

**Bible Story for Big Question 6, Bible Truth 1** use with all THREE lessonsPlace  
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**The Case of the Terrible, Terrible Day***Genesis 2,3*

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**Story-telling Tips**

Ahead of time:

1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!
2. Choose story action cues and/or prepare storyboard figures, if using. (Included in Visual Aids book)
3. Practice telling story with the storyboard pictures, timing your presentation. Shorten, if necessary.

During your presentation:

1. Maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story.
2. Put up storyboard figures/add story action cues as you tell the story. Allow the children to help you put them on the board, if desired.
3. Include the children in your story with a few questions about what they think will happen or words/concepts that might be new to them.
4. Watch the kids for signs that their attention span has been reached. Shorten, if necessary.

**INTRODUCTION/ LISTENING ASSIGNMENTS**

**"Our story is called: The Case of the Terrible, Terrible Day. Here is your listening assignment."** Read from Detective Dan's Listening Assignment signs, but questions are summarized below:

**Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:**

I need to know:

1. What happened to Adam and Eve on the Terrible, Terrible Day?
2. What did God promise to do to help them (and all of us)?

**Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:****Our Bible Verse is Genesis 2:16; 3:6,7,17,19, NIV 1984**

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I need to know:

1. What were Adam and Eve tempted to do? What happened when they gave into temptation?
2. What did God promise to do to help them (and all of us)?

**Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:**I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story.

They are: a serpent; a tree; a spaceship; a Savior; a cookie; and a grave.

*Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.*

I need to know:

1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't?
2. Who needed to ask God to forgive their sins and save them?

**Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,**

"Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions."

*Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer.*

*Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.*

**The Case of the Terrible, Terrible Day***Genesis 2,3*

**Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)** Numbers correspond to storyboard pictures and placement upon the storyboard. Always feel free to use less pictures, if it's best for your kids. Simply black out the numbers next to pictures you do not plan to use. All pictures are found in the Visual Aids book. Put BG (background) pictures on storyboard ahead of time. SB pictures (listed below in story text) are added to board as you tell the story. These numbers are also found on the back of each picture.

*Tip: Stack pictures in numerical before telling story for easy use. Use sticky-back velcro to attach pictures to storyboard felt. Use sticky-tac putty to stick a picture on top of another picture.*

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**The LORD God made a special home for Adam and Eve, the people He had created. Was it a tepee? Was it a tent? Was it a big, brick mansion?**

*What do you think?*

**No, it was none of those kinds of homes. It was (SB1) a garden named the Garden of Eden. And while there are many things we don't know about that garden, the Bible tells us enough to know that there was no place like it on earth. It was very, very beautiful. It was filled with plants and trees of many kinds. And a river flowed through it and watered all of the beautiful plants and trees. And what made this special home best of all? It was (SB2) the Perfect Wonderfulness of love-- love for God and love for each other.**

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**All of the plants God made were lovely to look at, but the trees were covered with something that made them for more than just looking at. Can you guess what they were covered with?**

*Can you guess?*

**(SB3) They were covered with yummy fruit! Fat, ripe and juicy, lots of fruit hung from the tree branches. "Feel free to eat from any of these trees. I have put them here for you to enjoy and eat!" God told Adam and Eve.**

**And eat Adam and Eve did! They could walk along in the garden and pluck the fruit. Their mouths would be filled with delicious sweetness and juice would drip down their chins. Yum! Yum! Yum!**

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**But besides all these trees with fruit for eating, God (SB4) put two other trees in the garden, too.**

**These trees were not like the other trees. One was called the Tree of Life. Through it, God offered people life that went on and on and on. The other one was the Tree of Knowing Good and Evil.**

**God warned Adam and Eve about this second tree. "Do NOT eat from the Tree of Knowing Good and Evil," He told them. "(SB5) Live My good way and you will go on enjoying the Perfect Wonderfulness of life with Me and with each other in this beautiful world I've made. But if you turn away from My good ways and eat from this one tree, you will surely die," He promised them.**

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**Oh, no! Adam and Eve did NOT want to die! They did NOT want to lose the special closeness they had with God or the life He had given them with Him and each other in this beautiful, new world. No, they would NOT eat from that Tree. They would live within the good life God had given them. God loved them and He knew what was best for them!**

**So for a while, the Perfect Wonderfulness of God's beautiful, world remained. (SB6) Adam and Eve enjoyed eating from many trees in the Garden of Eden, and they stayed away from these two special trees God had put in the middle... especially that Tree of Knowing Good and Evil.**

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**But then one day, something terrible happened. (SB7) God's enemy, Satan, came. Satan (SB8) hated God and His good plan for the world. He decided to trick Adam and Eve into disobeying God. He wanted to break God's good plan. He wanted to hurt the people who God loved.**

*Story with lines separating paragraphs (text in bold, optional interaction cues in italics)*

Satan chose to use (SB9, SB10) the smart and tricky serpent to get right near Adam and Eve and talk them into eating from that one tree God told them not to eat. So the serpent went up to them, and Satan began to talk through him to Eve: "Did God say, 'You can't eat the fruit from ANY tree in the garden?' he asked her.

"We may eat the fruit of the trees in this Garden," Eve told him, "but God said, 'Don't eat from the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden. We shouldn't even touch it! Or we will die.'"

Now Satan lied to Eve. "You will not die. For God knows that when you eat that fruit you will start to know as much as He knows. He knows you will be like Him, knowing good and bad," he told her.

Eve listened to what Satan said. He made it seem like (SB11) God was keeping something good from them. She liked to think she might be like God. That sounded better than just being a human. Maybe living within God's good life wasn't really so good after all. Maybe God hadn't given them Perfect Wonderfulness. Maybe He was keeping it from them!

Eve was tempted to believe what Satan said and disobey God. Run away, Eve, run away! Don't give in!

But DID Eve run away? DID she turn to Adam or to God for help?

*What do you think she did?*

Eve did NOT run away. She did NOT turn to Adam or to God for help. Instead, she went up to that tree and looked carefully at the fruit on the tree. 'It looks so beautiful and so yummy!' she thought. 'And best of all, it will make me wise like God!'

(SB12) Eve reached out her arm and took some of the tree's fruit. She held it and then, she ate it. Then she held some out to Adam to eat. Run away, Adam! Don't eat it! What do you think Adam did?

*What do you think?*

Adam (SB13) did the same thing Eve had done. He took the fruit and ate it, too.

Satan's trick had worked! Adam and Eve had disobeyed God. Now their wonderful special closeness with God was broken. Now they would die!

Bad things happened to Adam and Eve right then and there. (SB14) They sewed tree leaves together to cover up their bare bodies. They wanted to hide from each other. They wanted to hide from God, too. When they heard Him coming to see them, (SB15) they hid among the trees. Could they keep God from seeing them?

*What do you think?*

No one can hide from God. He knows everything. He knew exactly what happened. "Where are you?" He asked Adam.

Adam answered God from his hiding place: "I heard you coming and hid from You. I was afraid for You to see me without clothes."

God asked Adam and Eve about what had happened. At last they confessed the sad truth. (SB16) The serpent had tricked them. And they had chosen to disobey God and eat the fruit. Sin had come into God's good world. Now many other sad and bad things would come, too.

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**God (SB17) gave out sad punishments to the serpent and to Adam and Eve. They had gone against His good ways. Sin had come into God's good world. Now they all faced the consequences.**

**"(SB18) Serpent, I am changing what you look like," God told him. "Now you will slither along the ground on your belly the rest of your life as the lowest of creatures. I want you to be ashamed of what you have done."**

**God told Eve the sad consequences of her sin, too: "Eve, having children will hurt now. You will have a hard time being happy obeying your husband."**

**Last of all, God gave Adam his consequences: "Adam, the ground won't be nice like in the Garden of Eden anymore. There will be weeds to ruin your crops. You will have to work really hard," God told him. "You will suffer sickness, you will grow old and your bodies will die. Worst of all, you and Eve can't have wonderful special closeness in the garden with Me like you used to. You won't get to eat from the Tree of Life. Now you will get sick and old and die."**

**What a terrible day that was! The punishments God gave them were really hard, but Adam and Eve knew they deserved them.**

**But then God told them something that was better than they deserved. (SB19) He made them a promise. He gave them HOPE. One day, He would send a Savior to be born. He would be one of their sons. He would put an end to Satan once and for all. Adam and Eve believed God's promise and trusted in Him.. They looked forward to the day when this son would come and crush their enemy.**

**God didn't tell Adam and Eve the name of this son of theirs who would crush Satan, but I bet you know His name.**

*Can you tell me His name?*

**It's Jesus! And at just the right time, many, many years later, (SB20) Jesus was born. And while He was a son of Adam and Eve, born by his mother, Mary. He was also GOD'S SON, too. (SB21) Jesus grew up to be a man and He taught about God and did amazing things. Like Adam and Eve, Satan came to tempt Him to disobey God; but UNLIKE them, (SB22) Jesus did NOT sin! Instead, He lived a perfect life, then He gave it up on the cross. (SB23) He suffered and died there as the perfect payment for the sins of all who trusts in Him as their Savior. He took the punishment they deserved for their sins. He took the punishment they deserved for their sins.**

**(SB24) Jesus was buried in a cave grave. Oh, no! The Savior was DEAD? Was He really any different from Adam and Eve?**

*What do you think?*

**Oh, yes He was! For on the third day, (SB25) Jesus rose up from the dead, never to die again. He had beaten sin and death for all who put their trust in Him!**

**Jesus (SB26) went up to heaven in victory. He would help God's people and carry out the rest of God's great plans from there until they are all completed.**

**And one day, (SB27) Jesus will come back again and put an end to Satan forever. Crushed, crushed, crushed, just as God had promised! God (SB28) will make a beautiful, new world (SB29) with no sin in it to live with His people forever. It will be even better than the world that Adam and Eve enjoyed, back in the beginning. And this time, (SB30) the Perfect Wonderfulness will last forever.**

**Cracking the Case:** (story wrap-up for Listening Assignments)

It's time to see how we did with our Listening Assignment.

**Detective Dan's Lesson 1 Listening Assignment:**

**1. What happened to Adam and Eve on the Terrible, Terrible Day?** They disobeyed God and lost the perfect life and fellowship with Him that He had given them.

**2. What did God promise to do to help them (and all of us)?** To send a Son to crush the enemy and save them.

**For You and Me:**

Adam and Eve did not know the name of the Savior God would send, but we do! It's Jesus! He came at just the right time to crush Satan and make the way for us all to be saved from our sins. He can be our Savior, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. Ask Him to help you! He loves to do this!

**Detective Dan's Lesson 2 Listening Assignment:**  
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**I need to find out:**

**1. What were Adam and Eve tempted to do? What happened when they gave into temptation?** They were tempted to disobey God and eat the fruit of the Tree of Knowing Good and Evil. They lost their perfect friendship and life with God when they disobeyed God. Sin and bad things came into God's good world.

**2. What did God promise to do to help them (and all of us)?** To send a Son to crush the enemy and save them.

**For You and Me**

Adam and Eve did not know the name of the Savior God would send, but we do! It's Jesus! He came at just the right time to crush Satan and make the way for us all to be saved from our sins. He can be our Savior, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. Ask Him to help you! He loves to do this!

**Detective Dan's Lesson 3 Listening Assignment:**

Our six clues were: a serpent; a tree; a spaceship; a Savior; a cookie; and a grave.

**1. Which four belong in our story?**

The serpent, tree, Savior and grave belong.

**2. Who needed to ask God to forgive their sins and save them?** Adam and Eve did.

**For You and Me:**

Adam and Eve were not the only people who chose to disobey God and His good ways. We all have! We need a Savior, just as much as they do. Jesus can be our Savior, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. Ask Him to help you! He loves to do this!

**The Gospel** (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)**Our Bible Truth is:**

**How Did Bad Things Come to God's Good World?**

**Bad Things Came through Sin...**

**When Adam and Eve Chose to Disobey God!**

What a terrible thing happened when Adam and Eve sinned! How sad and lonely they were when they lost that special closeness they had with God! But how kind God was to them in promising to send them Jesus to save them from their sins one day! Jesus came and took the punishment for the sins of all who would ever turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. They deserved His punishment, but through Jesus, God gave them a new heart to know and love Him. He gave them the promise of living perfectly happy with Him forever and ever in heaven after they died. If we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus, God will give this to us, too. Ask Him to help you! He loves to do this!

*Close in prayer.*

**Closing ACTS Prayer**

- A** We praise You, God, for being holy and just. You hate sin. You fairly punish us for how we disobey You and Your good rules.
- C** Adam and Eve chose to disobey Your good rules long ago. We have chosen to disobey You many times, too. We want to say sorry to You for choosing to disobey You and ask that You would forgive us.
- T** Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to save us when we should only get punishment for disobeying You. Thank You that You promise to take away Your punishment for sins for all who turn away from disobeying You and trust in Jesus as their own Savior.
- S** When we are tempted to sin, help us to choose to obey You. Please help us to want to stop disobeying You and trust in Jesus as our own Savior so that we can be saved from Your punishment for sins and get to love You and enjoy You forever.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

***Go to Lesson Plan, p.9 for the script to the rest of the lesson.***