

Oak Arbor New Church Sunday School: Lessons for Preschool — Kindergarten

Lesson 2.01: GARDEN OF EDEN — Gen. 2:8-25

TEACHER PREPARATION

Read over Genesis 2:8-25.

WORSHIP CIRCLE

STORY AND DISCUSSION

(Note: The teacher may want to illustrate this story using flannel board or pictures.)

The Lord's Word tells us that the Lord created the world in six days. That means that in six days He made the earth and the sky and the oceans, all of the plants and trees, all of the birds and fish and animals, and also a man named Adam. After He had made all those things, the Lord rested on the seventh day.

Now the Lord had made a special place for Adam to live. It was called the Garden of Eden, and it was the most beautiful place that there has ever been on the earth!

Let's imagine what the Garden of Eden looked like. What kinds of things are in a beautiful garden? There would have been lots of beautiful flowers and bushes and plants. The Word tells us that it had lots of beautiful trees with all kinds of delicious fruit to eat.

The Word also tells us that there was a river flowing through the Garden. The water must have been clear and sparkling, and very good for Adam to drink, don't you think? At one end, that river split into four smaller rivers that flowed off in different directions.

There were two important trees in the Garden of Eden. One was called the Tree of Life. It was a very good tree, and its fruits were good to eat. It was in the middle of the Garden. The other tree was called the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. The Lord told Adam not to eat the fruit from that tree. He knew that if Adam ate that fruit, Adam wouldn't want to do everything that the Lord said any more.

Lots of animals lived in the Garden of Eden, and they were all kind and gentle. The Lord brought all the animals to Adam so that he could name them.

But even with all the animals around, Adam was lonely. He didn't have another person around to be his friend. The Lord didn't want Adam to be alone, so one day He made Adam fall fast asleep. While Adam slept, the Lord made a woman! Think how happy Adam must have been when he woke up and saw this beautiful woman that the Lord had made! Now Adam had someone to help him and talk with him and love him. He called her Eve, and took her to be his wife. Then Adam and Eve lived together in the wonderful Garden of Eden.

RECITATION

Now we will say something from this story in the Word. I'll say a part, then you say it after me.

The Lord God planted a garden
eastward in Eden,
and there He put the man
whom He had formed.

PROJECT

Materials needed:

Sturdy paper plates
Poster board cardboard
Small cut pieces of plants
Green play-dough, blue play-dough

RECIPE FOR PLAY-DOUGH

1 cup all—purpose flour	1 Tbls. oil
½ cup salt	1 tsp. cream of tartar
1 cup water	1 tsp. food coloring

In saucepan, combine dry ingredients. Add wet ingredients. Stir constantly over medium heat until it thickens. Remove from heat. Knead play-dough until smooth.

Do ahead of time:

1. For each child, make a cardboard cut-out of two trees and of Adam and Eve.
2. Prepare some green and some blue play-dough.

Doing the Project:

1. Have the children form the ground in the paper plate, using the green play-dough.
2. Have them roll a long thin piece of blue play-dough and press it in to be the river.
3. If they want, they can color the cut-outs of the Tree of Life, the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, and Adam and Eve.
4. Have them stick the two trees and Adam and Eve into to the green play-dough base.
5. Finally, have them fill in the rest of the Garden with cut pieces of plants.