



THE FALL

BIBLE PASSAGE **(GENESIS 3)**

Summary: God created a perfect world where people were in a perfect relationship with Him. A serpent tempted Eve. She and Adam ate fruit from the tree. They became separated from God. They were no longer perfect, and the world was broken by their sin. They hid from God in shame, but the Lord did not leave them without hope. He promised a Savior who would defeat the serpent and free all people from the power of sin.

Today's Brite Idea is: God is holy, but people sin.



MONTHLY Memory Verse

*For by Him all things
were created.*

(COLOSSIANS 1:16)



BIG QUESTION

Who made everything and rules
over everything? God!



God is holy.



We sin.



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forgives.

LEADER TRAINING: HELP THEM TO BELONG

Resilient preschool disciplinarians make sure every kid feels loved, known and part of God's family from the very first day.

- **Kids need to feel safe.** Preschoolers need to know their group is a place where they are protected and cared for. Set clear, simple rules and create a welcoming space where every kid can play, learn and grow without fear. Remember, caring for kids physically is Gospel work.
- **Kids need to feel seen.** Some preschoolers are chatty and full of energy; others are shy and quiet. Every kid needs to know you notice them. Greet each one at the door with a smile, look them in the eyes and say how happy you are they are there.
- **Kids need to feel special.** Use games, songs and simple "get-to-know-you" activities to connect personally with each kid. Ask about their favorite toys, colors or family, and remember what they share so they know you truly care.

NAVIGATING A BROKEN WORLD: DOES GOD PUNISH US?

In 2017, 50 percent of adult believers said they believe God has punished them in their lifetime.*

This unhealthy fear of God often begins in childhood and follows them into adulthood. As preschool leaders, we have the opportunity to help kids build a healthy, biblical view of God that leads to love and trust, not fear or shame. In today's lesson preschoolers will hear the story of Adam and Eve and the moment when sin entered the world.

While it's important for kids to understand sin has consequences, the most important truth they need to hear is God loves us so much that He sent Jesus to rescue us from sin. His desire isn't to make us face punishment, but He desires that we would all be free from sin. Help kids see how very much God loves them. The story of Adam and Eve is a sad one where the world was broken by sin, but God's grace, mercy and love for His people are clear.

PRESCHOOL GLOSSARY:

Knowledge: to know about something

Wise: understanding a situation and knowing what to do

*For more resources on this topic, check out: [britecurriculum.com/resources](https://www.britecurriculum.com/resources).

1 **BELONG**
Small Group (10 MINUTES)
GOAL: For kids to experience
God's love through a
welcoming community

**MY FAVORITE
FRUIT** **SUPPLIES:** Ball

2 **BIBLE
TEACHING**
Large Group (15 MINUTES)

**THE FALL
(GENESIS 3)**

SUPPLIES: Bible, Bible story cards

3 **BELIEVE**
Small Group (10 MINUTES)
GOAL: For kids to discover
who God is by engaging
with the Bible

**MISSING
THE MARK** **SUPPLIES:** Hula Hoop, 6
beanbags

4 **BECOME**
Small Group (10 MINUTES)
GOAL: For kids to learn to
follow Jesus by applying
faith to their lives

**GOD WILL
ALWAYS
LOVE YOU** **SUPPLIES:** Take-Home page,
coloring supplies, printable
page, pom-poms (5 per kid),
glue, pipe cleaner (1 per kid)



MY FAVORITE FRUIT

SUPPLIES:

Ball

PREP:

None

ACTIVITY INTRO:

Welcome everyone! My name is _____. *Greet each kid by name as you welcome them to your group.*

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Say:** I'm so happy you are all here today! We will roll this ball back and forth as we share about our favorite fruit to eat!
2. *Lead kids to sit in a circle.*
3. *Roll the ball to the first kid, and have them share their favorite fruit. Then have them roll it to the next kid.*
4. *Make sure everyone has had a chance to share their favorite fruit.*
5. *If time allows, have kids share their favorite thing God created.*
6. **Ask:** Did you ever do something you were told not to do?

**ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:**

I loved hearing all about the fruits you love to eat! In today's Bible story, Adam and Eve will be told not to eat fruit from one tree. Do you think they will listen to God or eat the fruit? Let's find out what happens.

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(GENESIS 3)

Use the Bible story cards to teach the Bible story or read the script to the kids.

Say: Adam and Eve were the very first people. *Hold up one finger!* They lived in a beautiful place called the garden of Eden. It was filled with all kinds of plants and trees. But there was one tree called the tree of **knowledge** of good and evil.

Say: God said, do not eat from this tree. *Shake your finger no.* God told Adam and Eve they could eat from all the other trees in the garden.

Say: Now there was a serpent who was tricky and sneaky. Shhhhh. The serpent said to Eve, "Did God really say you can't eat from these trees?" Is that what God said? No! Eve told the serpent that God said they could eat from all the trees but not from the tree of **knowledge** of good and evil.

Say: The serpent told Eve, "Nothing bad will happen. God just knows if you eat the fruit, you will be **wise** like Him, and God doesn't want that." Eve saw how good the fruit looked. Then she took the fruit, and...she ate it! She gave some to Adam, and he ate it too! Say "Oh no!"

Say: Right away, they felt bad for what they had done. They hid from God. As God walked through the garden, He called out to Adam. Adam told God he ate the fruit and blamed Eve. Eve said it was the serpent's fault. Now everything was different.

Say: Because of what Adam and Eve did, the perfect world God had created was broken. They would have to leave the garden. One day, God would send a Rescuer who would destroy the bad things and make God's world perfect again.



POINT TO JESUS

Say: God is perfect and holy. Adam and Eve sinned. Sin is anything we think, do or say that disobeys God. But God had a plan to send Jesus to die on the cross so we could be forgiven and be close to God.

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WRAP-UP:

? BIG QUESTION

Say: Now it's time to answer our Big Question. Can you all help me do a drumroll?
1, 2, 3.. drumroll!

Show the Big Question Teaching Image.

Say: Who made everything and rules over everything? God!



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VERSE VIDEO

*Play Memory Verse
Motion Video after the
verse is read.*

MEMORY VERSE MOTIONS:

Help kids recite and retain the memory verse by teaching it with motions. Before you teach the verse, be sure to explain what it means.

- For by Him (point up)
- all things (spread your arms out wide)
- were created. (cup hands and bring them together)
- Colossians 1:16 (open hands like a book)



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MISSING THE MARK

SUPPLIES:

Hula Hoop, 6 beanbags

PREP:

None

ACTIVITY INTRO:

The Bible teaches us true stories about God. Today we learned God is holy, but people sin. Adam and Eve made a choice and ate the fruit even when God had told them not to. Because of this, they sinned and the perfect world God had created was broken.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Say:** Sin is anything we think, do or say that disobeys God. And we all sin! Sin can be like missing the mark. We will all play a game trying to get the beanbags into the Hula Hoop and try our best not to miss. But when we do miss we can know that God still loves us.
2. *Lay the Hula Hoop on the ground.*
3. *Line kids up behind the Hula Hoop. Give the first kid their three beanbags to throw into the Hula Hoop. If they miss, share how God sent Jesus so we could be forgiven of our sins.*
4. *After each kid's turn, gather the beanbags and have the next kid take their turn.*
5. **Ask:** Who made everything and rules over everything?

**ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:**

God made everything and rules over everything! God is holy and set apart. God sent Jesus so we can be forgiven of our sins. When we sin and miss the mark, we can always go to God and know that He still loves us and will forgive us.



GOD WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU

SUPPLIES:

Take-Home page, coloring supplies, printable page, pom-poms (5 per kid), glue, pipe cleaner (1 per kid)

PREP:

Print the Take-Home page (1 per kid). Print the printable page on cardstock (1 per kid).

LEADER TIP: Help kids glue on the pom-poms and pipe cleaner to avoid any glue messes.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Say:** Adam and Eve ate the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. They sinned and disobeyed God. God had a plan to send Jesus so we could be forgiven of our sins. God will always love us and forgive us.
2. **Say:** We will make a craft to remember that even when we sin, God's love is greater than any bad thing we may do. We can always ask for forgiveness and know God will love us.
3. *Pass out a printable page and coloring supplies. Lead kids to color in their picture.*
4. *Then pass out 5 pom-poms per kid. Place glue dots onto their tree and help kids press their pom-poms onto the glue.*
5. *Then pass out a pipe cleaner and show kids how to twist it around their fingers so it makes a spiral for the snake.*
6. *Write the kid's name on their paper and set aside for parent pick up.*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What did Adam and Eve do wrong?
- What is sin?
- Who did God send so we could be forgiven of our sins?
- Who will always love you?

**PRAY TOGETHER:**

Dear God, You are holy. You sent Jesus so we could be forgiven of our sins. Help us to always come to You and remember You will always love us. Amen.

ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

Give each kid a Take-Home page. With remaining time, kids can play in centers or color the Take-Home page.

CENTERS:

Set up 3-4 centers around the room for kids to explore and learn as they play. While kids explore the centers, leaders can work with individuals or small groups to make the craft. Set up each center in a separate part of the room, making sure all kids are visible at all times. Show the whole group what is in each center and give simple instructions of what kids should do in each center.

- **Sensory Bin:** Fill a bin with large pom-poms, scoops and cups. Lead kids to sort the pom-poms by color and ask them what color they think the fruit was that Adam and Eve ate.
- **Creation Station:** Provide paper and coloring supplies. Encourage kids to draw a picture from today's Bible story.
- **Modeling Dough:** Provide modeling dough and lead kids to make a snake with it. Share how God promised to send Jesus, who would make all things new again.

BONUS SCRIPT:

Preschoolers learn best through repetition. Use the script below to review the story at any opportunity. You could review the story while kids play in centers, while they work on their craft, during snack time, or while waiting for parents.

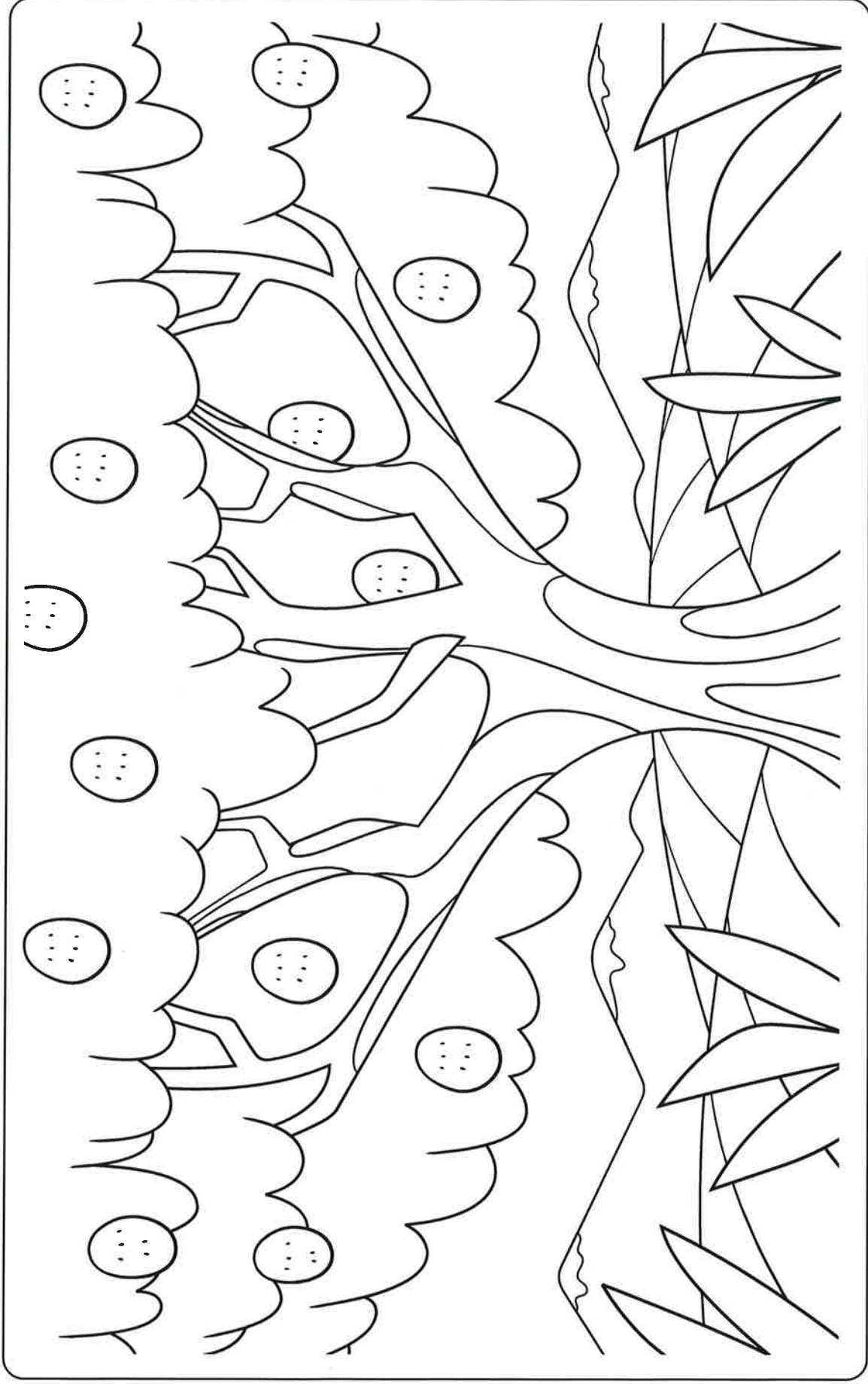
Say: God made a perfect garden called Eden and placed Adam and Eve there. He gave them one rule: not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. But they disobeyed God, and sin entered the world. God promised a Rescuer, Jesus, who would fix what sin had broken.

? BIG QUESTION

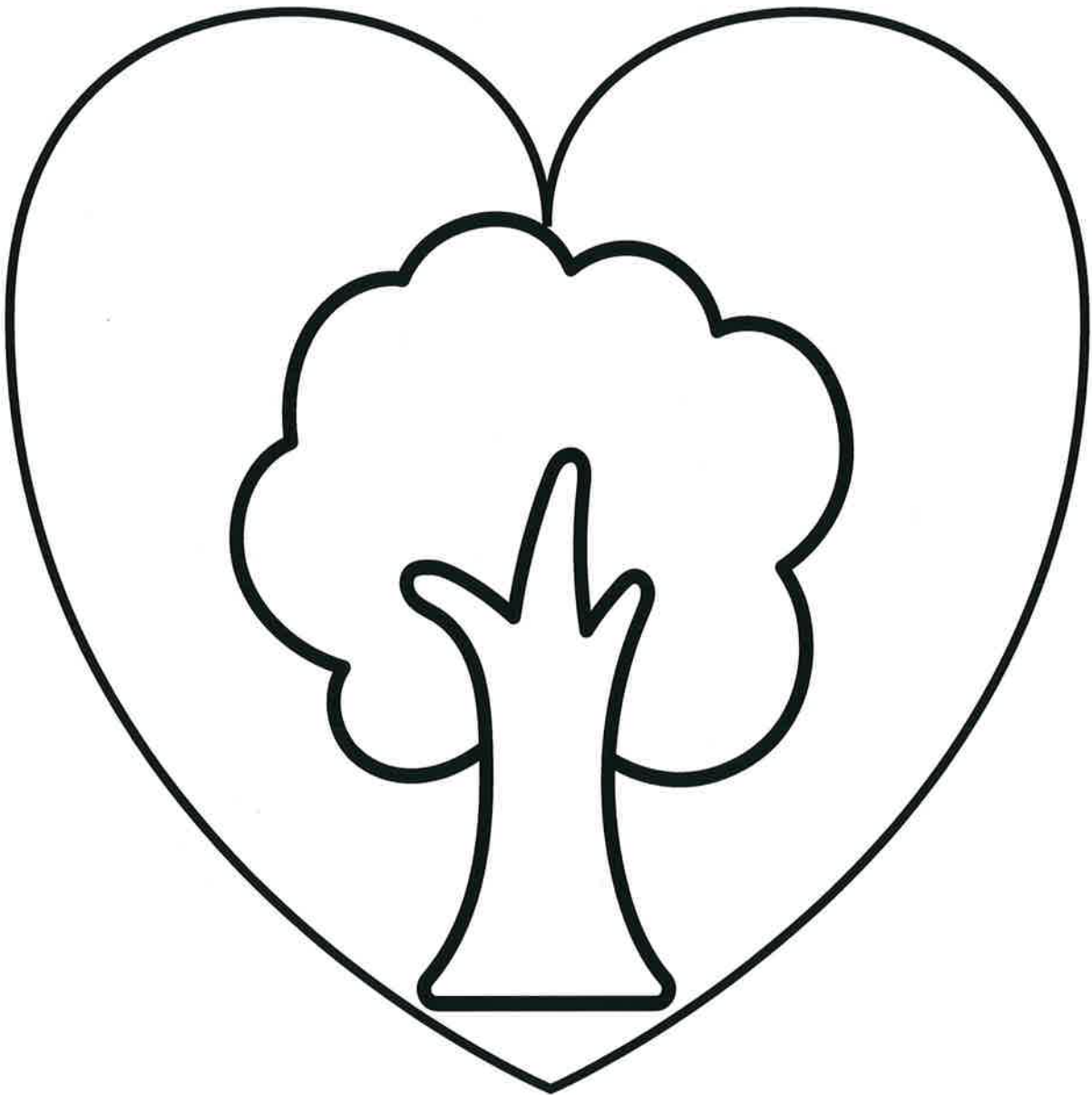
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**ADAM AND EVE DISOBEYED GOD AND ATE THE FRUIT FROM THE TREE
OF KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL. (GENESIS 3)**



GOD CAN FORGIVE MY SINS.

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BRITE Idea

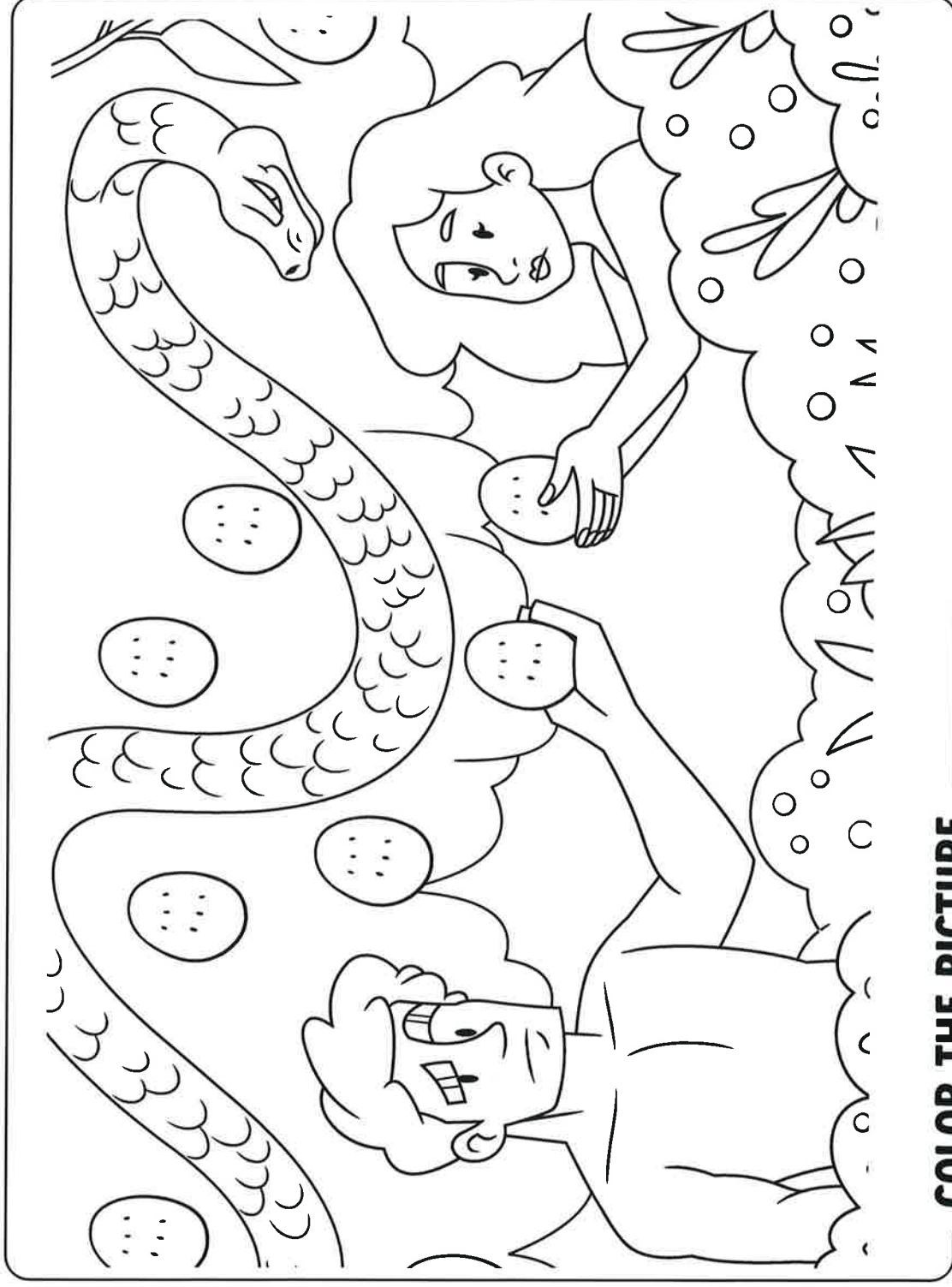
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SCAN ME!
FOR AT-HOME
DISCIPLESHIP DISCUSSION



COLOR THE PICTURE

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YOUNGER PRESCHOOL Take-Home Page

