



PRE-PRIMARY: preschool-kindergarten

PRE-PRIMARY OVERVIEW

PRE-PRIMARY	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lesson 5
TITLE	Creation: God's Perfect World Breaks	Nation: God Makes Eternal Promises	Kingdom: God Promises a Perfect Ruler	Savior: God Sends His Perfect Sacrifice	Redemption: God Promises a New Earth
QUESTION	What went wrong with our world?	Who can I trust to fix our world?	Who should rule my life?	What is the price to fix my brokenness?	When will God fix our world for good?
BIBLE TEXTS	Genesis 1:31–2:1; 2:15–17; 3:1–24	Genesis 12:1–3; Exodus 1:7–10; 3:7–10, 19, 20; 11:1–8; 12:3–7, 12, 13, 21–41	1 Samuel 8:4–22; 13:5–14; 16:1–14; 18:5–12; 2 Samuel 7:1–17; 1 Chronicles 17:11–14	John 1:10–12; 18:1–12, 33–40; 19:1–37; 20:1, 2, 11–17	Revelation 1:9; 21:1–22:5
THEME	When sin broke God's perfect world, God promised to fix it.	God deserves our trust because He always keeps His promises.	God sets us free from sin to serve Him.	Jesus paid the redemption price we could never afford.	God wants us to live with a sure hope of a perfect future.
MEMORY VERSES	"We know that the whole creation has been groaning" (Romans 8:22).	"He who promised is faithful" (Hebrews 10:23).	"You will be free indeed" (John 8:36).	"In him [Jesus] we have redemption through his blood" (Ephesians 1:7). <i>Theme Verse</i>	"Behold, I [Jesus] am making all things new" (Revelation 21:5).
TEACHING TIE-IN	Great big mess 	Grandpa's faithful tractor 	Bible: the King's book 	Cross and manger 	Restored snow globe 
GAMES	• Every Single One • Run for the Hidey Hole! • Doggy Bath	• Promise Trust Toss • Pile-High Pyramid	• Knock It Off! • Royal Relay	• Miss Sarge Rescue • Tumblin' Down	• Light Up the Junkyard • Grab & Run • Redemption Relay
SNACKS	• Fruity Peek • Juice Box Buddy • Grape Snake	• Fab Fruit • Corn Transform • Fruity Frog	• Cookie Creations • Which Way Arrows • Surprise Cupcakes	• Do You Have Enough? • Ransom Brownies • Resurrection Crackers	• No-Worries Lamb • By the Crystal Sea • Goody Goody Gelatin
CRAFTS	• Grandpa's Toolbox • All Around Creation • Plant Wrap Garden	• Trusty Tractor • Camel Trek • Go Abraham	• Jesus Is My King • Bubble Art Crown • Good News Caterpillar	• Spectacular Snow Globe • Junkyard Tic-Tac-Toe • Love on a Cross • Promise Magnets	• Living Hope • Jesus Makes All Things New

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LESSON 1



CREATION: GOD'S PERFECT WORLD BREAKS

GENESIS 1:31-2:1; 2:15-17; 3:1-24

MEMORY VERSE

ROMANS 8:22

(See page on the left)

QUESTION

What went wrong with our world?

THEME

When sin broke God's perfect world,
God promised to fix it.

TAKEAWAY

Stay hopeful—the world's broken,
but God will fix it!

- Greet students with enthusiasm and a smile. Get to know each student.
- Make sure you have a completed registration card (30208) for each student.
- Distribute nametags (34233) and Junkyard Redemption passes (34234).
- Open the class time with prayer.

TIP ▶

Choose one of the Welcome options to help students warm up before the lesson.

TIP ▶

Household items could include rubber bands, pencils, pens, metal spoons, and toy cars. For magnets, consider using children's magnetic wands or children's magnetic building tiles. But large refrigerator magnets will also work.



WELCOME

Option 1: What's Magnetic?

Materials

- Magnets, too large for children to swallow; small, clean, child-friendly household items (some metal and some nonmetal).

Before class: Spread out the collected household items on a table. Place magnets at intervals on the table.

A magnet is a special object that attracts some kinds of metal to it. "Attracts" means the magnet pulls something to it.

ACTIVITY: Organize children in groups of three or four, and station each group by a magnet. Demonstrate a magnet's force by showing the kids how the magnet pulls a metal item to itself but doesn't attract a non-metal item. Let the children try their magnets on the objects in front of them. Encourage children to take turns in their groups as they use the magnets to see which items are attracted to a magnet and which are not.

A junkyard has lots of rusty old metal parts! Our magnets would pull many of those metal parts close to them.

Option 2: Broken Pictures

Materials

- Printed photos; scissors; tape.

Before class: Gather photos or print them out. Cut each photo in half.

Oh no! Our pictures are broken! Let's fix them.

ACTIVITY: Encourage children to match the photo halves. Next, have a worker help children tape the halves together.

In today's true story from the Bible, something happened to the perfect world that God made. But God promised to fix what went wrong!



INTRODUCTION

ACTIVITY: Complete the following action rhyme to prepare students for today's Bible story.

Junkyard Redemption!	(Clap four times.)
Come and see	(Motion for children to follow you.)
what God plans	(Give a thumbs-up.)
for you and me.	(Point to others; point to yourself.)

Junkyard Redemption! (Clap four times.)
 Let's sit quietly (Whisper; sit and have children do the same.)
 to hear how God loves (Sign "love.")
 you and me. (Point to others; point to yourself.)

Junkyard Redemption! (Clap softly four times.)
 Let's bow to pray (Bow head.)
 and ask God's help (Fold hands in prayer.)
 to learn His way. (Fold hands in prayer.)

PRAY: Ask God to help the children have listening ears to learn His Word.

EXPLORE THE BIBLE!

Materials

- Bible; lesson 1 visuals (34207 or 34207EB).

It's time for our story from God's Word, the Bible! Every story in the Bible is true. They all really happened. (Open your Bible and place it in your lap.)

Our true story starts at the very beginning.

Every time I say the word "perfect," do this with me. (Thumbs-up motion.)

DISPLAY: Lesson 1 visual 1. Point to Adam and Eve. **READ:** The first half of Genesis 1:31, emphasizing "very good." **SAY:** God's world was very good!

God made a perfect world. That means it was just right. Everything was very good, and nothing was bad—not even a tiny bit.

God filled His world with perfect animals. At last, God made two perfect people. Their names were Adam and Eve. They had no sin.

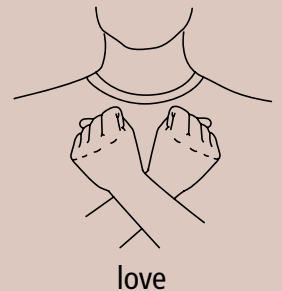
ACTIVITY: Define "sin" with the following motions. **SAY:** A "sin" is anything we think (point to your head), say (point to your mouth), or do (move your hands in front of you) that disobeys God's rules. (Have students repeat the definition and motions with you.)

Every time I say the word "sin," do this with me. (Make a thumbs-down motion.)

God put His perfect people in a perfect garden. There were lots of beautiful trees with yummy fruit to eat.

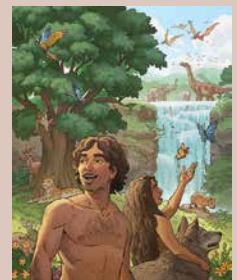
A special tree was in God's perfect garden. And on that tree was a special fruit. God gave Adam and Eve one rule (hold up one finger; have children do the same): they could not eat the fruit from God's special tree.

LESSON 1



TIP

Each lesson has motions at **Very Important Points** of the lesson. These "VIP motions" are set apart by different colors. In lesson 1, "perfect" is in green, while "sin" is in red.



Lesson 1 Visual 1

TIP

A definition of "sin."



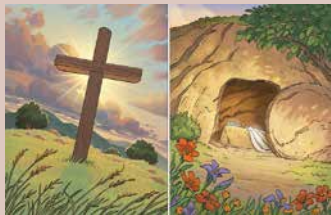
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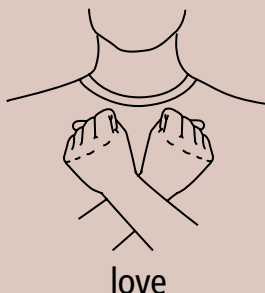
Lesson 1 Visual 3

TIP

Lesson 1 lays a foundation for young children to learn about God's redemption plan throughout VBS. But if your class has older children, you could offer them the opportunity to talk to an adult if they have questions about trusting in Jesus as Savior.



Lesson 1 Visual 4



Adam and Eve had only one rule, but one day, they disobeyed God. They broke God's rule and ate fruit from His special tree.

All of a sudden (*clap your hands together*), God's **perfect** (*put your thumb up*) world was **not perfect** (*put your thumb down*) anymore. This was terrible. It was sad.

DISPLAY: Lesson 1 visual 2.

God was sad because Adam and Eve sinned. Adam and Eve were sad because they were not close to God or His love anymore.

ACTIVITY: Have the children make a sad face.

Because Adam and Eve **sinned**, they had to be punished. They had to leave the beautiful garden, and their world was no longer **perfect**.

Now some things were not good. Some things were very difficult. Adam and Eve would have to work hard for their food. They would have pain and sickness. What God made very good was now a mess.

But even though Adam and Eve were not close to God, God still loved Adam and Eve. He promised them that He would one day fix the messed-up world.

DISPLAY: Lesson 1 visual 3.

We are like Adam and Eve. We live in a world that is not **perfect**. Sometimes we get hurt. And we **sin**, just like Adam and Eve. We disobey our grown-ups. We get mad at our friends. Because we are **sinners**, we are not close to God or His love unless He helps us.

But God loves us, just like He loved Adam and Eve. God made a way for us to be close to God.



DISPLAY: Lesson 1 visual 4.

Because God loves us, He sent Jesus, His only Son, to die on the cross and take the punishment for sin. After Jesus died, he was buried in a grave, or tomb.

But Jesus didn't stay dead. (*Hold up three fingers.*) One, two, three days later, He came back to life again!

If we trust in Jesus as Savior, we can be close to God and His love! (*Have students sign "love" with you.*) And Jesus is the reason God will fix our messed-up world one day.

PRAY: Thank God for sending Jesus to fix our messed-up world.



DISCOVER!

What's in My Basket?

Materials

- Lesson 1 visuals (34207 or 34207EB); basket; fruit; black construction paper; red paper heart; cross.

Before class: Place the fruit, construction paper, heart, and cross in the basket.

ACTIVITY: Let students take turns picking one item from the basket. Using the visual pictures and following list, review today's Bible story.

1. This piece of fruit reminds us that Adam and Eve took care of God's perfect world.
2. This dark paper reminds us of sin. (*Review the definition together, using the motions.*)
3. This heart reminds us that God loves us, even when we sin.
4. This cross reminds us that Jesus died to take the punishment for the wrong things we do.



SCRIPTURE MEMORY

MEMORY VERSE: First half of **Romans 8:22**.

DISPLAY: Pre-Primary verse, Romans 8:22, from the VBS Resources (34202 or 34202EB). **ACTIVITY:** Say the first half of Romans 8:22 a few times with the students.

Our verse means that many things in our world are sad, because sin came into our world. But remember, God promised that He would fix our messed-up world through Jesus!

Option 1: Pass the Globe

Materials

- Light up the junkyard bouncy ball (34352, globe-shaped) or broken world stress reliever (34349, globe).

This ball (or globe) reminds me of our broken world. Let's pass it around while we say our verse!



LESSON 1

TIP

Use this activity to reinforce and cement the lesson truths.

TIP

The VBS Resources (34202 or 34202EB) include printable cards for children to take home so they can keep working on the memory verses with help from an adult.

Use the PowerPoint from the VBS Resources to display the lesson 1 pre-primary verse.

The memory verses for lessons 2-5 are available as verse posters at rbpVBS.org/verseposters.

TIP

Choose one of these options to help students learn the memory verse.

ACTIVITY: Have the students sit in a circle. Give one student the ball or globe. Say the verse together one time, then encourage students to pass the ball or globe around the circle as they say the verse.

Option 2: God Fixes What's Sad

Materials

- Globe; plastic bandages.

Because **sin** came into our world, many things are sad.

ACTIVITY: Invite students to stick bandages onto the globe. Next, say the verse together with the students several times. Finally, let students remove the bandages. *(Have workers help younger students with the bandages.)*

Always remember—God promised that He would fix our messed-up world through Jesus!



APPLY IT NOW!

Option 1: God's Perfect World

Materials

- Items representing the Garden of Eden (e.g., toy animals, plastic fruit and vegetables, plants); *optional*: empty plastic watering cans.

Before class: Place all items in an open area of the classroom.

In God's perfect world, Adam and Eve cared for God's perfect garden. Let's pretend to care for the animals, trees, and plants in God's perfect world, just like Adam and Eve!

ACTIVITY: Encourage children to pretend to be Adam and Eve by caring for the animals and plants and picking the food. If empty plastic watering cans are available, let children "water" the plants. Interact with children and review the lesson as they play.

God made the world perfect, but then sin messed up the world.

Option 2: Hope in Jesus!

Jesus Christ makes us glad. *(Point to the sky.)*

He loves me and you. *(Sign "love.")*

Jesus died and rose again. *(Make the shape of a cross with your fingers.)*

He will make all things new! *(Give a thumbs-up.)*

PRAY: Close in prayer, thanking God that He gives us hope because of Jesus!

TIP Choose one of these options to help students apply the lesson.

