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LEADER’S INFO
Satan has been around since the beginning of the world. His desire has been to cause man to turn against God and do his own thing.

All of this began in the Garden of Eden. Eve made a huge mistake, but it wasn’t just an isolated incident. There were several mistakes she made that added up to the ultimate mistake of the original sin.

As we learn from the story of how Satan took the form of a snake to deceive Eve (and Adam) we will see the progression she went through and the steps she could have avoided.

We are all tempted, but we don’t have to give into that temptation. The only way we can handle the pressure is to recognize that sin is rarely an isolated act, but rather a series of events that lead up to the ultimate act of giving into temptation.
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**“The Spark” Intro Video**
Emilie visits a snake

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Skittles teaches “Watt’s Up?”

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**Offering Time**

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“Animal Trivia”

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**Lesson 1 Materials Needed:**

**“The Spark” Intro Video**
- “Animal Tales” Video

**“Watt’s Up?” Teaching Video**
- “Watt’s Up?” Teaching Video
- “Watt’s Up?” Trigger Video

**Character Skit**
- “The Actor” Theme Graphic/Music
- Large goatee
- Moustache
- Sunglasses

**Offering Time**
- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

**Game On!**
- “Game On!” Bumper Video
- “Animal Trivia” Game (in PowerPoint Presentation)

**Bible Story**
- “The Snake In The Garden” Graphics (in PowerPoint Presentation)
- Bible

**Power Verse Video**
- “Power Verse” Video

**Call To Action**
- “Ssssstay Away From Sssssin” Graphics (in PowerPoint Presentation)
- Smart phone
- Pair of sneakers

**Brain Drain**
- PowerPoint Review Game (in PowerPoint Presentation)

**Small Group Experience**
- Sin Snake Print Piece (in Small Group)
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons
- Stay Away Print Piece (in Small Group)
- Bean bags
- Pen or pencil
- Way Out Print Piece (in Small Group)
ACTOR: (has a large goatee, moustache, and sunglasses, waving and bowing to the kids) Yes! Thank you, thank you! Oh, you’re too kind. Please, hold your applause!

Leader: I’m not really sure what’s going on here. Who are you?

ACTOR: (laughs) You’re hilarious! You MUST know you’re talking to the GREATEST animal actor of ALL TIME!

Leader: Animal actor? You’re an actor…that plays…animals? That’s actually a thing?

ACTOR: YES! Animal Actors are a proud tradition in Hollywood! I’ve been doing it for YEARS! I’ve played EVERY animal you could think of! Remember that really SCARY movie with the giant shark? (sings a bit of the “Jaws” theme)

Leader: Hold up - YOU played that shark?

ACTOR: Actually, no. It was really 32 guinea pigs stuffed into a shark costume. BUT, it was ALMOST me! And I’m preparing for my GREATEST ROLE YET! The SNAKE! Excuse me, while I get into character (lays down on his stomach and tries to slither around)

Leader: Do you need help?

ACTOR: No! I must do this on my own! I must BECOME THE SNAKE! (“slithers” standing back up then wraps arms around the leader)

Leader: What are you doing now?

ACTOR: I will use my powerful SNAKE muscles to crush you, then unhinge my jaw to eat lunch.

Leader: You are NOT going to eat me!

ACTOR: (laughs) Don’t be silly! I’m just going to eat half of you.

Leader: LET GO OF ME RIGHT NOW!

ACTOR: (let’s go) ACTING! Thank you! (takes a bow)

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Leader: Please, just stop. We’ve got a LOT to talk about in today’s lesson!

ACTOR: You’re talking about SNAKES, right? I figured I’d be the perfect person to talk to!

Leader: We’re not talking about ACTUAL snakes. We’re talking about the SNAKE in the Bible. You know - the devil? The one that tempted Eve in the Garden of Eden?

ACTOR: (gasps) That lying FIEND?! I wouldn’t DARE act like THAT snake! (very dramatic) DON’T LISTEN TO HIS LIES! FOLLOW GOD’S PLAN! (nudges the leader) How was that?

Leader: That’s actually part of the lesson we’re learning - we can’t listen to the devil’s lies! We need to follow God’s plan!

ACTOR: ACTING! THANK YOU! (takes a bow) It’s too bad that snakes don’t have any legs.

Leader: Why’s that?

ACTOR: Because aren’t you supposed to RUN from temptation? (feverishly runs in place)

Leader: (sighs) Yes, yes you are.

ACTOR: ACTING! THANK YOU! (takes a bow) I do my own stunts. Well, almost all of them. Don’t wanna mess up what I call “the paycheck”. (points at his own face and grins)

Leader: As fascinating as this conversation has been, we really need to move along with the rest of today’s lesson - this whole CROWD of kids is ready to learn all about -

ACTOR: WAIT!!! All about how to handle TEMPTATION!

Leader: And that’s what I was about to say.

ACTOR: ACTING! THANK YOU! (takes a bow) Well, I must go back to my trailer and get into this role of “The Snake” that I am going to be playing. I need to go over my lines. They’re VERY demanding. (clears his throat) HISSSSSSSSSS (coughs) No, no, let me try that again. (blows a raspberry) No, no, maybe with an accent? (moos like a cow) THERE WE GO! I’ll see you later, everyone! EXIT! STAGE LEFT! (drops to the floor and tries to slither offstage, mooing as his theme music plays)
GAME ON!
“Animal Trivia”

Items Needed For Game:

Data disc

Preparation:
Open the PowerPoint Presentation for Lesson One. Begin with the slide titled “Animal Trivia.” Choose three boys and girls to play in this quiz game.

How To Play:
The contestants will take turns answering these hilarious questions about animals. There are ten questions total. The team that answers the most questions correctly wins!
Materials Needed:
The Data Disc; the PowerPoint presentation for Lesson 1; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (as shown)

Preparation:
Familiarize yourself with the story in Genesis 3; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

The Story:
Today’s Bible Story is one of the most famous Bible stories ever. It is, in fact, the first story in the Bible where an animal is center stage. This story takes place at the very beginning of time. There was no earth, no moon, no sun. Everything was dark and empty. Then, God spoke and created the Heavens and the Earth. He created animals, plants, and finally - human beings. The first man was named Adam, and the first woman was named Eve.

Adam and Eve had a wonderful life. They had everything they needed. God gave them only ONE rule. He said, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.” Well, that’s pretty easy. Just one rule. All Adam and Eve needed to do was obey God, and He promised to provide for them and protect them.

(show pic) One day, while Adam and Eve were walking in the garden, Satan took on the form of a snake and came up to them. Satan asked Eve, “Did God say you can’t eat ANY fruit in the garden?” Eve answered, “We can eat any fruit EXCEPT this tree!” Satan responded, “God just doesn’t want you to be as smart as He is.”

Eve made a terrible mistake. She listened to Satan’s lies and fell for them. She decided to ignore God’s commands and do things the way SHE wanted. (show pic) Eve took some of the fruit and ate it. With that, she gave into temptation and committed the first sin. To make things worse, (show pic) Eve turned and gave some of the fruit to Adam. Guess what? Adam made the same terrible choice. Adam gave into temptation and ate of the fruit. With that, Adam and Eve committed the very first sin.

It’s hard to believe, isn’t it? Adam and Eve had a perfect life with only ONE rule. They could have and should have obeyed God and allowed Him to provide for and protect them. If only they had listened to God instead of that lying snake, the devil. (show pic) God forced Adam and Eve out of the garden and put an angel to guard the entrance of the garden. Adam and Eve had to face the consequences of their sin, and it was a sad, sad day.

Today, we are going to learn from this story. We are going to learn about how we can make a better choice than Adam and Eve did. We can choose to resist temptation instead of giving into it.
Materials Needed:
The Data Disc; a smart phone; a pair of sneakers

Preparation:
Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data Disc titled “Lesson One,” begin with the slide titled “Ssssstay Away From Sssssin!”

The Message: (title slide)

(hold up the smart phone) Boys and girls, I have something right here that is going to change your life! I discovered an app the other day called “The Temptation Blocker.” It is so awesome. It makes life so much easier when it comes to dealing with temptation.

Let me explain. Imagine you are sitting in school taking a test and the teacher walked out of the room for a second. You get the thought to look on your neighbor’s paper, but the app turns on and sends a signal to your brain that shuts down your neck muscles, so you can’t look sideways at your neighbor’s paper. Whew! Temptation blocked!

Or imagine you are asked by your mom whether or not you were the one who broke her favorite glass vase. You know you did it, but you are tempted to lie. Suddenly the “Temptation Blocker” turns on and freezes your tongue so you can’t talk. No talking, no lying. Whew! Temptation avoided!

Isn’t this an amazing app, boys and girls! It keeps you and I from EVER having to deal with temptation again. Well, there’s a big problem. Although that would be great if such an app existed, I am afraid it does not. There is no app to “zap” away temptation. It’s up to us to learn how to handle our own temptations.

Today, we are going to look at our Bible Story and learn how we can learn from the mistakes of Adam and Eve. We will learn to handle temptation when it comes our way. You remember what happened, don’t you? Adam and Eve were walking in the garden one day and Satan came to them in the form of a snake and actually talked to Eve, “Hey, it’s okay if you eat of the fruit of this tree. I know God said you would surely die, but that’s not true. He knows that if you eat this fruit you will become just like Him.”

Satan lied to Eve and told her she couldn’t trust God. Satan lied to Eve and told her that God wasn’t telling her the truth, that He just didn’t want them to become like Him. That’s the first mistake that Eve made. She never should have listened to Satan’s lies. And if you want to avoid temptation...

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Don’t Listen To Satan’s Lies - Trust God’s Plan! (slide)

Satan lies to us all the time just like he lied to Eve. He may not come to us directly with his lies. Many times he uses television, movies, and even friends to lie to us. He tells us that we won’t really get in trouble if we sin. He lies and says, “One sin won’t really matter.” He lies and says, “Everybody’s doing it, so it’s okay.” We can’t listen to Satan’s lies because they are not true. God loves us and has a plan for our lives. If we trust Him, we will listen to His words. We must believe the Bible and obey God, not listen to Satan’s lies.

Eve listened to the lies of that no-good snake. You know, once she heard the lie, the story should have ended right there. The story should have read like this: “You will not surely die,” the snake said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So Eve looked at the snake, grabbed a nearby branch, and smacked the snake on the head. Then, Eve ran as far and as fast as she could. From then on, whenever Eve saw the snake, she ran. And – they lived happily ever after in the Garden of Eden.

But sadly that’s not what happened. Eve didn’t run from temptation. She hung around and allowed that snake to tempt her even more. Here is the lesson we learn...

Don’t Hang Around - RUN From Temptation! (slide)

Kids, do you see these? (hold up the pair of sneakers) These can be your best weapons in fighting temptation. When that old snake, the devil, starts lying to you, don’t hang around. Get your shoes on and RUN! Run as far and as fast as you can. It’s hard to give into temptation when you are running in the other direction. But Eve didn’t do that. She hung around. Worst of all, she ended up eating the fruit that God told her not to eat. Then, she turned to Adam and offered him some.

Here’s where we can learn a lesson from Adam. He saw Eve give into temptation. He should have spoken up and told her, “DON’T DO IT! YOU’LL RUIN YOUR LIFE! RUN!” Instead, what did he do? He took the fruit and ate some, too. The lesson we can learn from Adam is...

Don’t Follow The Crowd - Do What’s Right! (slide)

Kids, let me tell you something. When everyone else around you is choosing to do wrong, you do what’s right! If everyone around you is going the wrong direction, you do what’s right! Set the example! Follow God’s plan! Speak up! Don’t let them believe Satan’s lies. Don’t follow the crowd! Do what’s right!

It’s so sad what happened to Adam and Eve. It’s sad to realize that they didn’t HAVE to give in. They could’ve handled temptation the way we talked about today:

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1. Don’t Listen To Satan’s Lies—Trust God’s Plan
2. Don’t Hang Around—RUN From Temptation
3. Don’t Follow The Crowd—Do What’s Right

That’s the plan that you can follow, kids. If you want to handle temptation and not give into that mean old snake, the devil - just follow those three simple steps. God will give you the strength you need to defeat temptation.

**Altar Response:** *(play soft music)*

Now that you have laid out the steps to avoid giving into temptation, recognize that many of the children in your group have given into temptation even this week. Allow them to confess their sin to God. Then, pray with them that God will help them follow the three steps in the plan to defeat temptation.
Materials Needed:
The Data Disc; The DVD

Preparation:
Play the “Brain Drain” Video Intro off the DVD; Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data Disc titled “Lesson One,” begin with the slide titled “Brain Drain”; there is a slide for each question

1. What’s Up today?
   Answer: “Ssssstay Away From Sssssin!”

2. What were the names of the first two humans?
   Answer: Adam And Eve

3. What form did the devil take in order to trick Eve?
   Answer: Snake

4. True or False: God told Adam and Eve not to eat of any tree in the garden.
   Answer: False

5. What did Eve do after she ate the fruit?
   Answer: Gave Some To Adam

6. God posted an ____________ to guard the entrance to the garden.
   Answer: Angel

7. According to our lesson today, “Don’t Listen To Satan’s Lies - _______ God’s Plan.”
   Answer: Trust

8. According to our lesson today, “Don’t _______ _________ - RUN From Temptation.”
   Answer: Hang Around

9. According to our lesson today, “Don’t Follow The ____________ - Do What’s Right.”
   Answer: Crowd

10. Where was our Power Verse found?
    Answer: 1 Corinthians 10:13
Small Group Experience

LESSON 1 - “The Serpent”

**Watt’s Up:**
“Ssstay Away From Sssin!!”

**Power Verse:**
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**SUPPLY LIST:**
* Sin Snake Print Piece (provided; print one per kid)
* Scissors (several pair for the group to share)
* Markers or crayons

**TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:**

Before small group begins, print the Sin Snake Print Pieces. Once small group begins, pass out the print pieces, and tell each kid to cut out and color a snake. Once they have completed this task, read the Bible Story excerpt pausing when you say, “Eve.” When you say “Eve,” the kids should hold their snakes in the air and say the words, “Ssstay away from sssin!” Continue on this way until the story is complete. The snakes will also be used during activity time, so remind the kids to keep them after storytime.

Say - I am so excited about today! I love animals, but the animal in our first story wasn’t the snuggly fuzzy cute kind at all! Let’s ssssee if you all can help me out with this sssstory. I am giving each of you a picture of a snake to cut out and color. I will give you a few minutes to complete this task.

- Allow kids time to cut and color the Sin Snake Print Piece -

Say - Now that you all have a snake, we can begin. The snake is front and center in our Bible story. This was not any ordinary garden snake. This was Satan disguised as a snake, and he came to trick Eve into sinning. I am going to read the Bible Story. Every time you hear me say “Eve,” I want you to slither your snake into the air and say, “Ssstay away from sssin!”

- Read the provided lesson excerpt aloud pausing when you say the name Eve -

Say - This story takes place at the very beginning of time. There was no earth, no moon, and no sun. Everything was dark and empty. Then, God spoke and created the Heavens and the Earth. He created animals, plants, and finally - human beings. The first man was named Adam, and the first woman was named Eve.

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Say - You all were very slithery snakes. Thank you for helping! You can put the snakes aside; we will need them for our next activity.

Ask - Why do you think Eve chose to sin?

Ask - What do you think Eve was feeling after the choice she made?

-Play the game. This can be played multiple rounds as time allows-

SUPPLY LIST:
* Way Out Print Piece (provided; print one per kid)
* Pencils, markers, or crayons

Lesson One - “The Serpent”
TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Before small group, print and cut the Way Out Print Pieces.

Say - Sin is tricky. Satan loves nothing more than to tempt us with things that seem good. He especially likes to tempt us with things that seem like a good thing.

Ask - What are some tricks Satan uses to try and get us to sin?

-Allow time for the kids to respond and discuss their answers with the group-

Say - Satan is tricky, but ultimately, sin is a choice that we make.

Ask - Is it easy to make the choice to stay away from sin?

-Allow the kids to answer and discuss their answers with the group-

Say - Thankfully life isn’t like the bean bag toss that we just played. We aren’t being tossed around and hoping that we don’t land in sin. Life doesn’t work that way! God doesn’t work that way! God is there for his children. He’s there to help us navigate through the tricky choices that come our way. I want you all to divide into small groups. Read and discuss the words to the power verse together. How does God provide a way out? What does the verse mean to you? Write your answers in the box.

-Allow the groups time to discuss the verse and write their answers-

Ask - Would anyone like to share their thoughts?

-Allow time for the kids to share and discuss their answers with the group-

Prayer Time

Say - Staying away from sin is a serious thing. As followers of Jesus, we must make the choice to STAY AWAY from sin and evil. God will help us. He will give us a way out! Let’s pray together and ask God to open our eyes to the tricks of Satan and help us make the choice to stay away from sin. (PRAY)

Closing

Say - Adam and Eve had it made. They lived in the paradise that God created free from worry, sickness, fear, pain, and so many other awful things. Then one day Eve met a snake. Not just any snake, the snake that would change the world forever. Eve met Satan. He disguised himself and tricked Eve. He tempted her. She listened. He tempted her again. She thought. He tempted her and finally she acted. She gave into sin and temptation. Eve’s life would never be the same. Her sin brought shame and guilt, fear and pain, and ultimately her sin brought death. That is a high price to pay for a bite of fruit. Sin always has a high price to pay. Satan wants to trick us into sinning. He hides the cost. He tempts us and hopes we listen. He tempts us and hopes we give sin some thought. He tempts us and hopes that we act on that sin. We don’t have to give into sin. We can learn the tricks of the enemy and with God’s help we can STAY AWAY from sin. You all were great today! See you next time.
“Animal Tales” LESSON 1

“Stay Away”

“The Serpent”
“...God is faithful...When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.” 1 Corinthians 10:13
This week we begin our series, “Animal Tales!” God used lots of animals throughout the Bible to teach BIG lessons to His followers! This week, we start off by learning the lesson Adam and Eve learned when they encountered a snake!

Read:
Genesis 3

Ask:
- From which tree did God tell Adam and Eve NOT to eat the fruit?
- What did God say would happen if they ate the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden?
- What did the snake say would happen if they ate the fruit from that tree?
- What happened when Adam and Eve sinned against God?

Say:
God told Adam and Eve that they were NOT allowed to eat the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden. He gave them lots of opportunities to make the right choice. There were plenty of other trees for them to eat from, but the snake tempted them and said if they ate from that tree they would be just like God and know everything! They found out quickly that the snake was lying and that their sin had terrible consequences.

Ask:
- Have you ever been tempted to do the wrong thing?
- What were the consequences for sinning and doing the wrong thing?
- What should you do when you are faced with the temptation to sin?

Say:
We must stay away from sin! No matter what, we have to do what’s right. We have to remember, even when the devil tries to trick us, we have to ignore him and obey God by doing what’s right.

Pray:
Pray that your children will be able to avoid the temptation of the devil and stay away from sin!