

GOOD NEWS!

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Bible Lesson:
Genesis 2:15-17, Genesis 3

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Have you ever disobeyed your parents? Do you think it is okay to tell a lie? Should a person take something from a store and not pay for it? When we do these things, we are going against God's Law. God has given us laws or rules to live by. We disobey God when we do what He says we should not do. We disobey God when we do not do what He says we should. People have been disobeying God almost from the very beginning of the world.

The first people in the world were Adam and Eve. Adam and



CATECHISM

Introduction to the
 Ten Commandments:

I am the LORD
 thy God.

Eve lived in the Garden of Eden. God gave them one rule to follow: "You shall not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." Satan came to them and tempted them. Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate from the tree. Because they sinned by disobeying God, they would be punished. But God also gave the promise of Jesus the Savior so that people could be forgiven.

Ever since Adam and Eve sinned, all humans have been born sinners. Because Adam and Eve sinned, we inherit their sin. We are all sinners. All of us sin daily and need God's forgiveness.

Jesus the Son of God loves us all so much that He died on the cross for us. Jesus took the blame for our sins. God punished Jesus instead of us. This plan of God to save us from our sins is the gospel. The word "gospel" means good news. Now we can be forgiven! When we are baptized, we receive the gift of forgiveness of sins. We can pray to God, thanking Him for His love. We can pray to God, telling Him we are sorry for our sins. We can pray to God, asking Him to forgive us. God will hear us and forgive us.



MEMORY VERSE

"I, even I, am the LORD,
and there is no savior
besides Me." Isaiah 43:11

ENRICHMENT MEMORY VERSE

Romans 3:23

Activity 1

ACTIVITY CENTER

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Draw a line matching each word with the correct phrase.

tempted

promise

blame

disobey

Gospel

instead

sin

forgiveness

punished

law

baptized

inherit

1. good news
2. become a child of God by water and the Word of God
3. act of forgiving, letting go of anger
4. receive from a parent or ancestor
5. led to sin
6. in place of, as a substitute
7. to find fault with someone
8. to not do what we are told to do
9. rule to live by
10. a pledge that something will happen
11. made to suffer or pay for doing wrong
12. disobey God

Using one or more words above and some of your own words, write a sentence telling what you learned in the Bible lesson.

Activity 2

GOD'S LAW AND GOSPEL

LAW

Something we
must do

GOSPEL

Good news of what
God has done

Write DL in front of the statements that show disobeying God's Law.
Write GN in front of the statements that are Good News or Gospel.

- _____ 1. I do not always do what I know I should do.
- _____ 2. I sometimes do what I know I should not do.
- _____ 3. Jesus loves me.
- _____ 4. I said things about my friend that were not true.
- _____ 5. Jesus died on the cross for us.
- _____ 6. Jesus took the blame for my sin.
- _____ 7. I do not always obey my parents.
- _____ 8. I took candy from a store, and I did not pay for it.
- _____ 9. God hears our prayers.
- _____ 10. When we are baptized, we receive God's gift of forgiveness of sins.
- _____ 11. Adam and Eve ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- _____ 12. God gave the promise that Jesus the Savior would come.