

In the Beginning: Lesson 3

SuperTruth: God has a plan to bring me back to Him.

SuperVerse: "And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your off spring and her off spring. He will strike your head and you will strike His heel." Genesis 3:15 (NLT)

Bible Story: Genesis 1–3

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

This story will teach us about God's plan through Jesus Christ to rescue us from sin.

- Play videos in order of appearance in the Video Player or Leader Guide.
- Chris, Joy and Gizmo go back in time to visit the Garden of Eden.
- Play the Signposts video which shows how Adam and Eve lived thousands of years before Jesus; yet, their lives connect to Him in some very important ways.
- Explain that we all have done things that are wrong, and these things separate us from God. He understands that we can't save ourselves from our own sins or change our own lives.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: Pass the Plan (15 minutes)

Objective: Explore God's plan to help us by passing a ball without using your hands.

- When we have Jesus in our hearts, we have a Helper—24/7. Jesus understands how hard it is to obey God's ways, so He gives us His Spirit to help us around the clock.
- When we fall short, we can go to Jesus who is faithful to forgive us! This promise is in 1 John 1:9.
- God made this wonderful plan long ago, and people have passed along this good news to each other from generation to generation!
- This fun game will help us understand that we must share God's plan to rescue us with others.

Game Instructions:

- Have the children move close together in a circle with their elbows up and their hands on their shoulders.
- Give the ball to a child, who must secure it between his or her elbows and pass it to the child on the left, who takes it with his or her elbows. Hands cannot touch the ball!
- Pass the ball around the circle without any drops and back around again until it returns to the first child. If it falls, the child must try to pick it up with his or her elbows.

Teaching: The Winner—Jesus! (15 minutes)

Objective: Discuss how Jesus won the battle over Satan.

- Read each Winner Sign and compare Jesus' temptations and victories over Satan with the different rounds of a boxing match.
- Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)
- Continue to be on the lookout for amazing things God created and thank Him for all of them.

SuperVerse: Superbook Signpost Language (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the Superverse with a group activity.

- Our SuperVerse is a prophecy that Jesus would be victorious over the devil.
- Children practice some motions to help remember the verse.

Prayer: Pocket Prayer (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- Children write down two people's names who need to know about God's plan through Jesus.
- Children carry the name slips of paper with them during the week as a reminder to pray for them.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

Relay Game: Play a game about bringing something back. | Grades 1–6 | 10 min

Index Card Game: Play a game about mistakes and outcomes. | Grades 1–6 | 10 min

Object Lesson: Demonstrate how God's plan brings us back to Him. | Grades 1–6 | 10 min

Object Lesson: Squeeze toothpaste; demonstrate and discuss how we can't come to God on our own. | Grades 1–6 | 10 min

Game Materials Needed:

- Pass a ball game
- Tennis balls or other small balls

Teaching Materials Needed:

- The Winner Signs
- A bell—any kind: cow bell, hand bell, or metal pot, lid, and spoon
- Bible or Superbook App

SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Poster board, chalkboard, or whiteboard
- Washable markers or chalk
- Bibles or Superbook Bible App

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Paper strips cut into 2" x 8.5" strips, two per child
- Pencils, one per child
- Bibles or Superbook Bible App