

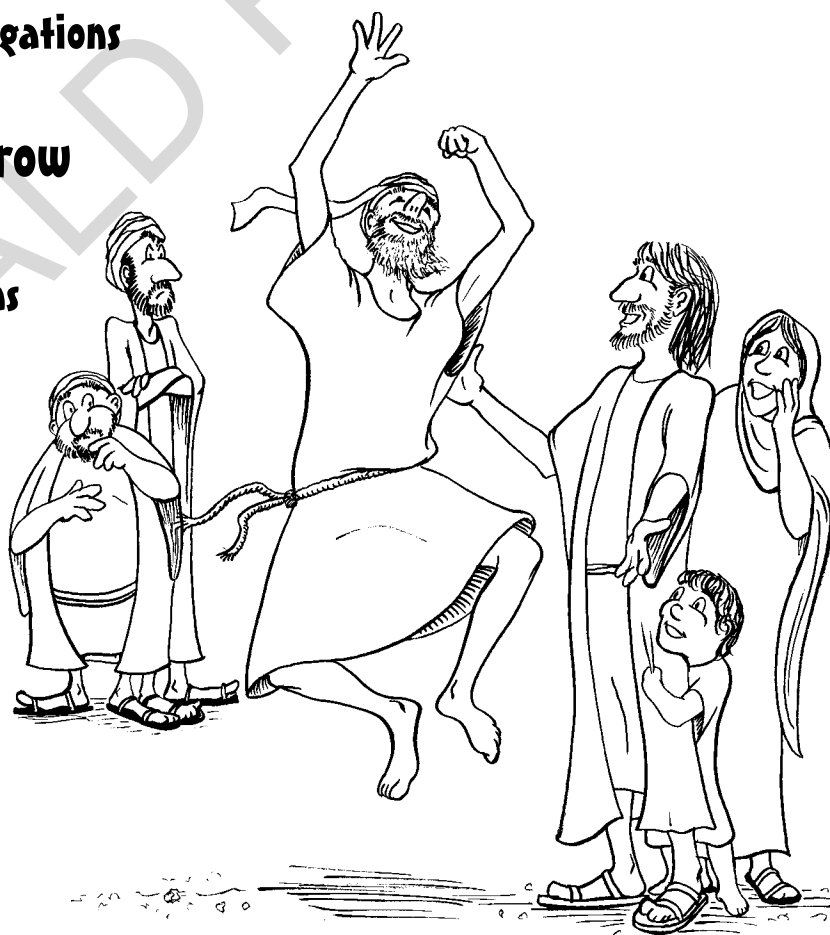
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for kids & congregations**

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How to Use Fun Bible Skits

Fun Bible Skits is a versatile, reproducible resource for multiple settings. These 24 skits will bring new energy to congregational worship, and offer a creative way to provide active Bible learning for a wide range of ages. Use the following suggestions to begin thinking of how *Fun Bible Skits* might serve your congregation!

Fun Bible Skits in Worship Settings

- Use a skit to introduce the children's time or the sermon.
- Invite your youth group to perform a skit as they lead worship.
- Use several skits with related themes to tie together a series of sermons, a retreat, or other worship experiences.
- When possible, use simple props and costumes to enhance presentation of the story.
- If your setting allows, use the questions at the end of the skit for reflection or discussion. Or, make these questions available to adult or youth Sunday school teachers, encouraging them to follow up in their own settings.

Fun Bible Skits for Your Kids' Club Program

- Select the Bible skits in their biblical and chronological order or in any order you wish. *Note: If you are using all the Old Testament skits, you may want to introduce the theme of "God Helps Us Make Good Choices."*
- Find a team of youth or adults to practice the skits before performing for the children, so the Bible content will be presented well. Some junior youth may enjoy being part of a drama group.
- Use the questions provided immediately after the skit is presented, with the whole group of children or as discussion starters with separate age groups. The first questions are generally geared to younger children, while subsequent questions allow older children to dig deeper.
- Use the activities accompanying each skit to reinforce the Bible theme. Select one or more activity, depending on the age of the children, the time available, and the energy level of the participants.
- Supplement the suggested activities with songs, Bible memory work, or additional craft projects if desired.

Note: The Christmas play does not include activities. Children could prepare and present the drama at a congregational worship event, as a service project for seniors, or for parents' night at a special Christmas club event.

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Adam and Eve Make a Wrong Choice

Genesis 3:1-24

Characters

God, Adam, Eve, snake (*may be played by person holding rubber snake*)

Props

- Rubber snake
- Small table or stand
- Banana
- Two chairs
- Apple

Introduction

The Bible has many stories of people who made good and bad choices. God gave us these stories to help us know how to make good choices. Today we will see and hear a story about the first people God created—Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve lived in a beautiful place called the Garden of Eden. God gave them permission to eat from every tree in the garden except one—the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Adam and Eve spent their time taking care of the Garden, talking with each other, and talking with God . . .

(Set apple on stand, center stage. Place two chairs next to each other, stage right, to represent a bush. Adam and Eve enter stage left. Eve is eating a banana.)

Eve: Adam, these are the best bananas! Take a bite. *(She hands banana to Adam.)*

Adam: Thanks. *(Takes bite.)* Wow, that *is* good—really sweet. Say, God, have you tried some of these bananas from the west side of the garden? Oh . . . I'm sorry! I keep forgetting. You're a spirit. You don't eat anything!

God: Don't worry, Adam. You don't need to apologize . . . for anything. Believe me, I enjoy the bananas—in fact, everything in this garden—more than you can imagine. I enjoy watching you enjoy the bananas. And most of all, I enjoy being with you.

Eve: And we enjoy being with you, God. You are absolutely the best thing about this garden.

Adam: Hey! What about me?

Eve: You and *Adam* are the best things about this garden.

God: And you and Adam are the best things about this garden to me. By the way, I noticed that the cherry trees on the east side need a little pruning.

Adam: No problem, God. We'll head right over there, through the center of the garden.

(Adam and Eve walk to center stage. Snake meets them from stage right.)

Snake: *(Addresses Eve; Adam continues to eat banana.)* I overheard you talking with God. Did God really say you may not eat from any tree in the garden?

Eve: Don't be ridiculous, Snake. Of course we may eat from the trees in the garden . . . except from that one over there, in the center of the garden *(points to apple)*, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God said not to eat the fruit of that tree. It's not good for us. If we eat it, we will die.

Snake: You won't die! God just knows that if you eat it, you will be like God, knowing good and evil. *(Snake exits stage right.)*

Eve: *(Pauses to think, then speaks to herself.)* Hmm . . . like God. I will be like God. You know, it does look pretty tasty. *(Picks up and takes a bite.)* Wow! This is good. And I feel wiser already. Hey, Adam, try some of this. *(Offers Adam a bite.)*

Adam: *(looks unsure)* I'm not so sure about this . . . but it does look awfully good. *(Cautiously takes apple from Eve and takes a bite.)*

(Adam and Eve look at themselves in shock and try to cover themselves with hands and arms.)

Eve: *(distraught)* Oh no! What have we done? And what will we do if God finds us?

(Adam and Eve "hide," kneeling behind two chairs.)

God: Where are you?

Adam: *(his voice shaking)* I . . . I was afraid. So I hid.

God: Have you eaten from the forbidden tree?

Adam: Well . . . uh, you see, it was like this. Eve gave me some fruit, and so I ate it.

God: Eve, what have you done?

Eve: It was the snake's fault! He tricked me!

God: You both made a wrong choice, and you will both suffer the consequences. From now on, life will be hard for you, and you must leave the Garden of Eden forever.

Questions

- Use your imagination to describe the Garden of Eden. How would you have spent your time if you lived there?
- What was the best thing about the Garden of Eden for Adam, Eve, and God?
- Why do you think God forbade Adam and Eve to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?
- Why did Eve eat the fruit of the forbidden tree? Why do you think Adam ate the fruit?
- Why did Adam and Eve hide after they ate the fruit?
- Think of a time you made a wrong choice. How did you feel afterwards? What were the consequences of your choice? What did you learn from it?

Activities

- 1. Garden of Eden watercolor.** Give each child a large sheet of white paper and paintbrush. Set out watercolor paints and cups of water. In question #1, above, the children imagined what the Garden of Eden looked like and what they would do there. Now ask them to paint their ideas and enjoy creating beauty, as God did!
- 2. Garden of Eden snack.** Serve a snack of several different kinds of fresh fruits and vegetables, including several unusual ones. Prepare the snack together as part of the activity. As you enjoy the food, talk about what foods would tempt the children. This might be a good time to talk about healthy choices of food.
- 3. Make a snake.** You will need 3-4 cardboard tubes from bathroom tissue for each child. Have children punch 2 holes in each tube and tie the tubes together with string to make a wiggly snake. Invite them to decorate their snakes with markers, glitter, material scraps, construction paper, paint, etc. Print the words “God helps me when I’m tempted” on the snake.

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Bring Bible stories to life for all ages through these 24 ready-to-go skits!

These lively skits share the good news of God's love in an inviting, easy-access way. Author David M. Morrow, a pastor in Warden, Washington, originally wrote them for children attending an after-school program. Kids of various backgrounds, with little Bible knowledge, paid attention. They remembered the stories, and asked questions about faith and life. Let these skits help you share the Bible with your congregation or community.

Each short script is reproducible, and includes questions for discussion and ideas for response activities. A flexible resource for worship, midweek clubs, retreat, Sunday school, camp, or other settings.

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