



HILLSIDE STUDENTS


The Fall

CONNECT

 Set out snacks! Add new students to the groups app! Take Attendance!

 Play **Silent Line Up!** Ask students to line up in a specific order without talking (e.g., by height, birth month, or alphabetical order by first name). Students must use gestures, signals, or other non-verbal cues to communicate and arrange themselves. Once the line-up is complete, have them confirm if they did it correctly!

WATCH

 **Set up Discussion:** We are very familiar with the effects of the Fall and sin entering the world. We know what it's like to struggle with sin cycles and to be treated poorly, and we see the brokenness of the world we live in. Genesis 3 changed humanity forever, and we are hyperaware of this. But Genesis 3 did not change God. Let's dig deeper into the story of the fall, God's plan from the beginning, and what this means for us today.

 **Pre-Video Question:** Have your group answer one or both questions below!

- If your favorite holiday had a mascot, what would it be?
- Would you rather jump or jive?

Split up into smaller groups and navigate the discussion below:

READ + DISCUSS

- Where in Genesis 3 do you see... God be compassionate? The serpent be deceptive? Adam & Eve straying away from God?
- How does sin effect Adam & Eve in this story? How are our lives affected by sin today?
- **Read Romans 6:23.** How important is dealing with sin to God? (for example: it's not a big deal, He's indifferent, or it matters a lot to Him) How do you know?
- If God takes sin so seriously, how seriously should we take it? What does it look like to take sin seriously?
- **Read Proverbs 3:12.** How is discipline from God loving?
- **Read Romans 5:6-9.** Why is it significant that Jesus died for us while we were still sinners? What does this teach us about God's grace?
- **Read 1 John 1:9.** How is confession helpful to us?
- **Take a few minutes to pray as a group,** acknowledging God's faithfulness to forgive our sins as we confess our need for Him.

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Genesis 3 is a chapter that shows us how sin first entered the world - an event we still see and feel the effects of - but in this chapter, we also receive the first gospel promise in all the Bible - the good news of the snake-crusher. God's reaction to Adam and Eve tells us about His character, how God views sin, and how we ought to view our sins as well.

When we talk about sin, it's important to acknowledge the truth that all have fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). We've all messed up and rely entirely on God's grace for salvation; we know that Jesus' death on the cross covers our sin (1 Pet 3:18). However, we must not become numb to our sin. We need to take our sin seriously, because God takes sin seriously. As Paul said in Romans 6:1-2, "What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ²By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?"

Leaders, encourage students to consider both God's justice and His grace in the story of the Fall. Spend time in prayer asking that the Lord would reveal to us our constant need for the gospel and repentance.

Read Romans 6:23 *"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Read Proverbs 3:12 *"because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in."*

Read Romans 5:6-9⁶ *You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!"*

Read 1 John 1:9 *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."*

Genesis Reading Plan

Week 4 | Genesis 11:10-32, 12:1-9

Day 1 - Genesis 11:10-26

Day 2 - Genesis 11:27-32

Day 3 - Genesis 12:1-3

Day 4 - Genesis 12:4-9

Day 5 - Acts 7:2-4

Day 6 - Hebrews 11:8

Day 7 - Catch Up/Memorize/Nothing