

## LARGE GROUP LESSON

### **BOTTOM LINE:**

God made the world, and man brought sin into it.

### **OBJECTIVE:**

Kids will learn the story of Creation and the Fall.

### **KEY PASSAGE:**

Genesis 1:1-2, 1:26-30 and 3:1-7

### **INTRO:**

One popular topic you'll find in many trivia games is Famous Firsts. It's always interesting to find out who the first person was to do something amazing. For example, the Wright brothers were the first men to build a working airplane. Charles Lindbergh was the first man to fly across the Atlantic Ocean. Chuck Yeager was the first man to break the sound barrier. Yuri Gagarin was the first man in space, and Neil Armstrong was the first man to walk on the moon.

You can find firsts in just about any category. Thomas Edison was the first man to make a horror movie. Wings was the first film to win the Academy Award for Best Picture. Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs was the first full-length animated movie. And the first Star Wars movie came out in what year? (See if a kid can answer... it was 1977.)

The Bible has some pretty exciting firsts of its own. Abraham was chosen to be the first father of his people Israel. Saul was the first king of Israel. Mary Magdalene was the first follower to see Jesus after he was raised from the dead.

But before we get to any of these stories, we're going to start with the first book of the Bible, Genesis. The first three chapters of Genesis are full of famous firsts. These famous firsts tell the story of how the world began, how people became a part of it, and how everything went terribly wrong.

**READ GENESIS 1:1-2, 1:26-30 and 3:1-7**

### **MAIN POINT:**

The Bible begins with the first week, when God created the Earth.

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Our all-powerful and amazing God made the heavens and the Earth; the land, sea, and air; the plants on the ground; the birds in the sky; the fish in the sea; and the animals that live on land.

Then God made another first - the first human. Adam was the very first person on Earth, made in the image of God. When God saw Adam was lonely, he made one more first - the first woman. God saw everything and said that it was good.

But that's not the last first we read today. The man and woman God created were given the first rule - do not eat from the Forbidden Tree. When they broke the first rule, they committed the first sin, separating themselves and all of us from God.

## **DRIVE IT HOME:**

The first story of the Bible doesn't have a happy ending. It ends with the first man and the first woman being kicked out of their first home, the Garden of Eden. They are no longer able to live side by side with their Creator because of their sin. They are sent out into a world now filled with sin, sickness, and death.

The good news is this is not the only story in the Bible. It's the first story. The first of many. Even as Adam and Eve walked out of the Garden, God was making a plan to be reunited with his loved ones. God would one day send a Savior to pay the price for their sins and the sins of the whole world.

God knows there is nothing we can do to save ourselves from sin. God sent Jesus to die for our sins so he could give us new life. God wants to give us a new first. He wants to give us a relationship with Jesus so we can know him personally and live forever in paradise.

The firsts of the Bible are just the beginning of a much larger story. God created the world. He created the first people. The first people committed the first sin. But God did not end the story there. He loved us enough to want to give us a new first, a fresh start as believers in Christ. The firsts of the Bible tell us who we are and how we got here, and they show us how much we have to be thankful for because God loves us.

## **CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:**

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for creating us and loving us.*

*In Jesus' name,*

*Amen*