

What was the world like at the very beginning?

What were people like?

What was people's relationship with God like?

When God made the world He said everything was very good. His best and favorite part of creation was the man and woman (Adam and Eve.)

Adam and Eve were made in God's image and they were pure and without sin.

Adam and Eve were close to God, so close that every evening God would come and walk with them in the perfect garden. They loved God and they knew that He loved them too. It was perfect!

Who is God's enemy and what does he want to do?

Is God's enemy equal to God?

Satan is God's enemy.

Satan wants to hurt God anyway he can, so he went after what God loves the most- His people. Satan doesn't want us to be close to God, so he tempts us to do things that make us sin, or e just to distract our attention from God.

But God is more powerful than Satan, and God gives us His power to help us overcome the enemy.

What went wrong in God's perfect garden?

Adam and Eve listened to Satan's lies.
They chose to disobey God's instructions
and chose their own way over God's way.

What was the BIG PROBLEM?

Do people still have this
problem today?

SIN IS THE BIG PROBLEM

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, their sin broke their perfect relationship with God. Because of sin Adam and Eve (and everyone after them) were separated from the God who created and loved them.

EVERYONE HAS A SIN PROBLEM

God is Holy- perfectly pure- and can't be close to sin, but nothing we can do can get rid of our sin. We need to be rescued from our sin so we can be close to God again.

Who IS the HERO of the story?

Who is NOT the hero of this story?

What makes Him different
than any other hero?

We are not the hero- Jesus is the Hero-!

Because of our sin problem, we all try to be the hero of our own story, but we can't defeat sin and death on our own. So God Himself came to do it.

Jesus was different because He is God and because He never sinned, so He was pure and perfect. That meant that He was able to be the perfect sacrifice for our sin.

Our Hero won a lot of
small battles when He was here.
What were some of the amazing things
Jesus did while He was on earth?

Jesus did lots of great things- healing people, feeding people, calming storms, raising people from the dead, and teaching a new way of living. These were the small battles between God and the enemy

People began to follow Jesus around because they wanted to be part of whatever He was going to do. Most of the people thought Jesus was going to get rid of Caesar, the current Roman king, and they were excited for things to change. But Jesus' plan was much bigger!

What was the crisis- the big attack from the enemy?

JESUS WAS KILLED ON A CROSS

The jealous Jewish leaders didn't want Jesus to lead their people away. They arranged to have Jesus crucified on a cross.

But those leaders weren't the real enemy. Satan was at work, telling his lies and leading others to sin so that he could see Jesus die.

When Jesus died, Satan thought he had won.

WHAT WAS JESUS' BIG MOVE?

Jesus' BIG MOVE was to die.

When Jesus died on the cross, He was taking the punishment for your sin. He was making a way for you to be right and close with God again. He didn't have to die but He chose to die to rescue us from sin and death.

How did the victory happen?

Jesus didn't stay dead- God raised Him back to life! When Jesus was buried in the tomb, He took sin and death with Him. When He came back to life, He broke the power of sin and death- VICTORY! Now Jesus shares His victory with us too!

What is our happily ever after like?

Those who put their trust in Jesus are transferred from the kingdom of Darkness into the kingdom of Light- God's kingdom. Their sins are forgiven and they can be friends and children of God. God gives them love, peace, hope, joy, strength, courage, wisdom- and sooooo much more!

And the best part is that our life with Jesus will never end. One day He will make all things new and we will live with Him forever in His perfect kingdom with no sadness, no sickness- not even a tear. It will be AMAZING!