

Second Grade Lesson Plan

Lesson 2 (Chapter 2); God's Promise

Materials needed:

- Cardstock sheep – 1 per child (in large tub)
- Crayons and/or markers (in Mouse House on shelf)
- Cotton balls and glue (optional-see craft instructions; in Mouse House on shelf)

Before class begins:

- ✓ Review the craft and have materials at hand.

Prayer:

Please pray the **Our Father and Act of Contrition** each week to help the children learn these fundamental prayers. Close your night with the **Hail Mary and Glory Be**.

What to Say and Do:

- **Tell me what you know about Adam and Eve!** (Let kids talk about the story.)
- **God created the first man and woman- Adam and Eve – and gave them a beautiful, wonderful garden called “Eden” as their home.**
- **God told Adam and Eve that they were free to eat from all the trees in this garden except one. It was called the “Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil”.**
- **God said if Adam and Eve ate the fruit of that tree, they would die.**
- **A serpent also lived in the garden. One day the serpent found Eve and told her a terrible lie. The serpent said, “ You will not die if you eat the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge! Go ahead! Try it! Doesn't it look delicious? Don't worry, you will not die!”**

- The fruit did really look delicious so Eve took a piece and then gave some to Adam and they ate it.
- Adam and Eve sinned against God. They did what they wanted to do and not what God wanted them to do. Adam and Eve chose themselves over God.
- This very first choice to sin has a name; it is called Original Sin and it affects all of us. Because our first parents (Adam and Eve) sinned, all of us carry the burden of Original Sin.
- We did not commit the first sin, but because of it, it is now much easier for us to disobey God.
- After this, Adam and Eve had to leave the Garden of Eden and live apart from God. Their lives were much harder and sin continued to grow in the world.
- Things are looking pretty bad. It seems like God has turned away from Adam and Eve and all their children and their children's children. How can God ever take sinners to live with Him in heaven? Nothing sinful can ever enter heaven.
- But God did not turn away from Adam and Eve. Instead, God promised to send a Savior who would wipe out Original Sin and allow God's people to live with Him again.
- Who was that Savior?
- Right! It was God's own Son, Jesus Christ.
- But wait, just one minute! Before we go on, I thought God told Adam and Eve that they would die if they ate the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge. Did they die? Was God just kidding?
- No, Adam and Eve's bodies did not die, but their souls did. They cut off their relationship and covenant with God when they sinned. That's why they needed a savior.
- Jesus wants us to know that He is the Savior. In fact, Jesus tells a story that shows us how He is like a shepherd and we are His flock.

- **Here is the story Jesus told: (remember we are the sheep and the real shepherd is Jesus!)**

One day, Jesus said, "If a man sneaks over the fence to get into a sheep pen, he probably is a thief. If he calls the sheep, they won't come because he's a stranger. His voice frightens them and they run away. But the real shepherd enters through the gate. And when he calls his sheep, he uses their names, and they know his voice.

"I am the good shepherd. I know each of My sheep by name, and My sheep know Me. And I am the gate. Those who come through Me will be saved. They will have everything they need.

"Sometimes a man is hired to watch over the sheep," continued Jesus. "But this man does not own these sheep and he does not really care about them. He just -works to get paid. If a wolf comes in the middle of the night, the man runs away! And the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters the flock. The man doesn't even care—because they're not his sheep.

"But I am the good shepherd," said. Jesus. "And I lay down My life for My sheep." "My Father loves Me, and I gladly lay down My life for My sheep. Even though He has told Me to do this, I do it because I want to. No man will take My life from Me. Instead, I give it freely.

"And after I lay down My life, My Father has given Me the power to take it back again."

- **What a great story! God sent us a good shepherd to watch over us and make it possible for our sins to be forgiven. God did not abandon Adam and Eve and He will not abandon us.**

Sheep craft

Give each child a cardstock sheep to decorate. Have them write their name on the top of the sheep's head (you may have to help them a little since this is a small space 😊. You may even want to do this ahead of time.) Kids can color the sheep or if you have extra time, decorate it by gluing cotton balls on the cardstock.

Closing Prayer – Hail Mary/Glory Be