

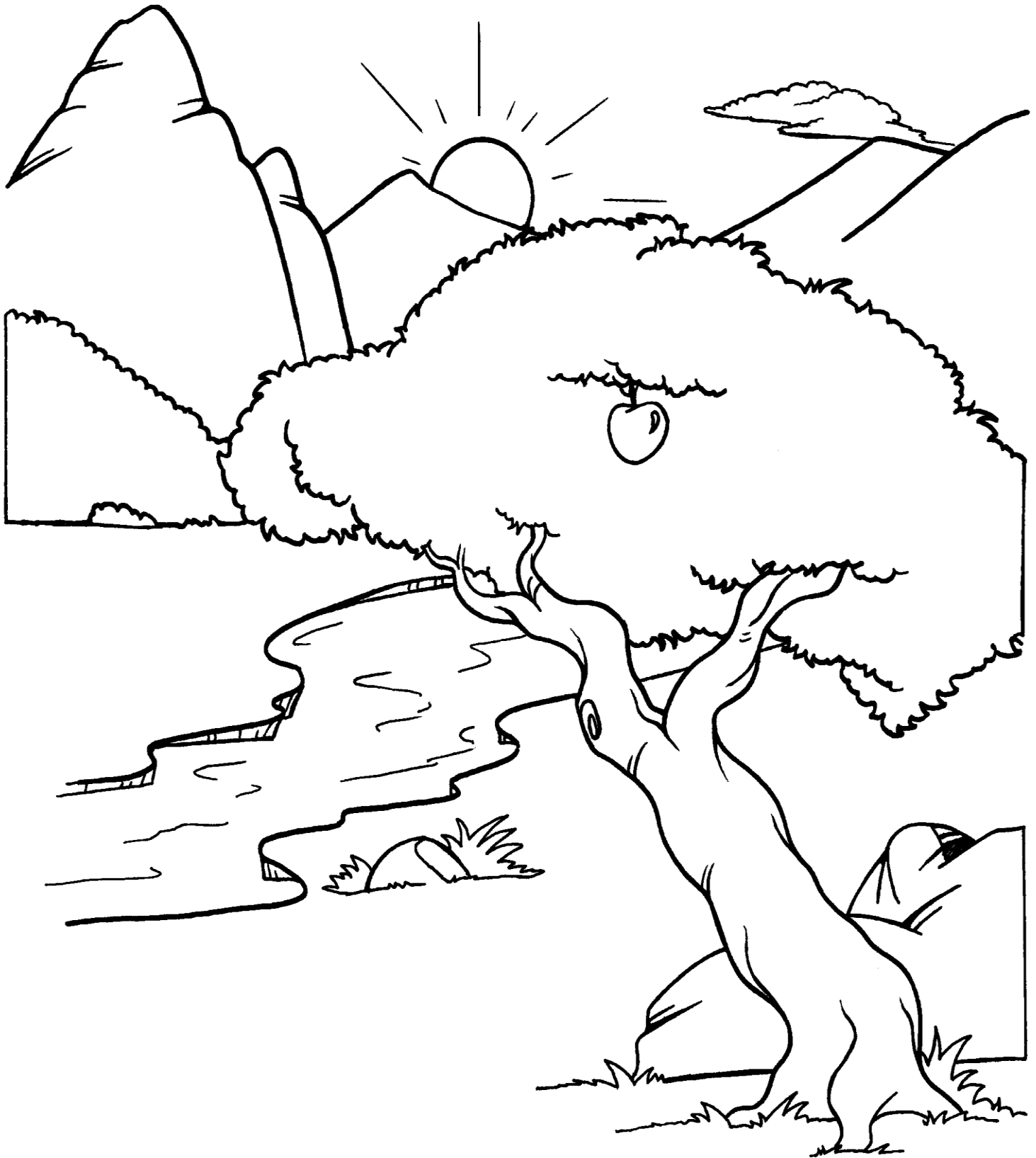
Story Time - Read the story to the children

Lesson 3: THE GARDEN OF EDEN

GENESIS 2:8-17

Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the East, and there he put the man he had formed. He made all kinds of beautiful trees grow there and produce good fruit. In the middle of the garden stood the tree that gives life and the tree that gives knowledge of what is good and what is bad. A river flowed in Eden and watered the garden; beyond Eden it divided into four rivers. The first river is the Pishon; it flows around the country of Havilah. (Pure gold is found there and also rare perfume and precious stones.) The second river is the Gihon; it flows around the country of Cush, which is Ethiopia. The third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria, and the fourth river is the Euphrates. Then the LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and guard it. He told him, "You may eat the fruit of any tree in the garden, except the tree that gives knowledge of what is good and what is bad. You must not eat the fruit of that tree; if you do, you will die the same day."

3. THE GARDEN OF EDEN (GENESIS 2:8-17)



“And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, ‘Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.’” **GENESIS 2:16-17**

3. THE GARDEN OF EDEN

GENESIS 2:8-17

MEMORY VERSE:

"The LORD God planted a garden in the east of Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed." GENESIS 2:8

Review Questions

True or False

1. The LORD God planted a garden in the east of Sweden.
2. God put the man that He had created in the garden of Eden.
3. Out of the ground the LORD God made every tree that is good to look at and eat, the tree of life, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
4. Now, a gardenhose went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divided into four different rivers.
5. The name of the first river is Peter.
6. The name of the first river is Pishon, the second river is Gihon, the third river is the Tigris, and the fourth river is Euphrates.

Questions

1. Where did God plant the garden?
2. Who did God put in the garden?
3. What flowed through the garden of Eden to water the trees and plants?
4. What happened to the river as it left the garden of Eden?
5. What two trees were in the middle of the garden?
6. What did God tell the man about the trees in the garden?
7. What would happen to the man if he ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?

Lesson 3 Activity and Craft

"If I Created Paradise"

Ask the class what things they would have included in Paradise and write them on the board. Even if their suggestions are silly (like, "I'd put Burger King there"), write it down. You can refer to their list as you teach on what the Perfect Creator placed in His garden. How is God's creation different from our lists? Does God know what we need and what is best for us? Can we trust Him to provide for us all we need?

Good and Evil Game

Divide the room in half and tell the children the one side represents a good (obedient) decision for us, the other a wrong (disobedient) decision. Name things like #1) cheating on a test and #2) helping our mom.

As you name each one, tell the class to go to the side it represents. Do this a few times so the children can plainly see that there is a choice of obedience and disobedience. Explain that every day we make choices. We can obey or disobey. Adam and Eve had the same choice in their lives. Obedience would bring blessing and disobedience would bring death. God allows man free choice.

Picture of the Tree and the Cross

For this craft you will need white, yellow, and brown construction paper, green tissue paper, glue and markers. Give each child a white or yellow piece of construction paper. From brown construction paper, have the children cut out a tree trunk. Glue the tree trunk onto their piece of construction paper. Using the tissue paper, crumple up small pieces and glue onto the tree for leaves.

Next, have the children cut out a brown cross and glue it next to the tree. Ask the children to write Romans 5:19 on their picture and then color and decorate it as they wish.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of obedience to God's Word. If any children have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them an opportunity to do so.