Adam and Eve Make a Choice

Engage: Page 15

- Find pictures of plants and vegetables that grow in a garden. (daisies, carrots, corn, cucumbers, roses) Make number flash cards for 1 through 5, showing pictures of your plants.
- Read aloud the session title. Ask: Who were Adam and Eve? (the first people God created) Remind your child that Adam and Eve lived in a garden. Read aloud the poem. Invite your child to hold up their fingers to show the numbers they hear. Make up new verses that go with your flash cards and have your child display the flash cards as you say the new verses.
- Talk about how to take care of plants in a garden. (Water them, make sure they get enough sunlight, give them good soil and natural fertilizers.) Pray aloud the prayer together. Then pray Amen. Say: God always wants what is best for us.

Explore: Pages 16–17

- Ask: What are some important rules in our family? (Answers will vary.) Why are rules important? (Rules keep us safe. Rules bring order and peace.) Together make a list of your family rules.
- Read aloud the title and the sentences on page 16. Ask: What happens when rules are broken? (Someone could get hurt. We separate ourselves from the love of God.) Read aloud the directions and demonstrate how to draw a line from number 1 to number 2. Discuss each rule. When your child is finished, ask: Why are these good rules? (They follow God’s rules.)
- Read aloud the Did You Know? feature. Say: God’s rules help us love others and live in harmony.
- Read aloud the title and the sentences on page 17. Point out the term Original Sin. Help your child find the term in the Glossary. Discuss the definition. Ask: What are some of God’s rules? (Love one another, share, give to those in need.) Say: God is our Father. His rules give us a way to live. Read aloud the directions and have your child complete the activity.
- Read aloud the Reading God’s Word feature. Say: Everything good comes from God. God asks us to care for his beautiful world.
Art Exploration: Explore Art Print 3 Blackline Master

- Find in a magazine, in a book, or online a picture of Adam and Eve.
- **Ask:** What do you see in this picture? Encourage your child to describe the picture in detail, including the emotions on Adam's and Eve's faces and the setting.
- **Say:** This artwork shows Adam and Eve, the first people God created. They lived in a beautiful garden called the Garden of Eden.

- Display the Art Print 3 Blackline Master. Read aloud the introduction and discuss the question.
- Read aloud the section Adam and Eve. **Say:** Adam and Eve decided not to follow God's rules. Because they sinned, we are all born with sin. This is called Original Sin. Even though Adam and Eve sinned, God still loved them and cared for them just as he does for us.

- Read aloud the section Choosing God and have your child complete the activity. Talk about good choices that you can make every day.
- Ask your child to close his or her eyes and imagine that he or she is in the Garden of Eden. **Ask:** What do you see? What can you smell? What noises do you hear? Can you feel the sunshine on your face? Do you see Adam and Eve? What might you say to them? Encourage your child to have a silent conversation with God, thanking him for creating us, loving us, and forgiving us.

Reflect: Pages 18–19

- Together look at page 18. **Ask:** Where is the girl sitting? (under a tree) **Say:** Jesus is always with you wherever you are—indoors, outdoors, at home, at school, or at church.
- **Say:** Sometimes we pray to ask God to help us follow his rules. Let's get ready to pray. Pray aloud page 18. **Say:** Sometimes we make bad choices, but God still loves us. Give your child time to pray silently. Conclude with the Sign of the Cross.
- Read aloud the title and the text on page 19. **Say:** Sometimes we don't follow God's rules. We tell God we are sorry. We pray for God's forgiveness and help. God forgives us.

- Read each sentence in the activity. If it tells a way to stay close to God, give it a thumbs-up with your child and have him or her color in the heart. If not, give it a thumbs-down and leave the heart blank. **Say:** We are never alone. God is always with us.

Respond: Page 20

- Read aloud the Faith Summary. Have your child trace the term Original Sin. **Say:** We have learned about God's rules.
- Invite your child to pray silently as you pray aloud. **Say:** Thank you, God, for listening, loving, and helping me every day. Together pray the Sign of the Cross.
- Read aloud the words from the story in With My Family and have your child say the picture words. Use the Picture Glossary on pages 206–207 if needed. Invite your child to answer the question at the end of the story.