

WEEK 2

LESSON GUIDE

MAKE IT
OR BREAK IT

BIG IDEA

God unbreaks what's been broken.

BIBLE

The Fall:
Genesis 3:1-15

WELCOME TIME

MUSIC | Made for Praise

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** You can lead kids in worship with any songs of your choice, but here are some suggestions that go along with this month's theme. Make sure you have purchased any licenses required to play or perform these songs. For more information, [read this!](#)
 - "Made in the Image" (Yancy & Little Praise Party feat. Erskin Anavitarte)
 - "Brick After Brick" (Sovereign Grace Music)
 - "Creation Song" (Saddleback Kids)
 - "God Makes Everything" (Rain for Roots)

ACTIVITY | Fix It

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Have items set up around the room that need to be "fixed." For example, torn paper and tape, a picture of someone with a scrape and some adhesive bandages, a puzzle that needs to be put back together, and anything else you can think of that kids can "fix" Offer solutions for each broken thing and encourage kids to help you fix the broken things.
- What are some things that get broken? Today I have some things that are broken and I need your help to fix them!
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Use pull-apart toys, such as [this option](#) or [this option](#), and play with toddlers to fix each item together.

ACTIVITY | Wreck It

- **Has anyone ever built something that got messed up?**
- Today, we're going to build something and then wreck it by knocking it down.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Have kids take turns building a tower out of paper towel or toilet paper tubes, then have them wreck their own tower.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Have toddlers build towers with cardboard blocks or foam blocks.
- When something that is special to us gets wrecked or messed up, it can make us feel very sad.
- I wonder how things getting messed up has to do with our story today. Let's find out!

STORY TIME

SCRIPTURE | Genesis 3 (The Fall)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Have the kids sit around a pile of LEGO Duplo bricks as you tell the story from Genesis 3. You can build items on top of a [LEGO baseplate](#) during the story to make it more sturdy. Feel free to use [this video](#) of today's story shown with LEGOs as an additional teaching tool before you tell the story or to review afterward.
- Last week, we learned about all the really good things God made. **Can you name some of the things God made?**
- God also made a beautiful garden for Adam and Eve to live in. The garden had all the best things . . . stuff like delicious food and water but also stuff like fun and laughter.
- The best thing, though, was that God was right there having fun and laughing *with* them! That meant they had a very special bond with God.
- *[Read Genesis 3:1-5. Have kids give you green and brown bricks. Make the bricks into a tree [like this](#).]*
 - God told Adam and Eve to take care of everything in this perfect world. God also said not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
 - God was giving them the choice to obey God. The serpent, or snake, wanted them to disobey God and break their special bond. So the serpent tricked Eve.
- *[Read Genesis 3:6-7. Have kids give you red bricks. Make the bricks into a fruit [like this](#).]*
 - Adam and Eve both ate the fruit from the tree God told them to keep away from. Up until then, everything was good . . . and nothing was bad.
 - Now, sin had come into the world. Sin is what we do when we disobey God. The world wasn't perfect anymore.
- *[Read Genesis 3:8-13. Have kids find the two Duplo people. Hide the people behind the tree.]*
 - Adam and Eve heard God walking in the garden. Instead of wanting to be with God, they hid from God. Adam and Eve's special bond with God was broken.
 - **Why do you think Adam and Eve hid from God?**
 - **How do you think God felt about that?**
- *[Read Genesis 3:14-19 and after each verse or two, pause and allow kids to pull bricks off of the tree or fruit you made.]*
 - What a mess sin has made! Life was going to be so much harder for everyone now. But the story doesn't end there.
- *[Read Genesis 3:20-24. Optional: Build a cross out of the mess of bricks. It can be free-standing like a taller version of the plus sign in [this picture](#), or you can use the LEGO baseboard to build a flat, single-layer shape of a cross.]*
 - Adam and Eve made a huge mistake when they disobeyed God. But God never stopped loving them. And one day, God would send someone to help fix everything that was broken that day.
 - That someone is God's own son . . . Jesus!

BIG IDEA | God unbreaks what's been broken.

- Let's build our Big Idea out of LEGOs!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Use LEGO Duplo bricks to "build" the Big Idea! Print a set of the Big Idea words on repositionable labels, 1 word per label. Place word labels on the sides of the bricks, 1 word per brick. Feel free to swap out the word "unbreaks" for "fixes" if you'd like. As you build the Big Idea, invite the kids to say the words with you. After you build the tower, you can practice it a couple more times using hand motions.

- The Big Idea is . . .
 - **God** [Point upward.]
 - **Unbreaks** [Hammer fists on top of each other.]
 - **What's been broken.** [Put fists side by side, then move them apart as if breaking a stick.]

VIDEO | Make It or Break It, Episode 2

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play this week's episode of Cali's World.

ACTIVITY | Snake Says

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Play an opposite Simon Says game. Instead of saying "Simon Says", you will say "Snake says." Every action preceded by "Snake Says" means that the kids should not do anything. When you don't say the phrase, kids should do the action. For example, when you say, "Raise your arms," kids should raise their arms. If you say, "Snake says, 'Raise your arms,'" kids should not raise their arms.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Make a simple [snake sock puppet](#). Play the traditional game of Simon Says, and when you don't say "Simon Says," have the snake sock puppet pop up to remind kids not to do the action.
- Who has played Simon Says? I love this game, but today we are going to play a little differently. When I say "Snake Says," you have to freeze and not do anything! But if I just tell you to do something like, "Raise your arms," then you have to raise your arms! Are you ready to try it?

PRAYER

- Dear God, Thank you for fixing things that are broken. You love us so much that you always give us another chance. Amen.

SHARING TIME

SNACK | Garden Fruit

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each kid some apple slices and a gummy snake on a plate.
- In our story today, **do you remember what Adam and Eve did that made God so sad?**
- They ate the fruit from the tree they weren't supposed to. God gave them many good things to eat, but they chose to eat the one thing they weren't supposed to.!
- Today our snack is a healthy fruit – **does anyone know what it is even though it's already cut up?** An apple!
- Each of you has a gummy snake – **what did the snake do in our story?** The snake told them to eat the fruit God told them not to eat!
- All of *our* fruit is going to be super yummy! While we eat, let's share what your favorite fruit is!

ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Pass around an apple, and invite children to answer the questions.
- Today we learned a story from the beginning of the Bible. It had a man and a woman in it. **What were their names?**
- **What did Adam and Eve do that made God so sad?**
- **Even though they messed up, did God stop loving them?**
- **Have you ever done anything that made your parents or family sad? How did things get fixed?**
- **Do you think God can fix your heart when you mess up and still loves you?**

ACTIVITY | God Can Fix It

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Create large hearts out of construction paper, one for each kid. Fold each heart in half and run a [perforator](#) down that center line. Give a heart to each kid and have them break the heart apart on the perforated line (if they also tear it in other places, that's okay for the purposes of this activity!). Give them stickers or pieces of washi tape to piece the heart back together.
 - ✂ **TODDLER HACK:** Get a tool belt craft kit (like [this one](#) or [make your own](#)) and let toddlers color with dot markers or finger paints. Tie it around each kid's waist and have them repeat the Big Idea with you.
- When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they broke God's heart. It also broke the special connection that people had with God.
- But God didn't leave us to be that way. God sent Jesus to make things right again so we can be connected to God again.
- Let's mend this paper heart together so that we can remember that **God unbreaks what's been broken.**

MEMORY VERSE | Hebrews 3:4 (NIV)

- **"For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything."**
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Review the memory verse a few times with the kids, using the hand motions. Then have kids say it louder when you point to the sky and say it quieter when you point to the floor.
 - **For every house** [Hold hands over head like a house.]
 - **Is built by someone** [Hammer fists on top of each other.]
 - **But God** [Point upwards.]
 - **Is the builder of everything** [Stretch arms out to the side.]
 - **Hebrews 3:4** [Hold hands out like an open book.]

PLAY TIME

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print and distribute the coloring page along with crayons or markers. As the kids color, you can review today's Bible story, Big Idea, and memory verse.

ACTIVITY | Unbreaking Station

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Set out different stations for kids to "fix" things. Here are some examples: toy tool sets, pull-apart toys, dolls or stuffed animals with doctor or dentist play kits, construction paper with glue and ripped papers, etc.

ACTIVITY | Building Station

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give kids building items, such as wood blocks, foam blocks, magnet tiles, LEGO Duplo bricks, Pretext blocks, Lincoln Logs, Mega Bloks, etc., that can be used to build anything they want.

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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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[Click here](#) for a memory verse sign language tutorial video you can share with your families and volunteers!