



St. John Lutheran Church
Fall 2020 Sunday School
Third/Fourth Grade
Week 3 (October 4)

God doesn't want us to sin Genesis 3

Key Verse: Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Activity 1: Bridging the Gap

- Fold the blank sheet of paper in half. On one half draw Adam and Eve. On the other half draw a heart to represent God's love for us.
- Dip your finger in a cup of water and then run your finger along the fold in the paper. Repeat this process until the fold is completely damp.
- Rip the page apart. Sin (the water) separates us from God just like it separated Adam and Eve from God.
- Cut out the cross and "reconnect" the two pages by gluing each picture to one of the arms of the cross. Remember that Jesus is the bridge that connects us with God.

INTERVIEW TIME!!

Ask your family members the following questions and write down their responses.

- What was the first sin?
- What are other examples of sin?
- What should we do when we sin?
- Will God forgive you when you ask him?

Please share your Bridging the Gap project and your Interview Responses
with your St. John family and friends
by emailing a photo to stjohn@ruraltel.net

Activity 2: Close Makes it Easy

- Grab a laundry basket and a bean bag or sock filled with rice.
- Place the basket in the middle of the room, and take six giant steps away from the basket.
- Try to toss the bean bag into the basket TEN times. You may miss the mark sometimes, just like no matter how hard you try you sin sometimes.
- Take two giant steps closer to the basket.
- Try to toss the bean bag into the basket TEN times. Do you have more success hitting the target?
- Take two more giant steps closer to the basket.
- Try to toss the bean bag into the basket TEN times. Did you make it every single time?

REMEMBER: The closer we are to God, the easier it is to resist sin and temptation. We can never be perfect and "hit the target" every time, but because Jesus is perfect and died for our sins, we can be forgiven.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Closing Prayer

Dear God, we thank you for helping us resist sin and temptation.

We know we can't be perfect all the time, so we are grateful
you gave your only Son so that we may all be forgiven.

In Jesus' name, amen.