

Principle Workbook

Lesson 36 - The Foundation of Substance

Aim

- * to learn about the Foundation of Substance
- * to learn what fallen nature is and how to get rid of it

Materials

- * Visual Aids
 - cardboard cut-outs of God, Adam, Eve and Lucifer
 - pictures showing good and bad behaviour of children
 - Large words of good and bad attitudes
- * worksheets

Lesson Outline

1. Review Foundation of Faith
2. The Foundation of Substance
3. Fallen Nature
4. How to Remove Fallen Nature
5. An Example Today
6. Activities - worksheet, act out good and bad attitudes
7. Review the Aims
8. End with a prayer

1) Review the Foundation of Faith

* Remind the children that in order to receive the Messiah we need to make a foundation of faith. Adam and Eve failed to believe in God's word and disobeyed the commandment. To restore this, God asks fallen people to make an indemnity condition called the foundation of faith. This is to restore the vertical relationship between God and man. We have to show that we love God first and are willing to follow God's plan for our life. This is why Jesus gave the commandment to love God first.

* It has three parts: 1. Central person 2. Offering 3. Time period

2) The Foundation of Substance

* In order to receive the Messiah we also need to make a Foundation of Substance. If Adam and Eve had obeyed God's commandment, they would have grown and perfected their character. Instead, they developed a self-centred fallen nature from the angel and lost the correct relationship with each other.

* To restore the second mistake a Foundation of Substance is needed. This means to make indemnity conditions to remove fallen nature, so we can become people with original nature. Once again, it means the mistakes have to be reversed. What were the mistakes and what is fallen nature?

3) Fallen Nature

Fallen nature is a self-centred nature, which came from Lucifer, and was passed on to Adam and Eve and to all their descendants, including ourselves. There are four kinds of fallen nature, which come from the four mistakes Lucifer made at the time of Adam and Eve.

Use the cardboard cut-outs of God, Adam, Eve and Lucifer to illustrate Lucifer's mistakes

1) Self-centred attitude

Lucifer had a self-centred attitude. He felt lack of love from God, centred on his own feelings and became jealous towards Adam & Eve. He was jealous that they received more love than him. Angels are God's servants. Adam and Eve were God's children. Naturally God's love for children is greater than love for a servant. Lucifer, however, didn't like this and became jealous.

2) Leaving your Proper Position.

Lucifer was the leader of the angels. Seeking more of God's love, he wanted the same position of love in the human world as he had in the angelic world. So he left his position of responsibility, as servant of God and teacher of Adam and Eve and took God's position.

3) Dominating Others

Taking God's position Lucifer dominated Eve with false words and false love. As their teacher he should have made sure she obeyed the commandment. Instead, he told her to disobey God's words

4) Multiplying sin

Lucifer's domination of Eve led to her disobeying the commandment. She felt guilty, but she then made Adam disobey the commandment also. By gaining the support of others, we seek to defend ourselves against what we have done wrong. Because of this attitude, it is much easier to multiply wrong actions than good actions.

Fallen nature leads to all kinds of bad attitudes, such as arrogance, complaint, disrespect, accusation, disobedience and dishonesty

4) How to Remove Fallen Nature

In order to remove fallen nature someone must stand in the position of a servant, and someone in the position of Adam to reverse the mistakes. We must become like a servant. Then we can correct the four mistakes by going the opposite way to Lucifer.

1. Love Adam

We must love a person in Adam's position. All people are God's children. When we see each person from God's point of view, we will feel God's love for them.

2. Respect Adam's position

As a servant we must keep our position and respect the position of Adam. Then we can receive God's love. That's why children must respect parents position. If children don't respect their parents they cannot receive God's love

3. Obey Adam

When the Israelites obeyed Moses, they received God's blessing. When they disobeyed they lost God's blessing. Even if we don't always know the reason, we should trust our parents and do what they tell us. Then God's blessing will come.

4. Learn from Adam

We must learn God's way from Adam. When we do this goodness multiplies. Children must learn goodness from parents and not learn bad attitudes from others.

4 THINGS TO OVERCOME FALLEN NATURE - **LOVE, RESPECT, OBEY, LEARN**

If you look at a person through the eyes of love you will respect them. If you respect a person you will want to obey them. If you obey them you can learn from them

When we get rid of fallen nature all kinds of good attitudes develop, such as humility, gratitude, respect, forgiveness, obedience and honesty.

5) An Example Today

FALLEN NATURE



Look at the picture of the boy refusing to wash dishes. Discuss the four kinds of fallen nature using the picture.

- 1) **The boy has a self-centred attitude.** He is only thinking about himself and what he wants to do.
- 2) **He leaves his position as a son** and shows no respect for his mother's position. When he does that he cannot feel his mother's love
- 3) **He dominates his mother.** He disobeys her and walks away. He reverses the correct order of parent and child.
- 4) **His bad actions are multiplied.** Once he has refused, he can refuse the next time. He can also influence his brothers and sisters to do the same. It creates a bad feeling in the family.

REMOVING FALLEN NATURE



Look at the picture of the boy washing dishes. Discuss the four ways to remove fallen nature

- 1) **He loves his mother.** He understands she works hard and wants to help.
- 2) **He respects his mother's position** and keeps his position as a child. In the position of a child can receive his mother's love.
- 3) **He obeys his mother** and washes the dishes. Obedient children receive God's blessing and protection
- 4) **He learns from his mother.** He learns what it means to be a good child. His good actions can influence his brothers and sisters to do the same. Then goodness is multiplied which creates a happy feeling in the family

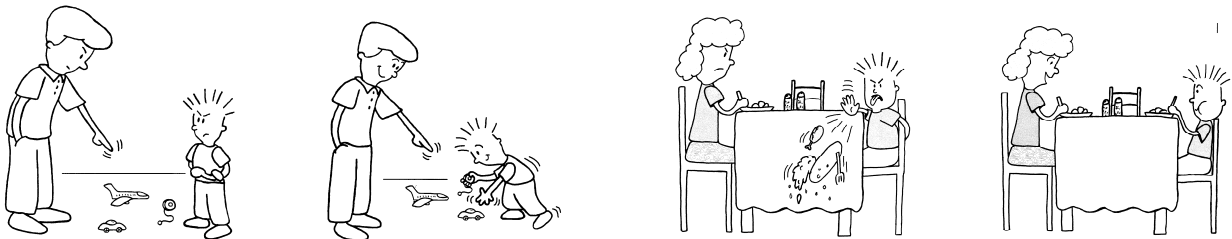
6) Activities

* Worksheets

Write the four kinds of fallen nature. Choose one bad attitude (e.g. disrespect), draw a picture that illustrates it and write a few words to explain the picture. Write four ways to remove fallen nature. Choose the restored attitude (respect), draw a picture that illustrates it and write a few words to explain the picture

* Acting out

1. Because of fallen nature we develop bad attitudes, such as arrogance, complaint, disrespect, accusation and disobedience. Mime one word. Can the other children guess the word?
Alternatively, two children can act out a scene that demonstrates the bad attitude.
2. When we make a foundation of substance we develop good attitudes, such as humility, gratitude, respect, forgiveness and obedience. Mime the words or act out a scene to demonstrate a good attitude.
3. Act out the other pictures to demonstrate a good attitude and bad attitude.



7) Review the aims

- * to learn about the Foundation of Substance
- * to learn what fallen nature is and how to get rid of it

A Foundation of Substance means to make indemnity conditions to remove fallen nature, so we can become people with original nature.

Fallen nature is a self-centred nature, which comes from the archangel

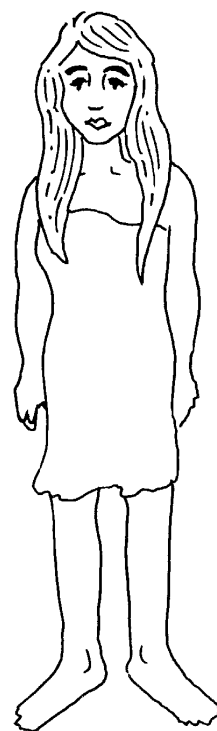
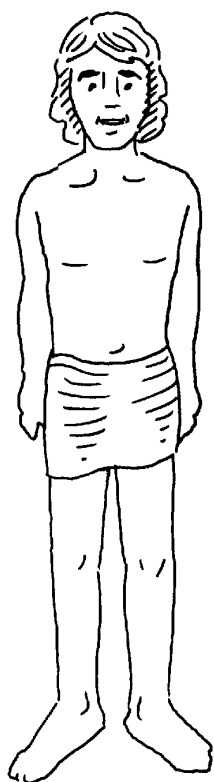
1. Self-centred attitude
2. Leaving your proper position
3. Dominating others
4. Multiplying sin

To remove it we must go the opposite way

1. Love Adam
2. Respect Adam's position
3. Obey Adam
4. Learn from Adam

8)End with a prayer

God



Self-centred attitude

Leaving your position

Dominating others

Multiplying sin

Love Adam

Respect Adam

Obey Adam

Learn from Adam

arrogance

complaint

disrespect

accusation

disobedience

dishonesty

humility

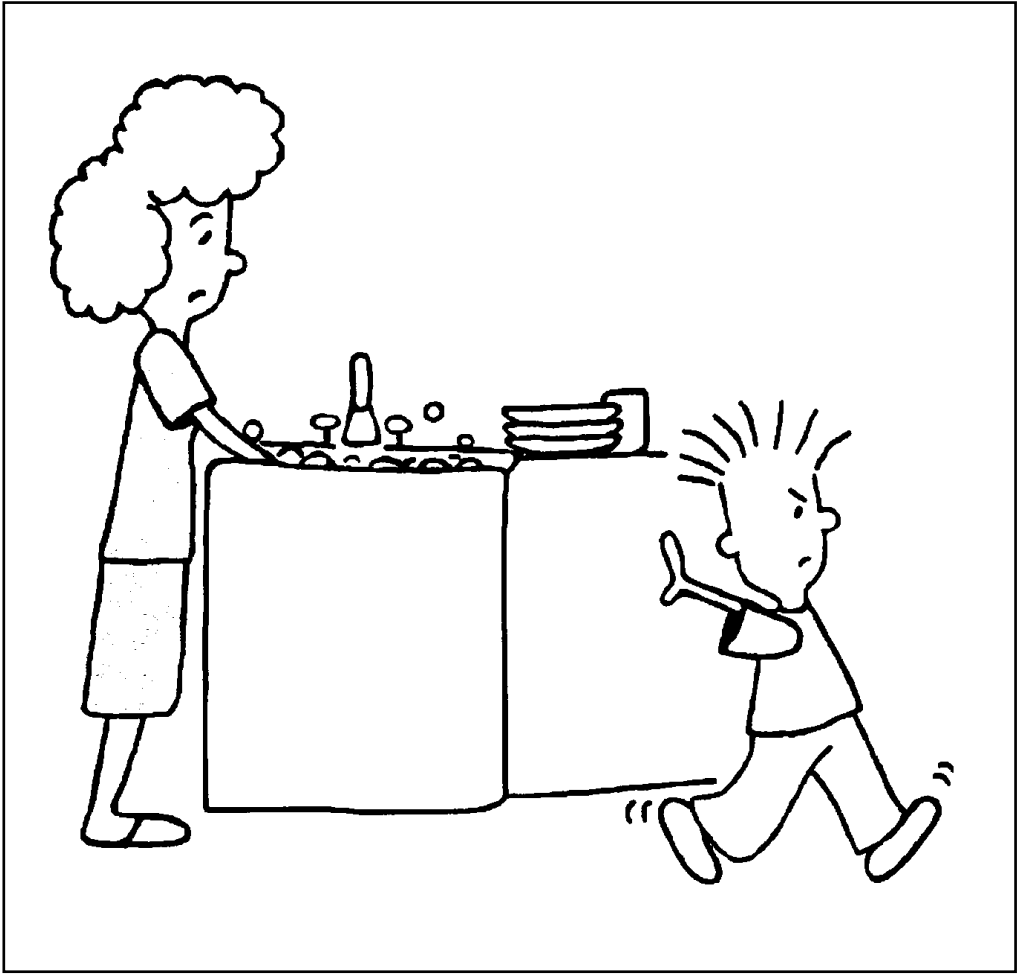
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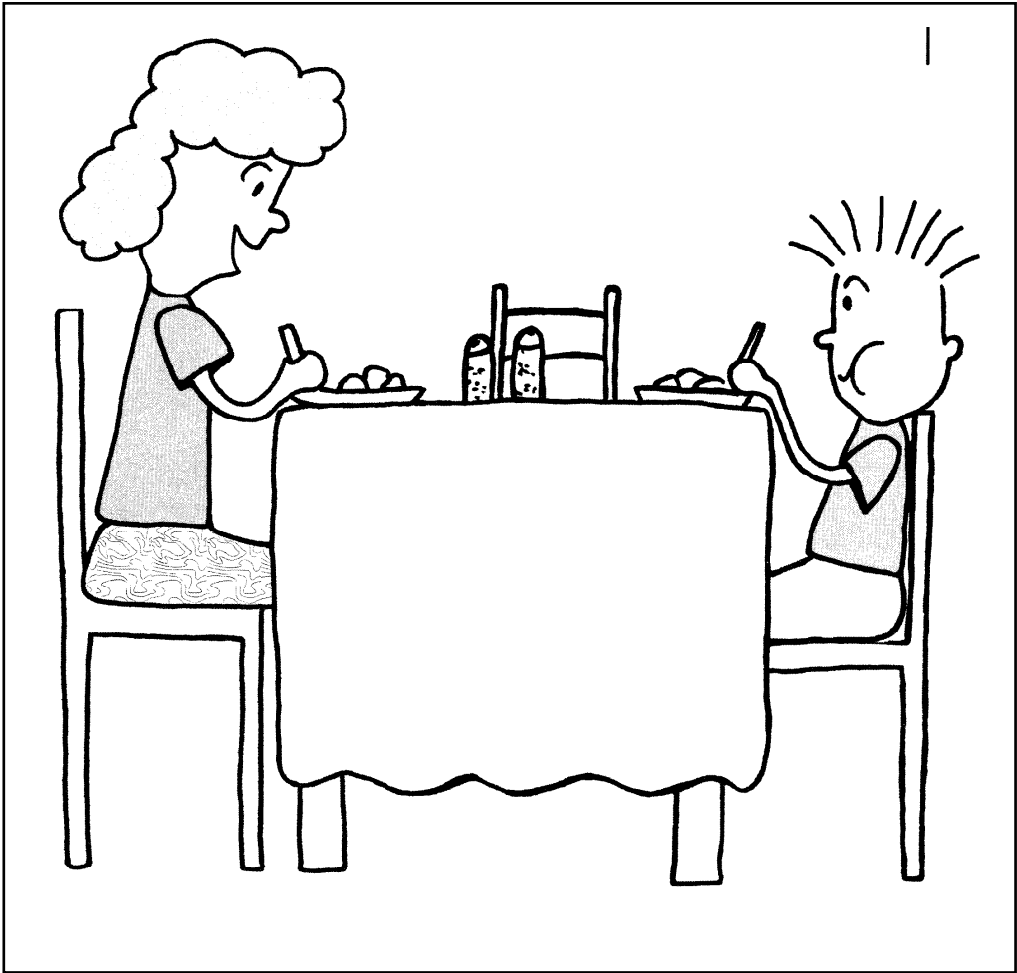
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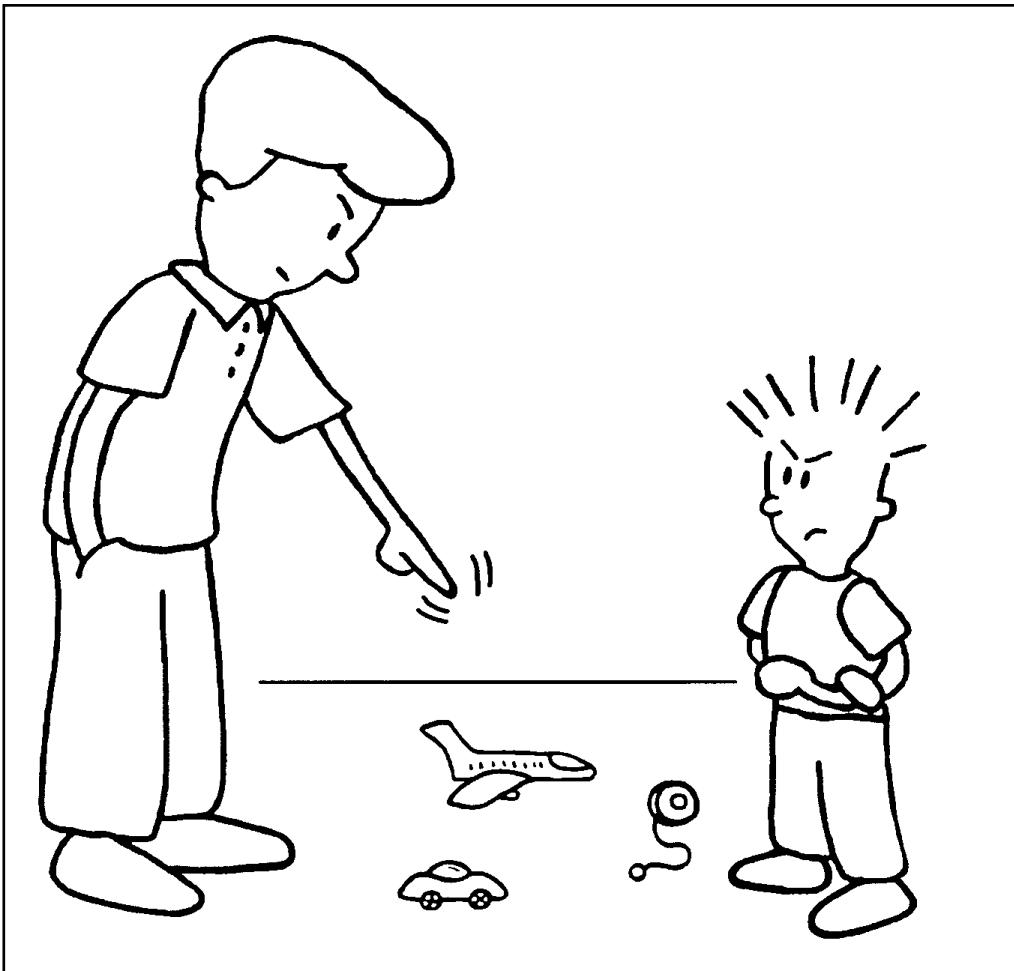
forgiveness

obedience

honesty







Foundation of Substance

“ Love your neighbour as yourself.”

Adam and Eve did not love each other in God’s way. Instead, they developed a self-centred fallen nature from the archangel. This attitude has been passed on to their descendants and to us.

Four kinds of fallen nature

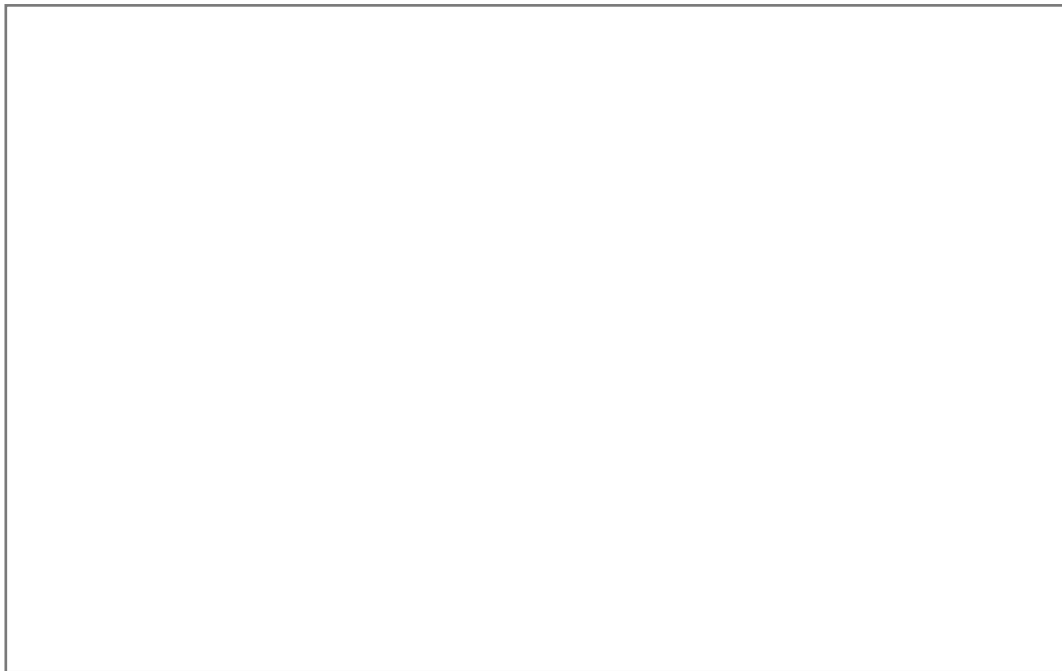
- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)



Examples of bad attitudes

arrogance complaint disrespect accusation disobedience dishonesty

Draw a picture that shows a bad attitude and write about it



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Removing Fallen Nature

The foundation of substance means to make indemnity conditions to remove fallen nature, so we can become people with original nature. To do this someone in the position of the archangel must unite with someone in the position of Adam.

Four Ways to remove fallen nature

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)



Examples of good attitudes

humility gratitude respect forgiveness obedience honesty

Draw a picture that shows one good attitude and write about it

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