and talk about all the things God provides for us.

Conclusion: Have children recite today's Key Verse. Enter into a time of prayer and teach them to thank God who gives to us so we can give to others.

Closing Prayer

Gather children around the candle and light the candle again.

Prayer: Thank you God for loving us, and for sending your son Jesus into the world.

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Illustration

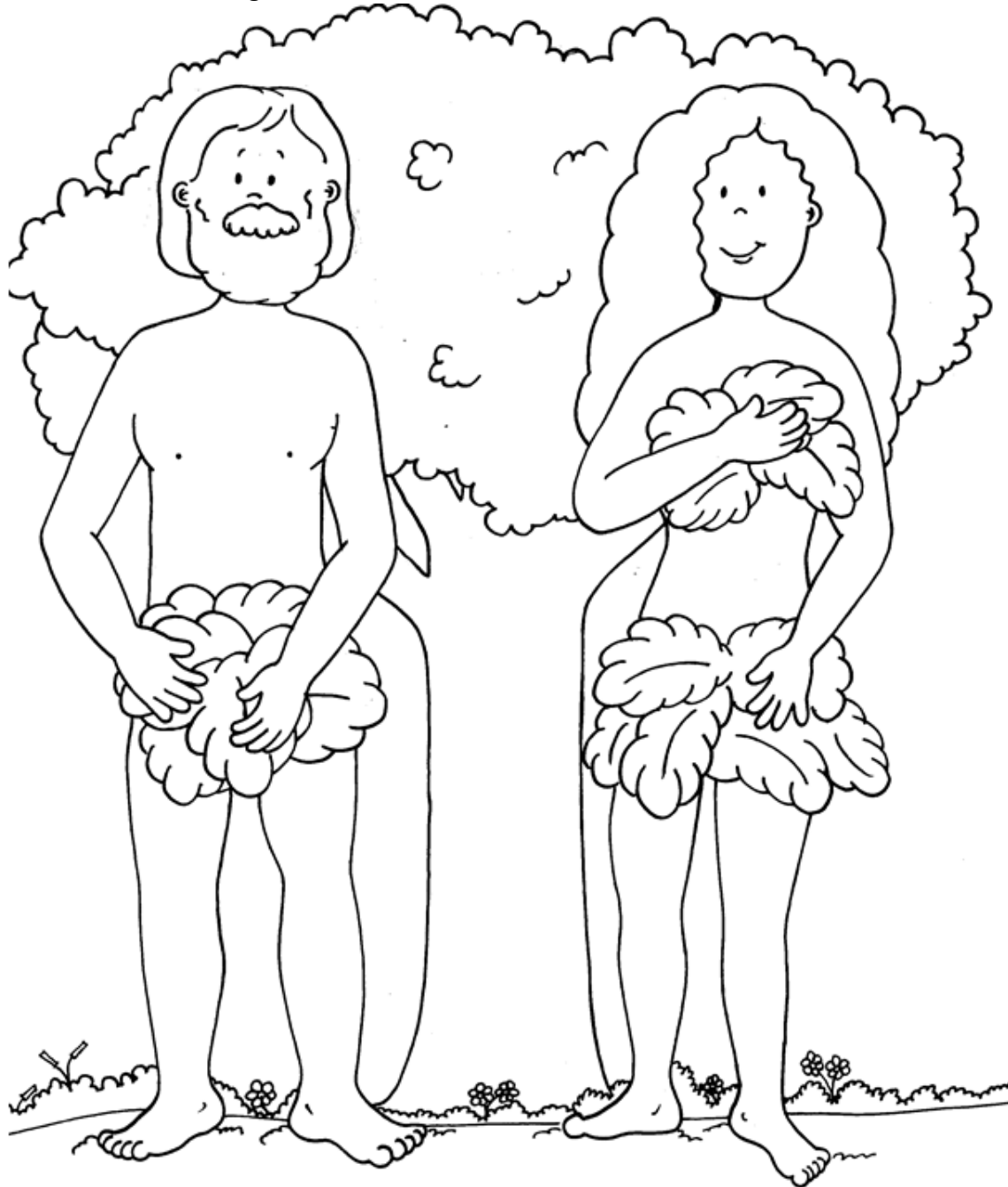
Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden



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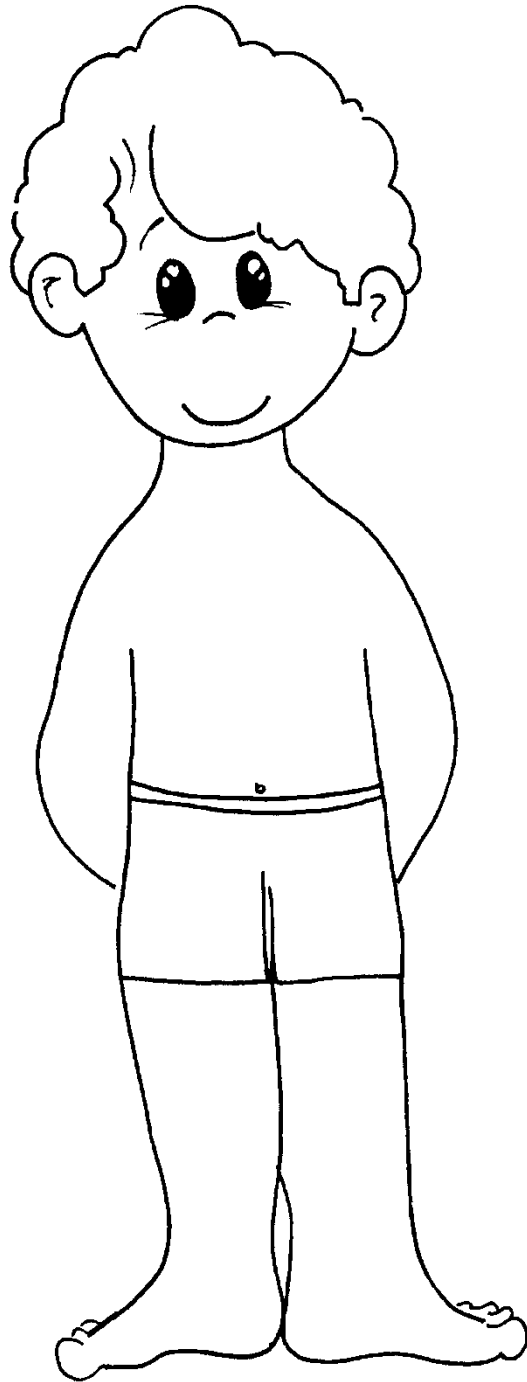
Illustration

Adam and Eve after eating the forbidden fruit



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Craft
Paper Doll



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Clothing for Paper Doll

