# GOD IS MY FRIEND

Preschool
Week 3

**PARENT BIBLE STUDY**
**Read: Genesis 3**
This lesson is entitled "The Sneaky Snake" for good reason. In fact, Satan was so sneaky, that as part of his manipulative speech to Adam and Eve, he included a promise: "For God knows that when you eat of it (the tree of the knowledge of good and evil) your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil," Genesis 3:5.

Up until this point, Adam and Eve had only known what was good. Everything in their lives was beautiful and perfect. They had no knowledge of evil whatsoever. Satan was right, the fruit did indeed give them knowledge of evil, but they had no idea what knowing evil would cost them. The consequences were profound. It became clear that God's rule wasn't to keep them from something. God wasn't withholding good from them, but instead he was protecting them. In that moment, they forgot the God who loved them. They were suddenly naked and ashamed—spoiled by sin.

What Adam and Eve did next are things we do every day: hide, blame, lie and forget (or ignore) the goodness of God towards us. Thankfully, that day in the garden wasn't the end of the story. God sent Jesus. He sent Jesus for us. And that changes everything.

Ephesians 2:4-5 says: "But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in our transgressions - it is by grace you have been saved."

Because of Jesus, we don't have to live in the shame that entered the picture that day in the garden. The connection Adam and Eve lost with God the day they ate that fruit is now ours again because of Jesus. That's the best news there is.

"God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus," Ephesians 2:6-7.

**Where in your life might you be buying into the lie that God's ways mean that he is withholding good from you instead of protecting you?**