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

That was great!!

**Tea lady:** Hi Mark, it’s that time of the morning again . . . . tea time!

**Mark:** Hi Tea lady. Good morning. I’m gasping for a cup of tea now. It’s been thirsty work so far.

**Tea lady:** It’s been so lovely for me this week. I’ve felt very included, thank you. I love to be helpful!

**Mark:** I was just chatting to the children about God’s good creation again, and especially the amazing animals, that He made. Here are some of them on the table. Do you have a favourite?

**Tea lady:** Oh Mark, I have a dog at home . . . Holly. She is wonderful, but I have to say, I am so scared of animals. There are so many that are dangerous and scary!!

**Mark:** What do you mean?

**Tea lady:** Well I was thinking of going and visiting my sister in Australia and I saw some of the dangerous creatures that live there. Do you know they have spiders and snakes, crocodiles and dingo’s and so many other dangerous ones! And in the sea are lots more that can harm you. Oh, I don’t think I want to go now. They are not all cute and fluffy and nice and safe you know.

**Mark:**  Go! You’ll be fine! It’s not as if you will run into them. They’ll be in the wild.

I went to Kenya a few years ago and there are dangerous animals there too, but I only saw them in the game reserve, from the safety of a car.

**Tea Lady:** Oh Mark! You make them all sound so safe. I’m really not sure. I’ll have to give it some thought and prayer. Anyway I’m off now.

**Mark:** OK bye tea lady.

Tea lady is right again, isn’t she? It’s not all good all of the time, even with animals. We have some lovely pets and safe animals, but there are also many dangerous one’s too!

Again, we can see at the beginning of the Bible, in Genesis, that it was good once.

The Bible says that when God made the Garden of Eden, He put all kinds of creatures there, **birds of the air**, **creatures in the sea** and many, many, **different kinds to roam the land**. And He saw that it was all wonderful and good.

What was God’s one rule, in the garden?

**[SLIDE 3 - 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 have we seen all week, happened with Adam & Eve?

[They disobeyed God & ate the fruit!]

Adam & Eve’s disobedience of God, when they took the fruit, resulted in their relationship with God being broken, and everything being spoilt.

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.

What’s the phrase we have been learning, all week, to explain what Sin is?

**[SLIDE 4 – Shove off God, I’m in charge, No to your rules!]**

And so the peace and safe place that existed in the garden, between Adam & Eve and all the different creatures was ruined.

 **‘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 animals be fixed?’**

* Can we move our swing-o-meter onto fixed?
* Can we get the lamb to live safely with the Wolf or lion?
* Can we see children playing safely near the cobra?

Well the Bible says that we can’t fix it, 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! And I can’t imagine how we can possibly fix things so that dangerous animals and creatures no longer kill or hurt.

[Mr Fix it theme tune on]

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

**Mr Fixit:** Hey Mark, no fear I’m here again. Mr Fixit to the rescue! 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 again today, but you’ve not done very well so far this week.

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

**Mark:** It’s the animals. We have some lovely cuddly, cute ones, here, but we know that these aren’t real, cos the real one’s would rip us to pieces. Can you fix it so that the lion won’t be dangerous anymore?

**Mr Fixit:** I can certainly try. Let me see, where’s my ‘fixit machine’? Now I’ll go in first and check everything is ok from the inside and you can put the lion once I’m ready.

[Mr Fixit goes in with the lion soft toy. The Mr Fixit theme tune starts again. He makes some ooh and ouch noises. Then after a few minutes, Mr Fixit re-emerges with his T-shirt in shreds]

**Mr Fix it:** I’m so, so sorry! It hasn’t worked. I was sure I could fix this one!

**Mark:** What a surprise Mr Fixit. Are you ok? [Encourage sympathy for Mr Fix it]

**Mr Fix it:** I’m really not sure. I’ll be off now. I think I need to go to the hospital and make sure I’m ok.

[Mr Fixit walks off slowly and sadly, with a limp]

**Mark:** Poor Mr Fix it. He’s not had a great week has he?