



**Getting Out of
a Pickle**



Year 2—Quarter 2 God's Big Plan

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Conversation with a Snake

Ask: How many of you are afraid of snakes? (Allow answers).

In the Bible there's a chapter where the first two people, Adam and Eve, make a big mistake. They were tricked by a sneaky snake into doing something they weren't supposed to do. Because of this, God had to tell them that things would be tough from now on.

But in the middle of this sad news, God also gave them a little sneak peek at a happy ending. In Genesis 3:15 He says a hero will come one day, someone very special called the "seed of the woman." This hero, like a knight in shining armor, would come to save everyone and fix the big mistake.

God said that this hero and the sneaky snake would not get along. They would

be in a big battle, like the superheroes and villains in your favorite cartoons. The snake would try to trip the hero, but in the end, the hero would win and make everything right again.

This hero is God's promise of hope, a bright light in a dark room. And even though there would be a big fight between good guys and bad guys, the good guys would win with the hero leading them. That's what God was promising, a hero to save the day, and that hero is our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

So, it's not just about people not liking snakes; it's a story about a big battle between good and bad, and a promise that good will win with the help of Jesus. Through the sacrifice of Jesus, God provides an ultimate solution to the problem of sin and death, fulfilling the promise made in Genesis 3.

Skit: The Judge Pays the Fine

Have a young man come before the judge. It turns out that this is the son of the judge. The crime carries a stiff fine and the judge says the young man must pay it. (pounding the gavel)

Next, have the judge get up from his seat, remove his judge robe, and come around in front with his son. He takes out his wallet and pays the fine for his son.

Explain: the same judge who made the penalty for the crime becomes the father who pays the penalty. Say: In the same way, God the Father made the punishment for sin, but also paid for our punishment with the death of His own Son.

Power Point

Jesus provides the solution to the problem of sin and death.

MEMORY VERSE

Genesis 3:15, "*I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel*"

THE PROMISE OF A REDEEMER (Genesis 3:15)

God made a wonderful promise after Adam and Eve disobeyed: a Redeemer who would heal the rift caused by sin and bring people back into a close relationship with Him.

This Redeemer was to come through the woman's lineage, as God declared, "*I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel*" (Genesis 3:15).

This promise was fulfilled in Jesus. Jesus paid the penalty for humanity's sin through His death and reconciled us to God. Jesus' resurrection proved His victory over sin and death. It demonstrates His power to save us from sin. The promise of redemption is an assurance to all believers. We are blessed to have the opportunity to experience the grace and mercy of God, as well as the hope of eternity in His presence. Thanks to Jesus, we can have a restored relationship with God. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection allow us to reconnect with our Heavenly Father.

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Objects on a Tray

Choose Your Own Object Lesson

Have a cookie sheet or plastic tray with a variety of random items on it.

Tell your students that you will choose four volunteers to come up and choose one object from the tray. Their job will be to share in two minutes how their object is like a lesson from the Bible.

You may be surprised at how well your students will do with this. It will be fun for everyone.

If you have time, you may want to choose a few more volunteers to come up and share.



Object Lesson: Dirty Paint Brush

Needed: A dirty paintbrush coated with old paint.

If I handed you this brush and said, “Go paint that wall over there,” what would you say?

It’s kind of hard to paint with a dirty paintbrush, isn’t it? The brush is coated with paint that’s dried on and hardened. It won’t soak up new paint, and it won’t spread paint on the wall. Most likely, if you tried to paint with a brush like this, you’d get an ugly wall with some dried bits of a different colored paint stuck in it. It would not be very pretty.

This dirty brush reminds me of what sin does to our lives. The more we fall into sin, the more we are covered by it. And just like dried paint, sin can get hard and keep good things from penetrating our lives. What’s more, we’re completely useless to the Lord if we’re covered in sin! God can’t use us any more than we can use this dirty paintbrush, and any work we try to do will be stained with our sin. But the good news is that even a brush like this can be cleaned. With the right solvent and lots of water, you can clean that brush good as new.

God can wash us clean from our sins and make us new as well. He can break through the hard layers of sin and wash us clean. Only then he can use us to reach others with the same love that washed our sins away.

Genesis 3:15 Key Points

- Genesis 3:15** is the first promise from God in the Bible. He told Adam and Eve that even though they had made a big mess of things, He would send someone super special to fix everything.
- God’s big promise was about a hero, called the **Messiah**, who would come to clean up the mess that Adam and Eve made **Genesis 3:15**, it shows us Our Heavenly Father always keeps .
- Guess what? That hero is **Jesus!** He’s God’s hero who was born just like us but also came to save us from all the naughty list stuff.
- And you know the enemy, **Satan?** God promised He would win against him, so we don’t have to be afraid of him anymore. Every time we remember His promises and wants us to be in His forever family.

Object Lesson: Wrapped Gift With Lid

Materials: beautifully wrapped box, with a top you can take off; put yucky trash inside the box (old socks are great!); a picture or figure of a cross.

Say: SIN can look really good on the outside, beautiful even. But it is repulsive. All of us have a sin problem. God can’t look at this sin. He is holy and perfect. But if we believe in Jesus (*Take out the trash. Place the cross inside the box.*) You are beautiful, clean, and sinless. God forgives you of your sins and cleanses you of all unrighteousness. He sees Jesus in you. And that is VERY pleasing to God.



**Find the Serpent
In the Garden**