Lesson 3: People and sin

Yesterday we learned what God created on day 6. We learned that God created the man and woman in His image. Does anyone remember what it means when we say that people were created in the image of God? That’s right, we are not all powerful like God, and we don’t know everything like God, but we can love God, and we can love others. We can also design and create things like God. We can, like God, forgive others, and show compassion. We learned about the Garden of Eden and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Today we are going to learn about sin.

Read Genesis 3:6-7

Adam and Eve chose to eat the fruit that God told them not to eat. They rebelled against a holy righteous God. God is sovereign, which means he is in charge. He is the boss. He is the one who wrote the rule, don’t eat from the tree, and it is He who decided the punishment, you will surely die. Adam and Eve did not immediately die, but started to get older and would eventually die. Adam and Eve brought sin to all people. Everyone born after Adam and Eve was born into sin. Your Mom and Dad do not have to teach you to be bad; you know how to do that. Mom and Dad have to teach you to be good.

Read Romans 5:12

We also need to know what sin is. Can anyone tell me what sin is? Those are great examples of sin. Sin is anything we say, think and do that God would disapprove of. If God would say that something is wrong, that is a sin.

Role play: Pick one of the older kids and explain to the other kids that we are going to role play; which means we are going to pretend that a person did something when he did not. It helps teach the lesson.

Bring up one of the boys…This is Sam (use his real name). Sam was at his friends house and they were playing a board game in the friends bedroom. The friend left the room and Sam looked around and saw some money on his dresser. Do you know what Sam did? He stole that money. That money did not belong to Sam. But Sam took that money. Sam committed the sin of stealing.

Read Ephesians 4:28

This is Emma. Emma has a little brother who is in kindergarten. Emma’s Mom came home from work and had to make supper. Emma’s Mom asked her to help her little brother work on memorizing the alphabet for school. Emma called her little brother stupid and said there was no way he could memorize anything. Emma said mean hateful things to her sweet little brother. That is a sin.

Read Ephesians 4:29

This is Sam. Sam just got a brand new baseball glove for his birthday, and was very excited because he had a game next Saturday and he wanted to try it out. Well, his older brother had a game on Thursday, but couldn’t find his glove, so he borrowed Sam’s. The problem, the older brother left Sam’s brand new baseball glove at the baseball field. By the time he noticed his mistake and ran to the field, it was gone. Someone took it. Sam was very angry when he learned about his baseball glove, and promised he would never forgive him. Refusing to forgive is a sin.

Read Ephesians 4:32

This is Emma. There is a rule at Emma’s house, no playing or watching T.V. after supper until homework is done. Well Emma had homework, but she did not want to do it. After supper Emma went to turn on the T.V. and her Dad asked her if she had homework she needed to work on. Emma said no. She lied, and lying is a sin.

Read Proverbs 12:22

Yes we all have sinned. We all have done things that God said not to. We all have disappointed God.

Let’s ask a question. If God created everything, did He create evil? The answer is that evil cannot be created, but evil is rebellion against a holy God. God gave Adam and Eve a choice of obeying God or disobeying Him. God gave the same choice to angels.

Today we learned about how sin came to creation. We learned about how we all are born into sin because of the disobedience of Adam and Eve.

Tomorrow we are going to look at Jesus; who He is and what He did.