

PARENT GUIDE

THE FALL

BIG IDEA:

God is kind, even when we sin.

VERSE:

"The Lord shows mercy and is kind. He does not become angry quickly." Psalm 103:8 (ICB)

WEEK 1: Adam and Eve's Sin (Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1, 6-10, 21)

WEEK 2: Cain's Sin (Genesis 4:6-10, 12-15)

WEEK 3: The People's Sin- Noah's Ark (Genesis 6:9, 11-13, 18; 7:17, 21-24; 8:1, 21)

WEEK 4: The Whole World's Sin- Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1, 3-9)

This month's unit is called *The Fall*, and our lessons focus on how our sin hurt God's perfect creation, but He was merciful and kind when we deserved punishment!

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Choose one or two of the activities below to do with your family during your devotional times.

1. Share Stories: Share different stories about how God showed you kindness instead of punishment. You could also share about a time when a parent, teacher, or friend was kind to you.

2. Ask Questions: What does God's mercy (or kindness) tell you about who God is? How has someone shown you mercy recently? Who do you need to show kindness to? Can you think of another Bible story where God showed mercy? How did God show kindness to you when He sent His Son, Jesus? Why do you think God is merciful to us? Knowing God's great mercy, how should we show mercy to others?

3. Pray: Pray that God would show you and your kids unique ways to be kind each day. Also, pray that He would help make you a family that loves and values mercy and kindness.

4. Repent: Have a time of repentance. As a family, tell God about times that you've sinned and hurt His heart. Let each family member take turns asking God for forgiveness.