* **SONG 2: Our God is a Great Big God**
* **Section two: the world is not good now**

That was great!!

**Tea lady:** Tea, tea, who’d like a cup of tea

**Mark:** Oh look, here she is again, my old friend tea lady, hi tea lady

**Tea lady:** Oh hello Mark, how are you my love, are you ready for another nice cup of tea?

**Mark:** Oh yes thanks tea lady, I’m gasping for a good cup of tea. I was just chatting to the children about God’s good creation again, and especially the amazing plants He has made and the wonderful and healthy food we can have to eat. We are so fortunate to have so much variety in our food.

**Tea lady:** Oh Mark, you make it sound so wonderful and easy. I tried growing vegetables and some nice plants! But it all went wrong.

**Mark:** What do you mean?

**Tea lady:** – Well things grow easily enough but the difficult bit is getting the right things to grow in the right place at the right time. You have to make sure that the soil is the right sort of soil for the things you’re planting, that the weather isn’t too hot or too cold or too wet or too dry when you plant!

And I know that farmers have to work so very hard when they grow things and they have to make sure that it isn’t too cold, too hot, too wet or too dry when they are ready to harvest everything. Then, there are the pests!

**Mark:**  Pests?

**Tea Lady:** Yes, you know weeds and insects that eat the plants and give them diseases! In fact I must go now, because I need to go to the garden centre to get some things to cover my vegetables, so the birds won’t get them.

**Mark:** Oh OK bye tea lady. Tea lady is right again, isn’t she? It’s not all good all of the time. In fact it’s quite a challenge to grow anything and such hard work. I hate gardening!

**[SLIDE 4 – The Garden of Eden]**

But it was good once. The Bible says, in Genesis, that when God made the Garden of Eden, it was wonderful and good.

**[SLIDE 5 - show Genesis 2:16-17]**

God said to Adam and Eve, they could eat from any tree in the Garden except the tree of the knowledge of Good and evil.

What did we see happened with Adam & Eve yesterday?

**[SLIDE 6 – Consequence of disobedience! – READ Genesis 3v17-19a]**

Their disobedience of God, when they took the fruit, resulted in their relationship with God being broken. And God punished them for that disobedience, with working the land. Listen to what God said – **Genesis 3v17-19a.**

**[SLIDE 7 – Shove off God, I’m in charge, No to your rules!]**

What does the Bible call it when we disobey God . . . . SIN! When we tell God that we think we know better than him, we do the same as Adam & Eve, we SIN. That’s the phrase we have been learning to explain what Sin is - “Shove off God, I’m in charge, No to your rules!”

And so Adam and Eve were no longer able to grow things easily, it was now very, very hard for them, with weeds, thorns and pests attacking things we try to grow.

**‘SWING – O – METER’**

Again, Tea lady has reminded us that it isn’t all good!

Now can anyone tell me where our swing-o-meter should be pointing now?

*[Take suggestions]*

Yes that’s right on ‘broken’! – our world is broken

*[Ask child to come up and move the arrow on]*

But this is the Fix it Factory and so we’re here to think about fixing things and the question is can plants be fixed? Can we move our swing-o-meter onto fixed? Well the Bible says that we can’t, but God can and He does it through Jesus.

* **Section three: God has created a future good world through Jesus**

Well it’s a good job that God has promised to fix the world through Jesus because I am terrible at fixing things myself!

[Mr Fix it theme tune on]

**Mark:** What’s that? [Encourage the children to call for Mr Fixit]

**Mr Fixit:** Hey Mark, no fear Mr Fixit is here! Hi children.

**Mark:** Oh hello Mr Fix it. [Aside to children] I think I have told you he thinks he can fix almost anything! It’s great to see you but I think this is beyond you, Mr Fixit. You’ve not got a very good record so far this week.

**Mr Fixit:** Think positive Mark. I can do this! What needs fixing today?

**Mark:** I have this very bad Banana. Can you make it good again?

**Mr Fixit:** Let me see, where’s my ‘fixit machine’? Now let’s put it in my fixit machine and it will come out all healthy.

[Mr Fixit puts the banana in the ‘fixit machine’ and the Mr Fixit’s mending song is sung by all – “Fixit now, Fixit now, Fixit, Fixit now!” to the tune of ‘Jingle Bells’]

**Mr Fix it:** And here we are Mark ta da…

**Mark:** What a surprise Mr Fixit, it looks exactly the same! [Encourage sympathy for Mr Fix it]

**Mr Fix it:** Just wait a minute Mark! That’s just the outside, it may be perfectly fixed on the inside?

**Mark:** Well Mr Fixit. If you’re convinced you have fixed it, perhaps you would like to eat it!

[Mr Fixit takes the Banana and looks at it . . . . . then with his head bowed, very quietly and sadly walks off with the banana]

**Mark:** OK Mr Fix it, see you tomorrow.