



Day 3: The Keep Out Sign

Let's Start

ASK: Share some examples of places you are not allowed to go—perhaps at school, or at church, or even at home. How do you know you can't go there? What are you not allowed in?

SAY: Today we are going to come across the first ever “Keep Out” sign. After the first people disobeyed God, their sin spoiled things. Let's see what God told them.

Let's Listen to God

READ: Genesis 3: 22-24

22 The Lord God said, “Just like one of us, the man can now tell the difference between good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out and pick fruit from the tree of life and eat it. If he does, he will live forever.” 23 So the Lord God drove the man out of the Garden of Eden. He sent the man to farm the ground he had been made from. 24 The Lord God drove him out and then placed angels on the east side of the garden. He also placed there a flaming sword that flashed back and forth. The angels and the sword guarded the way to the tree of life.

ASK: Where were Adam and Eve no longer allowed to go?
What stopped them from going there?
If the people could no longer eat from the tree of life, what do you think would happen to them?

Let's Learn

SAY: We have seen the first “Keep Out” sign—angels and a sword that stopped people from going into Eden. God had kept his word. He had told the people that if they ever ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, they would die. And now they would be cut off from the tree that gives life. But that was not the worst thing...

Adam and Eve knew how wonderful it was to live with God. But now God said, *Because of your sin, you can't come in.* They could no longer be with God. God said that only people who perfectly obeyed him could live with him in his garden. So, he shut Adam and Eve out. That is how seriously he takes sin.

Let's Pray

Say: Lord God, thank you that you are perfect and will not allow sin to spoil your perfect place. Thank you that this story doesn't end here with the “Keep Out” sign of the warrior angels. Please prepare us to hear the good news of the rest of the story. Amen