

## Step By Step Through The Bible With Children

**"All thy children shall be taught of the LORD;  
and great shall be the peace of thy children."**

(Isaiah 54:13)

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### LESSON 9 -

#### DISOBEDIENCE PUNISHED

We never talk about GOD's Word until all the boys and girls are perfectly quiet, do we? (Wait for quietness.) Now that we are quiet we shall repeat together - "**Whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.**" (Repeat).

We have been learning about sin in Heaven, sin in the garden, and sin in the field. Today we will learn how GOD punished each one of His disobedient creatures. For GOD must punish sin in order to teach us all how very wrong sin is. Sin is disobeying GOD, and it is wrong for GOD's creatures to act as though they do not belong to Him and do not have to obey Him (use figures of Adam and Eve repeatedly).

GOD's creatures about whom we have learned were made beautiful and good, and all of them that set their hearts *against* Him lost their beauty and goodness, and were *punished*.

GOD saw the ruin which sin had caused and said unto Adam, "**Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?**" Adam blamed his disobedience on his wife. Eve blamed her disobedience on the serpent.

There they stood - all three of them. Adam, Eve, and the serpent. *Each* was guilty, and *each* had to be punished.

The LORD GOD said to the serpent, "**Because *thou hast done this*, thou art cursed (or punished) *above all cattle and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity (or hatred) between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.***" (The teacher should be able to quote these verses perfectly.)

That sounds very strange to us and hard to understand, does it not? GOD wanted the serpent to know that because he had allowed Satan to use his lips to speak against GOD's Word and to

tempt Eve to disobey, he could no longer be the lovely creature that he had been; but that his nature would be changed and that he would creep and crawl in the dust and become a symbol or an object lesson to remind people of Satan, sin, and death, and that some day the seed of the woman would bruise Satan's head (place small cross in upper corner).

This was GOD's very first promise to send JESUS. GOD wanted Adam and Eve to understand that children were called seed and that JESUS would be a child, or the seed of the woman, and that He would bruise Satan's head, and then there would be no more sin or death.

GOD used object lessons or symbols to teach Adam and Eve their lessons just as I teach you with objects in order that you may better understand.

Just as the little lamb that was slain was GOD's object lesson to teach Adam and Eve about JESUS - the LAMB of GOD - so the serpent was GOD's symbol or object lesson to remind them and us also of that old serpent, which is the Devil - the one who brought sin and death into the world.

This little flag is a symbol of our country. It is not our country, it just reminds us of our country.

The serpent is not Satan - it simply reminds us of Satan, the one who fights you, the one who stings and bites and causes death.

The lamb was not JESUS, the LAMB of GOD. It only reminded them of the One who would come and die in their place and for their sin that He might save them.

GOD not only punished the serpent. but He also punished Adam and Eve.

Because Eve listened to Satan, GOD said, "**I will greatly multiply thy sorrow.**" In the garden she had no sorrow, outside of the garden, there were sorrow, pain and death.

To Adam GOD said - "**Because thou hast listened to the voice of thy wife and eaten of the tree . . . Cursed is the ground for thy sake... Thorns and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and... in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread.**"

Let us never forget that GOD *loves the sinner and longs to save him*, but GOD *hates* sin and *must* punish it.

These things were written for our learning, and no matter how little we are, we can learn how much GOD loves us. Let us say John 3:16. That means that though sin has spoiled us, JESUS came and died for that old spoiled nature so that He could give us a new and better nature.

And that is just what He does when we say, "LORD JESUS, I know that I am a sinner, and I believe that Thou didst die for my sins. Please come into my heart and make me like Thee."

Our memory verse for today tells us, "**Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a NEW CREATURE; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**"

When we ask JESUS to come into our hearts, then He lives in us and we live in Him, and GOD's Word says that we become new creatures, no longer sinners, but GOD's children.

We are very happy when we get a new suit or a new dress, are we not? We almost feel like new boys and girls, do we not? But are we? No, we have the same old sinful heart inside.

But when we receive JESUS into our hearts we really become new creatures in CHRIST JESUS. We may not look very different, or act very differently, but GOD's Word says that we are different, even though we still have our old nature.

Well, how do we know - when we do not look different or feel different or act very much different - that we really are NEW CREATURES?

Because GOD's Word tells us that we are, and we believe GOD knows better than we do.

If we take JESUS into our hearts, GOD says that we are new creatures and that old things have passed away and behold all things have become new.

Let us see if we can remember some of the new things we receive. The first, and most important thing that we receive is JESUS' very own life. What else? Can someone remember something more. Yes, the new name, Christian, JESUS' robe of righteousness, a heavenly home, a heavenly FATHER.

We become new creatures, because GOD's Word tells us so. And if we allow JESUS to live all His life in us our thoughts, our words, and our deeds will be new. The old, bad ones will pass away, and after a while we will look differently, and we will feel different.

Perhaps there are some here who would like to become new creatures, that means to become like JESUS so that the old things will pass away. That is blessed. John's hand is up, and Mary wants to be like JESUS.

John, do you really want JESUS to save you? Do you believe that He died for you? When He was here on earth He said; "**Suffer (let the) little children to come unto me, and forbid them not.**"

Does that mean John, Mary, and Virginia, and all the other children who raised their hands? Yes, JESUS wants to save every child who believes. (Help the children to accept CHRIST, using your own method.)

NOTES TO TEACHERS: Never over-urge or push young children, and certainly never frighten them.

If the lesson has been presented clearly and simply, and the love of GOD stressed, it is a most natural thing for children to accept JESUS as their Saviour.

Only give in the lesson that which is perfectly clear in your own mind. Know it so well and believe it so heartily that you cannot help but make it real to others.

Lesson: Read Genesis 3.

Memory Verse: II Corinthians 5 :17.

Review each week the "believe" verses in John, given in an earlier lesson.

Illustration: Use the garden scene, figures of Adam and Eve, and a lamb. In the upper right-hand corner place a small cross, 3 inches high, to represent the true sacrifice, to which the lamb points.

*"An angel passed in his onward flight,  
With a seed of love and truth and light,  
And cried. O where shall the seed be sown  
That it yield most fruit when fully grown?  
The Saviour heard and He said, as He smiled,  
Place it for Me in the heart of a child."*

- Anonymous

*"Let us learn a valuable lesson here, that just as we get our human nature by birth, so we must get our new nature by a new birth. A newly born child is in no way responsible for the sin of Adam and Eve, nevertheless, he receives their fallen nature. A newly born child of GOD has nothing to do with the perfect work of CHRIST on the cross. Nevertheless, he partakes of His righteous nature. Attached to the former there is sin, attached to the latter there is righteousness. Man's sin is in the former case, GOD's righteousness is in the latter."*

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