

# *TEACHER'S NOTES*

6 year olds	<b>OUR HEAVENLY FATHER</b>
Chapter 6	<b>A Sad Story</b>
Lesson 1	<b>The First Sin</b>

### **AIMS**

1. Students will hear the story of the fall of man.
2. They will learn the definition of sin
3. They will be able to explain why Adam and Eve had to leave the Garden of Eden.

### **STEP 1**

1. Review with the children the story of the creation of Adam and Eve and the beautiful conditions of their life in the Garden of Eden. Emphasise that because Adam and Eve had grace it was easy for them to be good and to do what God wanted them to do.
2. Tell the children that all Adam and Eve's gifts should have passed on to their children. Tell them that they will now learn why they were not passed on.
3. Read paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 (in the children's pack) with the children

### **STEP 2**

1. Read the story of the fall from the children's Bible in their packs
2. Tell the children to cut out the two pictures in their packs and stick them in the right place in the following chart in their packs.
3. Help the children to understand how dramatic the change was after the Fall.

### **STEP 3**

Highlight the most important features of this story:

1. It was one of the fallen angels who tempted Adam and Eve.
2. It was not nearly so difficult for Adam and Eve to resist temptation as it is for us.
3. They chose poorly by saying "no" to God.
4. This was the first sin on earth.
5. God had forbidden them to eat of only one tree in the Garden of Eden and they disobeyed.
6. This first sin is called original sin

### **STEP 4**

1. Ask the children to read the "Special Sentence" in their pack.
2. Explain to the children that Adam and Eve's sin had very serious consequences, for they were thrown out of the Garden of Eden and an angel guarded the door so that they could not go back.

### **STEP 5**

1. Help the children discover the meaning of the word "sin" in the third paragraph of "A Sad Story" - "Sin is saying 'no' to God."
2. Remind the children of the story of the fallen angels before the world was even created. Remind the children that the devils try to tempt people even now, as they tempted Adam and Eve, because they do not want anybody to love God and be happy with Him in Heaven. But, by praying and staying close to our guardian angel we can resist these temptations.

### **STEP 6**

Assign the children to trace in the words in the Sad Story Activity in their packs

### **STEP 7**

Have the children role play life in the Garden of Eden before the fall, the snake tempting Adam and Eve, and Adam and Eve leaving the Garden.

If you have time the children could make and colour masks for this: a happy Adam mask and a sad Adam mask, a happy Eve mask and a sad Eve mask, a devil's mask and mask for the angel who stopped them returning to the Garden of Eden.

### **STEP 8**

Sing "On this day, the first of days," *Adoramus Hymnal*, #610

### **STEP 9**

1. Read and review Questions 16 and 17. Separate into twos to practice memorising them.
2. Close with the Prayer to My Guardian Angel, not forgetting to begin and end with the Sign of the Cross.

### **PREVIEW**

In our next lesson, we will learn about the other things that happened to Adam and Eve after they sinned, in addition to leaving the Garden.