



Day 1: The Garden

Let's Start

ASK: Think of the best garden or park you've ever been to... What do you love about it?

SAY: Well, a long time ago, right here in this world, God planted a good garden. Today we are going to think about four types of tree in that garden that help us understand why God's garden was the best garden there's ever been!

Let's Listen to God

READ: Genesis 2:8-9

*8 The LORD God had planted a garden in the east in Eden. He put in the garden the man he had formed.
9 The LORD God made every kind of tree grow out of the ground. The trees were pleasing to look at. Their fruit was good to eat. There were two trees in the middle of the garden. One of them had fruit that let people live forever. The other had fruit that let people tell the difference between good and evil.*

ASK: What did the first two types of trees give Adam and Eve?
What two other, unusual-sounding, trees are mentioned?

READ: Genesis 3:8a

8a Then the man and his wife heard the LORD God walking in the garden.

ASK: What does that sentence tell us about God?

Let's Learn

SAY: In God's good garden the tree that gave life meant there were no illnesses or accidents or death. There was nothing to make life bad and people sad. And the tree of knowledge of good and evil was God's tree. It showed that the garden belonged to God, who was good, who was in charge of it all and ruled it all perfectly.

God also was right there in the garden with the people he'd made. Those people could see God and speak to God, and just enjoy being with God! It was an AMAZING PLACE!

Even though we are not in that good garden, we can still enjoy the creation that God made. He created all the mountains and beaches and plants and fruits and vegetables and animals and EVERYTHING. Let's say a prayer right now to say thank you to God for all those things right now.

Let's Pray

Say: "Lord God, thank you for making all of creation for us to enjoy. You are amazing and we love seeing pieces of your work around us every day. Amen."