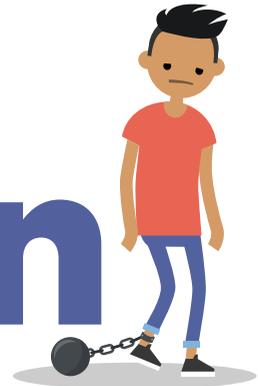


Broken by Sin



BROKEN—

Something that has been torn or fragmented

When people sin, they tear or break the relationship they had with God. They are separated from God by their sin. The good news is that God's plan provides the answer to the brokenness caused by sin.



KNOW

Sin is to think, say, or behave in any way that goes against God and His commands.



UNDERSTAND

All people are broken by sin.



DISCOVER

Before trusting Jesus, our identity is broken by our sin and rebellion against God.

KEY VERSE: "AND YOU WERE DEAD IN YOUR
TRESPASSES AND SINS."

—EPHESIANS 2:1



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ADAM AND EVE SINNED

One day a serpent approached Eve and asked, "Did God really say, 'You can't eat from any tree in the garden?'"

Eve corrected the serpent: "We may eat fruit from any tree except one in the middle of the garden. God said, 'You must not touch or eat that fruit, or you will die.'"

The serpent told Eve, "You won't die! In fact, God knows that when you eat it, you will be like Him, knowing good and evil."

Eve looked at the fruit on the tree. She remembered that the serpent said the fruit would make her wise. Eve took some of the fruit and ate it. She gave some to Adam, and he ate it, too.

Immediately, Adam and Eve realized what they had done. They tried to cover themselves and hide from God.

That evening, God called out to Adam. "Where are you? Did you eat from the tree I commanded you not to?"

Eve said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate it."

God told the serpent, "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than any other animal. You will move on your belly and eat dust." Then God told Eve, "You will have pain when you have a baby." God told Adam, "You must work hard to grow your food now, and one day you will die."

God made Adam and Eve leave the garden.

— based on Genesis 3



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This week focuses on our identity broken by sin. God created all people in His image and for His glory, but we have sinned and rebelled against God. Sin separates us from God, but God still loves us. God promised a Rescuer would come from Eve’s family. God sent His Son, Jesus, to rescue people from sin and bring them back to God.

Key Verse: Ephesians 2:1

Key Passage: Sin Entered the World (Genesis 3)

BIBLE STORY

Together read the Bible story on page 15 of your child’s Activity Book and ask the following review questions.

- › **Q1:** What did the serpent first say to Eve?
- › **A1:** “Did God really say, ‘You can’t eat from any tree in the garden?’” (*Gen. 3:1*)
- › **Q2:** What did the serpent say would happen if Eve ate the fruit?
- › **A2:** She would not die. She would be like God, knowing good and evil. (*Gen. 3:5*)
- › **Q3:** What happened after Adam and Eve ate the fruit?
- › **A3:** They realized what they had done. They tried to cover themselves and hide from God. (*Gen. 3:7-8*)

DEEPER STUDY

Read Ephesians 2:1-5 together and discuss the following questions.

- › **Q1:** What does it mean to sin?
- › **A1:** To sin is to think, say, or behave in any way that goes against God and His commands

- › **A1:** Why do you think Adam and Eve sinned?
- › **A1:** Adam and Eve did not trust God’s plan and they disobeyed God.
- › **Q2:** What do these verses tell us about our sin?
- › **A2:** Because of our sins, we are separated from God and our identity is broken.
- › **Q3:** Read Eph. 2:4-5. What hope do these verses give us about our identity?
- › **A3:** God is merciful and loves us. He sent Jesus for us to be forgiven of our sin when we trust in Him.

PRAY AND JOURNAL

Pray together, thanking God for showing you through His Word what is true about all people because of sin. Thank Him for sending Jesus to rescue us from sin when we trust in Him.

Encourage your child to complete the daily Bible study and journal pages in the activity book this week.

IT'S A MATCH!

Gather different colored pencils, crayons, or markers. Shade in the boxes to the right using different colors. Put the pencils, crayons, or markers in a bag. Choose a Bible reference on the grid and pull out a pencil from the bag. If the color of the pencil matches the color of the box on the grid, you earn 5 points. If you find the verse and read it aloud, you earn the extra points shown on the box. If you can say the Bible verse from memory, you get double the points on the box!

EPHESIANS 2:9 5 POINTS	EPHESIANS 2:1-2 5 POINTS	EPHESIANS 2:10 10 POINTS
EPHESIANS 2:4 15 POINTS	EPHESIANS 2:8 20 POINTS	EPHESIANS 2:3 15 POINTS
EPHESIANS 2:7 5 POINTS	EPHESIANS 2:5 10 POINTS	EPHESIANS 2:6 15 POINTS

HOW MANY POINTS DID YOU EARN?



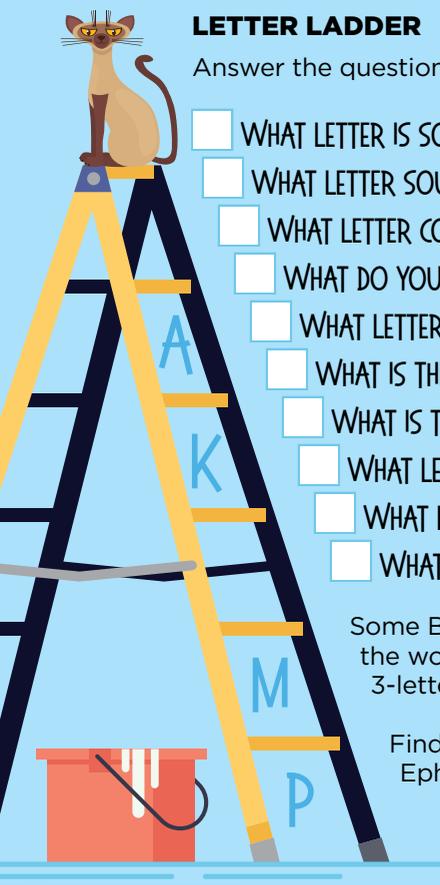
LETTER LADDER

Answer the questions to discover a long word from Ephesians 2:1.

- WHAT LETTER IS SOMETHING TO DRINK?
- WHAT LETTER SOUNDS LIKE AN ANGRY PIRATE?
- WHAT LETTER COMES AFTER D?
- WHAT DO YOU ADD TO A WORD TO MAKE IT MEAN MORE THAN ONE?
- WHAT LETTER SOUNDS LIKE A VEGETABLE?
- WHAT IS THE VERY FIRST LETTER?
- WHAT IS THE 19TH LETTER?
- WHAT LETTER COMES BEFORE T?
- WHAT LETTER IS IN BOTH RED AND BLUE?
- WHAT LETTER IS DOUBLED TWICE IN MISSISSIPPI?

Some Bibles may use the word *transgressions*, but that word and the word you discovered in the puzzle mean the same as this 3-letter word:

Find either word in these Bible verses as you read them.
 Ephesians 2:1 Romans 5:18 Romans 3:23



CAN YOU READ IT?

Try reading these temptations and understanding them. If you need help, read the hint.

- Goodbye. Do I see money off the desk? Someone won't see me leave it.
- What are me down to? Me remembered my homework? I can't copy yours.
- Me can have a bad time. Me can't tease your sister. She is going in of school. Tell she that he's smart.

Now, decide how to handle each temptation so you won't be sinning!

[Answers: Hello. Do you see money on the desk? No one will see you take it. What are you up to? You forgot your homework? You can copy mine. We can have a good time. We can tease my brother. He is coming out of school. Tell him that he is dumb.]

CAN YOU READ IT?

HINT:
WRITE THE
OPPOSITE
WORD ABOVE
WHAT'S
HIGHLIGHTED



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DIGGING DEEPER

People often think the Bible is about people who always obeyed God. However, the Bible also tells us about times people did not obey Him. People are separated from God because of their sin. The good news is that... Wait! That comes next week!

Find each of these Bible passages. Write the name of the person in the verse and how each one sinned.

Numbers 20:7-11

2 Samuel 11:14-17; 12:10

Luke 19:8

Matthew 26:69-75

Acts 22:2-4

Now, think about this: Each one of those people was used by God in many wonderful ways later in their lives—even though they had sinned! When God forgives sin, He doesn't remember it anymore. (Hebrews 8:12)

MY DAILY JOURNAL

A journal is a place to keep track of your thoughts, feelings, questions, answers, and prayers. During the study, these pages will guide you to use your Bible, to think about what you read, and to give you suggestions for prayer.



READ EPHESIANS 2:1 AND GENESIS 3:1-2

As you read, note who was talking in the Genesis passage. Beside each name, write what that person said about God's command.

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Why do you think the serpent wanted Eve to think about the fruit of the tree?

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What happens when a person starts thinking about something that goes against God and His commands?.....

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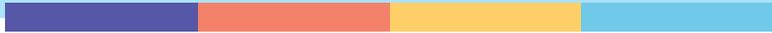
What kinds of things are you tempted to do that you should not? (Remember, you can write in code if you want your thoughts to be private.)

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Talk to God, naming things that tempt you or might tempt you. Ask His help in overcoming temptation.





READ EPHESIANS 2:2 AND GENESIS 3:4-6

In each passage, Satan is described differently. What descriptions do you find?

1)

2)

Satan wants everyone to be separated from God all the time. He keeps working to trick people into sinning and disobeying God. Satan promised Eve that she would not die if she ate the fruit God had forbidden. Why do you think Eve trusted Satan instead of God?

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Ephesians 2:2 tells how powerful Satan is. Satan is powerful, but he is not as powerful as God. Satan uses trickery. God uses honesty. How do you feel about that?

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Talk with God about your feelings. Ask Him questions you may have.



READ EPHESIANS 2:3 AND GENESIS 3:6-7

How did Eve respond to the temptation to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? What did she do next?

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Paul wanted the church in Ephesus to know that he and his companions had also faced temptations. Paul knew that every person sins and is separated from God. How do you think being separated from God might feel?

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Talk with God about your feelings. Listen when He speaks to your heart and mind about how to say no to temptation.

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Have you ever felt the separation from God because of sin? If so, talk with God about it. He is willing to forgive you when you trust Him as Savior and ask for forgiveness.





DAY 4
READ EPHESIANS 2:10 AND GENESIS 3:8-9

What good news do you find in Ephesians 2:10?

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Who created Adam and Eve? According to Ephesians 2:10, what did God create Adam and Eve to do?

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How did Adam and Eve not follow God's plan?

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According to Ephesians 2:10, what has God created you to do?

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How do you feel knowing God created you for specific good works?

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Talk to God about your feelings. Ask what He wants you to do.



DAY 5
READ EPHESIANS 2:12 AND GENESIS 3:10-13

Paul pointed out that when people were without Jesus, they had no hope for anything but separation brought on by sin. How do you feel when you are separated from someone you love?

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Adam and Eve did not want to admit what they had done. Who blamed who? Fill in these blanks for what they did.

..... blamed, blamed

..... caused all the blame.

