



GROUP ACTIVITY

Deceived in the Garden

BIG IDEA: God's love is greater than our sin.

BIBLE BASIS: Genesis 1-3

KEY VERSE: "But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
Romans 5:8 (NirV)

Roll the Dough

Supplies: Playdough, 1 dice per group

Say: In today's true Bible story, we learned that God created the whole world and everything in it. God gave Adam and Eve a beautiful garden to live in. When Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit, they disobeyed and sinned against God. This sin ruined God's perfect relationship with people so Adam and Eve had to leave the beautiful Garden of Eden. Let's take some time to recreate what we think the Garden of Eden could have looked like.

Directions: Give each child a portion of play dough. (In addition, you can distribute a small piece of parchment or wax paper to create a work space for the kids.) Have each child roll a dice and whatever number they land on, have them create something to add to the garden in that category and answer the corresponding question. Once they create their item, have a space where all the kids can add their items together to create a garden.

Create a/an:

Roll 1: Tree or bush (**Question:** Do you like to climb trees? Why or Why not?)

Roll 2: Pond or sea (**Question:** Do you like to swim? What's your favorite place to swim?)

Roll 3: Flowers (**Question:** Have you ever planted flowers? Did they grow and bloom?)

Roll 4: Animal that lives in the water (**Question:** Would you like to swim with the turtles? Little or big?)

Roll 5: Animal that flies (**Question:** Would you rather be able to fly like an eagle or jump like a kangaroo?)

Roll 6: Small land animal (Ex: cricket, bunny, cat, gopher) (**Question:** What animal would you have as a pet besides a cat or dog?)

Roll 7: Large land animal (Ex: cow, elephant, horse) (**Question:** Would you rather ride an elephant, horse or giraffe? Why?)

Say: Even though Adam and Eve sinned against God, His love for people was too great. In fact, God loves us so much that as soon as Adam and Eve sinned, He began to put in place a plan that would one day remove the sin and evil from people's hearts.

Question: Who can tell me what that plan was? (Answer: Jesus)

Say: That's right. God showed His incredible love for us by sending His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins. Jesus' death on the cross washed the sin and evil out of the hearts of those who love and follow Him. And do you know what that means? If you're a follower of Jesus, there is no sin that can come between you and God. You can once again be close to God and have a relationship with Him. Isn't that amazing—God's love is greater than our sin!