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Thank You, Jesus,
for Your mercy!

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Primary Level

What do you know about Easter?

Are there any special things your family does on Easter?

We celebrate Easter Sunday because Jesus rose from the dead over 2,000 years ago. But did you know that the story of Easter started a long time before Jesus rose from the dead?

Genesis 1 teaches us that God created everything with just His voice, and everything was perfectly good! On the sixth day of creation, God created the first man and woman, Adam and Eve. He gave them the entire garden to work in and enjoy, and then He set one boundary for them.

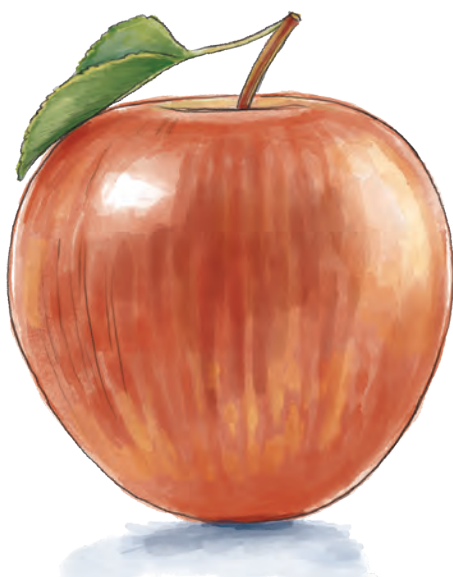
Read **Genesis 2:15-17**. What was God's one command to Adam and Eve?

It might seem like obeying one rule would be easy, but we see in Genesis 3:1-7 that Adam and Eve made the choice to disobey God. Satan, the enemy of God, lied to them, and they began to doubt God's goodness. So they took the fruit from the tree and ate it.

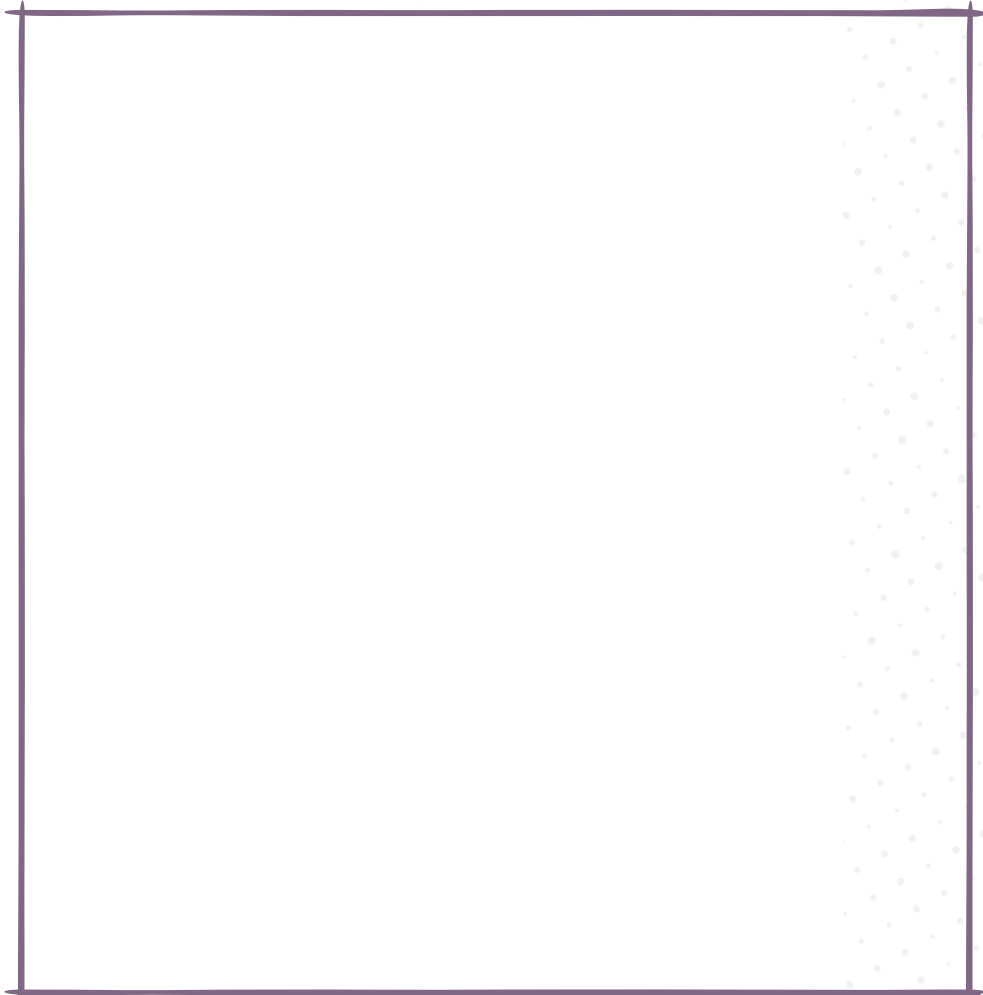
Adam and Eve's choice to disobey brought death into the whole world. All that had been perfect and good was damaged by sin (Genesis 3:14-19). But as soon as this consequence came, God lovingly gave Adam and Eve hope.

Read KEY VERSES **Genesis 3:14-15**. How did God give them hope?

God told them that the offspring, or descendant, of Eve would receive a wound from Satan. But finally, Eve's descendant would defeat the power of sin by crushing the serpent's head. This was God's promise of a Savior to forgive us and free us from sin! This promise is the most merciful and loving act in the history of the world.



Draw the Garden of Eden being perfect as God created it.



Now, draw thorns and thistles taking over the ground like God said would happen because sin brought hardship and death into the world. Remember, God promised to send a Savior to free us from sin and death!



God showed **mercy** to all people by promising to send a Savior.

Pray today and thank God for His merciful promise to send a Savior to save us from our sin. Ask God to help you learn more about His mercy in this study.

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Junior Level

Mercy in a Promise

When I was five years old, we were driving home from church on Easter Sunday. I noticed a man in his front yard carrying a wooden cross. My mom explained what the man's actions were representing. She reminded me about Jesus—how He came down to earth and died on the cross to pay for my sin. Then she explained that because of Jesus' death and resurrection, I could be freed from sin's penalty and made alive through Christ. That day, I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior.

What do you **know** about Easter?

Are there any **special** things your family does on Easter?

We celebrate Easter Sunday because Jesus rose from the dead over 2,000 years ago. But did you know that the story of Easter started a long time before Jesus' resurrection? In this study, we are going to learn more about Easter as we prepare to celebrate it this year. So let's jump in and start at the beginning—the very beginning.

Read **Genesis 1:1–31**. What do you notice about how God created things?

God created everything with just His voice, and everything was perfectly good! On the sixth day of creation, God created beings in His likeness and called them male and female. He graciously gave them the entire garden to work in and enjoy, and then He set one boundary.

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Because Adam and Eve chose to disobey, death came upon the whole world, just as God had warned them. Their sin brought a curse upon all that had been perfect and good (Genesis 3:14–19). This is known as the Fall. But immediately, as soon as this consequence came, God lovingly gave Adam and Eve hope.

Read ^{KEY VERSES} Genesis 3:4–15. How did God give them hope?

God told them that the offspring, or descendant, of Eve would suffer a wound from Satan. Ultimately, Eve’s descendant would deal the death blow to Satan and crush his head—defeating the power of sin. God’s merciful promise to send a Savior was not only for Adam and Eve, but also for the whole world! Since all who sin deserve death (Romans 6:23), God’s promise of a Savior to forgive and free us is the most merciful and loving act in the history of the world.

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Youth Level

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What do you *know* about Easter?

Are there any *special* things your family does on Easter?

We celebrate Easter Sunday because Jesus rose from the dead over 2,000 years ago. But the story of Easter didn't start with Jesus' resurrection—it started a long time before then. In this study, we are going to learn more about Easter as we prepare to celebrate it this year. So let's jump in and start at the beginning—the very beginning.

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It's easy to think that if we only had one command to obey, we could easily do it.

Read *Genesis 3:1 - 7*. What did Adam and Eve do?

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Parent Guide

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What do you *know* about Easter?

Are there any *special* things your family does on Easter?

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Adam and Eve made the choice to disobey God. It seems hard to imagine why they would do that. They lived in a perfect world created by a perfect God. Why would they sin?

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Part of the amazing mercy of God in sending a Savior is that God already knew Adam and Eve would sin. God knew His creation would face sin’s curse and desperately need a Savior to die in order to defeat that sin. He chose to create and love and show mercy—despite the pain it would cause Him to send His Son to die for us. Discuss this idea with your kids. Would they want to show kindness and mercy to someone they knew would hurt them?

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Scripture: Genesis 3:14–15
Key Truth: God showed mercy to all people by promising to send a Savior.

Discussion: What do you think Easter is all about? Why do we need to go back to the very beginning in order to understand the story of Easter?



Easter is a wonderful time of celebration!

We know we celebrate because Jesus rose from the dead, but sometimes our understanding of this miracle stops short. Often, we forget the depths of **mercy** and sacrifice behind our colorful, joyful festivities.

Without God's **promise** to broken sinners, the manger, and the cross, an empty tomb would hold no meaning for us! Join us on this journey as we study promises, **miracles**, and ministry to uncover the incredible mercy shown to us on the **CROSS**.

