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KEY PASSAGE:
Genesis 1 and Genesis 3:1-6; Creation and the Fall

MEMORY VERSE:
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SUMMARY:
The color green can remind us of the Creation story because it is the color of trees, grass and plants. It is also the color we typically see used to show all of the continents on a globe. Green can also remind us of the snake that led Adam and Eve into sin. In this lesson kids will learn that God made everything good, but people made a bad choice and sinned when they disobeyed God.

SIMPLE PRAYER:
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Thank you for the green of Creation.

In Jesus’ name,
Amen
“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8 (NIV)

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LARGE GROUP:
Have all the fifth/sixth graders (whatever the oldest age in the room may be) read the verse first. Then add the next grade down and repeat. Add the next grade down, and repeat. Keep repeating until everyone is reading together.

SMALL GROUP:
Ask if anyone already has this verse memorized from previous memory verse studies. Have those kids recite the verse by themselves, then review it with the other kids.
SKIT

BEING GREEN

ITEMS NEEDED:
Two chairs
A green crayon costume or puppet

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:
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CHARACTERS:
A talk show host
A green crayon

The host is seated in one of the two chairs on stage. The crayon is in the other seat. (A puppet stage can be used if a crayon puppet is used for this sketch.)

HOST: Good morning. Today we begin a six part investigative interview series about... crayons. Who are they? What are they good for? And how do they really feel about the sharpener on the back of the box of 64? Today my guest is Green. Hello, Green.

GREEN: Hello.

HOST: Green, why would any kid ever want to color with you?

GREEN: Well, I can be used for many things. Green is the color of land on maps, so if you want to show the difference between land and water, you use green.

HOST: I see.

GREEN: Green is also the color of springtime, so you can use me to color a garden.

HOST: Oh, you mean like the Garden of Eden?

GREEN: Yes, that’s a perfect example. The Garden of Eden had lush, green grass, green leaves in the trees, green leaves on the bushes. Maybe even some Granny Smith apples. Everywhere you looked you saw the radiant, life-giving color of green.
HOST: Green gives life?

GREEN: Well, I don’t mean to brag, but green is a part of a little something called photosynthesis, which creates oxygen and gives you life.

HOST: So true.

GREEN: Yes, green can draw the beauty of God’s perfect Creation.

HOST: It can also be used to color the snake, can’t it?

GREEN: What?

HOST: You remember, the serpent who tempted Adam and Eve to eat the forbidden fruit?

GREEN: Hey, there is no proof that serpent was green, okay?

HOST: Can you prove he wasn’t?

GREEN: Look, man, I came here to have a nice talk about being green, okay? I wanna talk about life and growth and beauty.

HOST: Snakes can be beautiful.

GREEN: Not that snake, man!

HOST: I suppose we can’t blame it ALL on the snake. Adam and Eve knew better than to eat the forbidden fruit.

GREEN: Yes, exactly, thank you!

HOST: But then again, that bright green snake sure egged them on.

GREEN: Will you stop that?

HOST: Oh green, I’m sorry for picking on you.

GREEN: Yeah, well, you know what they say. It’s not easy being green.

HOST: No, but green still is the color of spring, and growth, and creation.

GREEN: Thank you.
HOST: And snakes.

GREEN: That’s it! I’m outta here!

*Green exits.*

HOST: Next week: would you buy a ticket on a cruise ship if it was the color brown? Thanks for watching!
ITEMS NEEDED:
A house plant

If you wanted to do a crayon art of this plant, what’s the first color you would reach for?

Green is the color of plants. We see green in everything from grass to shrubs to trees to vines. Where else might you see and use green in a piece of crayon art?

Green is the color of life. It’s the color of spring. It reminds us of the Garden of Eden and God’s creation. It can also remind us of the serpent who tempted Eve and caused us to fall from grace.

Green can also remind us that God still loves us. Green always comes back in the spring after the dead of winter. God makes all things new. God can make us new.

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GOD COLORS: GREEN

FROG HOP

ITEMS NEEDED:
Green frog hats or masks

INSTRUCTIONS:
Choose four players for this game. Mark a starting line and a finish line on the floor. Place the frog masks/hats on the players. The players will compete from start to finish by hopping like frogs. The first player across the finish line wins.

VARIATION:
This can also be a relay race with two teams of four taking turns hopping like frogs from start to finish.

WHAT'S THE POINT?
Frogs are green. Green is the color of Creation and of growth.
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INTRO:
How many crayons do you think you have in your house right now? How many of you have one box? Two boxes? Who has the giant 64 pack of crayons with the sharpener on the back? Who doesn’t have the old box, but instead has a giant plastic tub full of crayons of all shapes, sizes, brands, and colors?

Crayons were one of your earliest play things. As soon as you were big enough to know not to eat them, you had crayons put in your hands. Crayons have a practical purpose for preschoolers. They help us to develop fine motor skills. Slowly but surely, we go from scribbling all over the paper to coloring in the lines, preparing us to learn how to use pencils to write numbers, letters, and words.

But who cares about that, especially when you’re a kid? Crayons are fun! Crayons let us bring color to black and white drawings. Crayons let us imagine purple giraffes, orange hippos, and even red Smurfs.

For the next six weeks we’re going to be talking about coloring and colors. We’re starting with green because that’s how the Bible starts - with a lot of green. Green is the color of new life, of creation, and growth. Let’s look at how God used green to make our world.

READ GENESIS 1

MAIN POINT:
God used the color green to separate the land from the sea. He covered the land with green grass, green trees, and green shrubbery. Green was everywhere, and is still everywhere.
It comes back in full force every spring, reminding us of God’s original creation and showing us that God makes things new every day.

But green can also remind us of something tragic from those early days. Green reminds us of a crafty serpent who tempted Adam and Eve and led them to disobey God.

**READ GENESIS 3:1-6**

God’s creation was beautiful and perfect. It could have remained that way, but the wicked serpent convinced Adam and Eve to disobey God. Sin brought sickness and death into the world, and it separated us from God.

Our world is not what it could be. It is no longer perfect, and God is no longer present with us. But the green of creation continues to return every spring, reminding us that God continues to make things new. God loves us, and God can make us new, even though we are sinners.

Green reminds us we are God’s creation. It reminds us we are loved, and it shows us that we can be renewed.

**DRIVE IT HOME:**

How many of you like the color green? Who here would say that green is their favorite color?

Those of you who love green, what is it about that color that you like so much?

Kermit the Frog once sang that it’s not easy being green. He talked about blending in with so many ordinary things, and not being as brilliant as yellow, red, or the colors. But Kermit also recognized that green is the color of spring. It can be the color of an ocean or a mountain. It can be beautiful.

Green is the color of growth. After the world has turned dark and dull in the wintertime, green returns to make the world beautiful again. Green reminds us how God created the world, and it shows us that God is still making things new.

Green is the color of the Garden of Eden. It’s the color of the serpent who tempted Adam and Eve. And it’s the color of new life. Green shows us that God made us and that he can remake us. He can forgive our sins and give us new life.

Green is life. Green is growth. Green is beautiful. Let’s thank God for creation and the new life that he gives us.
CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for the green of Creation.

In Jesus’ name,
Amen
ICEBREAKER:
What is your favorite green thing?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:
Romans 5:8
Ask if anyone already has this verse memorized from previous memory verse studies. Have those kids recite the verse by themselves, then review it with the other kids.

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:
Go around the group, and see how many sports teams you can name that use the color green. College, pro, any sport will do!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
Read Genesis 1 and Genesis 3:1-6
Who created our world?
What green things did God create?
How does green remind us of the fall?
What else does green represent to you?
How does green show us that God can give us new life?

SIMPLE PRAYER:
Dear God,

Thank you for life and the promise of new life.

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Amen
SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (3-5TH)

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How can we receive new life?

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Amen
FILL IN THE BLANK

Green is the color of the season of _______.
SPRING

God made green when he separated the _______ from the waters.
LAND

Green is the color of the _______ in the trees.
LEAVES

Green reminds us of the _______ who tempted Eve.
SERPENT

Green reminds us that God can give us _____ _______.
NEW LIFE
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God Colors Lesson 1

THIS WEEK’S LESSON: GREEN

IN THE CAR:
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HANGING OUT:
Make this week’s lesson real:
Look outside the windows this week. How much green do you see? Ask your kids how green reminds us of Creation and new life?

AT DINNER:
Here are some great discussion starters:
- How does green remind us of the Creation story?
- How does green remind us of the fall of Adam and Eve?
- How does green show us that we can have new life?

AT BEDTIME:
Quiz your child on this week’s memory verse:
“But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8 (NIrV)

PARENT TIME:
What you need to know:
Green is the color of creation. It is the color of the serpent who precipitated the fall. It is the color of new life. Green reminds us that God made us and can make us new. He can forgive us and give us new life.
But here is how God has shown his love for us.

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

-Romans 5:8 (NIRV)
Kids can color the included coloring sheet to remind them of the Creation story.