

Chronicles of the Kingdom Script

Teacher 1: Now that ____ is back and looking ready, we're going to share in some shadow play, a popular medieval pastime, as we hear words our heavenly King has written in his one-of-a-kind book, the Bible. I'm going to share a bit from the very beginning (*open your Bible to Genesis*), but first, ____ is going to pass out fruit gummies (*or baggies of fruit*) to each of you. *Do so, making sure nobody is allergic to it.* Before you eat this snack, however, you need to listen carefully to this kingdom account, for hidden within it is a very special clue word. The clue word is *fruit*, just like your snack. When you hear the word *fruit*, that will be the signal to open your bag and eat.

At this point, dim the lights and turn on the flashlight ("torch"). Dramatically tell the following, using this script that can be placed in your Bible. Shine the light on it to see.

Teacher 1: In the beginning, thousands of years ago (about 6,000!), there lived the very first man and woman.

Teacher 2: Shine the light behind the ADAM AND EVE TRANSPARENCIES to create a shadow effect on the wall, or put them on the overhead projector.

Teacher 1: They lived in a beautiful place called the garden of Eden, created by the perfect Creator King. Along with Adam and Eve lived all the different kinds of animals, such as cats and bears.

Teacher 2: And even dinosaurs! *Shine the light behind the DINOSAUR TRANSPARENCY.*

Teacher 1: Yep! There were also lovely flowers and bushes and trees in this beautiful paradise.

Teacher 2: Shine the light behind the FLOWER TRANSPARENCY.

Teacher 1: God, the Creator King, who is good and only does good, said everything was very good. It was a perfect kingdom.

But then, something bad happened to destroy this happy place. An enemy came into the kingdom.

Teacher 2: Help me tell of the enemy's approach. Let's start slowly chanting, and we'll get faster and faster. *Start slowly chanting "Da-dum, da-dum, da-dum, da-dum." Gradually get louder and faster, as if the enemy is getting closer and closer. (This should be reminiscent of the music for the shark attack in the movie Jaws.)*

Teacher 1: This enemy was created by God and lived in heaven. He was perfect and beautiful at first. But then the enemy started thinking he was great stuff—even better than God, and he sinned (*Ezekiel 28:15–17 and Isaiah 14:12–15*). This was the start of evil.

Teacher 2: Shine the light behind the SKULL AND CROSSBONES TRANSPARENCY.

Teacher 1: God threw him out of heaven, along with a third of the angels who turned against God (*Revelation 12:4*).

This enemy, called Satan, hated the Creator King and everything the King had made.

He knew God had created Adam and Eve to live happily ever after. But, as you might imagine, the enemy didn't want that to happen. He wanted them to die and forever be with him in the terrible place God had prepared for him. So he took on the form of a serpent and went to the garden of Eden, where he devised a wicked trick.

Teacher 2: Shine the light on the SERPENT TRANSPARENCY.

Teacher 1: It was the first trick ever.

Teacher 2: And it was a dirty, rotten one.

Teacher 1: Satan found out about a special rule God had concerning a tree.

Teacher 2: And this wasn't just any apple or oak or maple tree. *Shine the light on the TREE TRANSPARENCY.*

Teacher 1: Nope. It was called the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and God told Adam (who would have told Eve) that he could eat from every tree in the garden except that one. God warned him that if he ate from that tree, the punishment for it would be death.

Satan disguised himself as a serpent and found Eve. He said to her, "Did God really say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'"

The woman replied to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit . . ."

Teacher 2: Did I just hear the word *fruit*?

Teacher 1: *Pause while they open their bags. Then start that sentence again. They should know to eat without talking—just listening.*
The woman replied to the serpent: *Read Genesis 3:3.*

Teacher 2: *Shine the light on the FRUIT TRANSPARENCY.*

Teacher 1: But the enemy told her she wouldn't die, and she believed his lie. His trick worked, and she plucked off a piece of fruit and ate it!

Teacher 2: Oh, noooooo!

Teacher 1: I know. And then Eve gave some to Adam. Satan had tricked Eve, but Adam knew better, and he still chose to disobey the Creator King by eating too. God held Adam responsible for that, just like God holds us responsible when we know the right thing to do but choose to disobey.

Well, that really messed things up. Now Adam and Eve had to deal with two kingdoms—God's good kingdom and Satan's bad kingdom.

Teacher 2: Shine the light on the words GOOD and BAD.

Teacher 1: And from that day on, a battle began to rage between the two kingdoms.

Teacher 2: Make a couple shooting noises.

Teacher 1: Time out! Time out! It's not that kind of battle. It's not a battle we can necessarily see or hear.

Teacher 2: Make a couple more shooting noises, then say, "Oh."

Teacher 1: It was, and is, a very real battle, though. It's an invisible, spiritual battle between perfect God and his perfect kingdom, and the enemy Satan and his wicked kingdom. And all people throughout all time, including all of us, are involved in this battle.

Teacher 2: Even little ole me?

Teacher 1: Even little ole you.

Teacher 2: Even these nice kids?

Teacher 1: Even these nice kids. We've seen lots of make-believe battles, right? For example, how about the movie *Star Wars*? Luke Skywalker, who represents good, versus _____? (*Darth Vader—bad*)

Teacher 2: Kids, let's do a quick Darth Vader impersonation. Cup your hands over your nose and mouth and breathe loudly. *Do so.*

Teacher 1: What other movie or book characters can you think of that represent the two kingdoms? *Continue with others they think of.*

Those are make-believe battles. But long ago in that garden, the true battle began. That battle is *not* make-believe. It's *not* pretend. It's real. On that day, Adam disobeyed God's command, and that's called sin.

Teacher 2: Shine the light on the word SIN.

Teacher 1: And because Adam disobeyed God and sinned, the earth is no longer a perfect paradise. God placed a curse on his creation, so now men have to work at tasks that are not always enjoyable, and ladies have pain when having babies, and plants have thorns, and people are sometimes mean, and sad things happen (*Genesis 3*).

Teacher 2: And God told Adam and Eve they'd have to leave the garden forever so they wouldn't eat from another tree that was there called the tree of life and live forever in their sinful state. It's so sad! And I don't like sad endings.

Teacher 1: Well, the good news is, it's not a sad ending! God thought of everything, and he had a plan for the good kingdom to win. Let's pass out a couple supplies, and we'll share the good plan God had!