

# **First Century Fellowship**

## **Lesson: How could a Holy God ever Love a Sinner like Me?**

### **Summarized Content:**

- God loves each one of us right now, just as much as He loves His Son, Jesus.
- Lucifer was created as the third most powerful being by God, the most powerful of all angels.
- Lucifer's pride wore away his trust of God until he hated Him. He influenced 1/3 of the angels to join him.
- Lucifer was jealous that humans were made in God's image and would someday become the sons of God.
- When we lose faith that God is in charge, we accuse God just as Satan does.
- God loves who we are right now and who we will *become* in Him.
- God has a custom made plan for each one of us, if we will just trust Him to reveal it in time.
- God invites us to receive His love in humility and obedience. This will in turn lead us to blessings.

### **Scriptures:**

- Gen. 1:1-5, 26-28, 31
- Gen. 2:1-9
- I John 3:1-3
- I Cor. 15:38-58
- Eph. 3:14-21
- John 14:1-4, 6-7, 12-21
- Jeremiah 29:11
- Matt. 6:25-34

## Activities:

### Exploring God's Word:

- Read unhighlighted scriptures as a group. Discuss their meaning as you read them. Tell them the story of how Lucifer, once the third most powerful being ever created, fell from his position taking 1/3 of the angels with him as you read the scriptures describing each event.
- Work with the children to create small stick puppets of Lucifer, God's throne, 2 humans, and 3 other angels. Assign scripture readers for the scriptures already read. Allow them to paraphrase each scripture for the puppets and play. Use the puppets to act the entire event out using paraphrased scriptures.
- Read the highlighted scriptures above. What lesson is God trying to show us using Lucifer's bad example of pride and not trusting God? How do we sometimes not trust that God has His best in store for us? Discuss these as a group.

### Understanding God's Word (choose from the activities below):



**God's Love/Satan's Hate T-Chart:** Using a T-chart on the white board, compare and contrast God's love for us with Satan's hate. Use the Compare/Contrast Phrases to print, cut out, and attach magnets so they can be manipulated on the white board in the correct column. Children should complete their own T-Charts using the same phrases.



**Complete a Coded Word Find:** Have children work in pairs to complete the coded word find. There are 12 words that are related to God's Love. Highlight these in yellow as you find them. There are 12 words that are related to Satan's Hate. Highlight these in pink as you find them.



**Responding to God's Love Pathways Worksheet:** Circle ways to respond to God's Love that will lead you to blessings. (Note how the other ways lead us to curses.) Now, connect His Pathway to blessing with a blue line by connecting each of the items you circled.



**Complete a Truth or Myth Quiz:** Ask children to each write a question for truth of myth related to the content of this lesson. Collect the questions. Put the children in teams. Take turns answering the questions, giving points for each teams' correct answers.



**Draw a Truth of God's Love:** Choose one of the truths of God in this lesson. Think of a way to illustrate God's love in the truth you chose.



**Create a Book:** Create a book of God's truths. On each page, highlight one truth of God with an accompanying picture and scripture reference.