

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 4: ADAM AND EVE ARE TEMPTED
GENESIS 3:1-24

The serpent was the most clever of all the wild animals that the LORD God had made. The serpent spoke to the woman and said, "Woman, did God really tell you that you must not eat from any tree in the garden?" The woman answered the serpent, "No, we can eat fruit from the trees in the garden. But there is one tree we must not eat from. God told us, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden. You must not even touch that tree, or you will die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die. God knows that if you eat the fruit from that tree you will learn about good and evil, and then you will be like God!" The woman could see that the tree was beautiful and the fruit looked so good to eat. She also liked the idea that it would make her wise. So she took some of the fruit from the tree and ate it. Her husband was there with her, so she gave him some of the fruit, and he ate it. Then it was as if their eyes opened, and they saw things differently. They saw that they were naked. So they got some fig leaves, sewed them together, and wore them for clothes. During the cool part of the day, the LORD God was walking in the garden. The man and the woman heard him, and they hid among the trees in the garden. The LORD God called to the man and said, "Where are you?" The man said, "I heard you walking in the garden, and I was afraid. I was naked, so I hid." God said to the man, "Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat fruit from that special tree? I told you not to eat from that tree!" The man said, "The woman you put here with me gave me fruit from that tree. So I ate it." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What have you done?" She said, "The serpent tricked me, so I ate the fruit." So the LORD God said to the serpent, "You did this very bad thing, so bad things will happen to you. It will be worse for you than for any other animal. You must crawl on your belly and eat dust all the days of your life. I will make you and the woman enemies to each other. Your children and her children will be enemies. You will bite her child's foot, but he will crush your head." Then God said to the woman, "I will cause you to have much trouble when you are pregnant. And when you give birth to children, you will have much pain. You will want your husband very much, but he will rule over you." Then God said to the man, "I commanded you not to eat from that tree. But you listened to your wife and ate from it. So I will curse the ground because of you. You will have to work hard all your life for the food the ground produces.

The ground will grow thorns and weeds for you. And you will have to eat the plants that grow wild in the fields. You will work hard for your food, until your face is covered with sweat. You will work hard until the day you die, and then you will become dust again. I used dust to make you, and when you die, you will become dust again." Adam named his wife Eve. He gave her this name because Eve would be the mother of everyone who ever lived. The LORD God used animal skins and made some clothes for the man and his wife. Then he put the clothes on them. The LORD God said, "Look, the man has become like us--he knows about good and evil. And now the man might take the fruit from the tree of life. If the man eats that fruit, he will live forever." So the LORD God forced the man out of the Garden of Eden to work the ground he was made from. God forced the man to leave the garden. Then he put Cherub angels and a sword of fire at the entrance to the garden to protect it. The sword flashed around and around, guarding the way to the tree of life.

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“And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.”

GENESIS 3:8

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MEMORY VERSE:

"But I fear..... your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ."

2 CORINTHIANS 11:3

Review Questions

True or False

1. The serpent was more foolish than any other animal that the LORD God had made.
2. The serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die'.
3. So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it looked good, and she liked the idea that it would make her wise, so she took the fruit and ate some.
4. She felt ashamed and told Adam her husband not to eat any.
5. They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool part of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves among the trees from the LORD God's presence.
6. The LORD God called to Adam, "I know where you are."

Questions

1. Was the serpent smarter or less smart than all the other animals?
2. What did God tell Adam and Eve about all the trees in the garden?
3. What did the serpent tell Eve would happen if they ate some of the tree's fruit?
4. What did Adam and Eve notice after they ate some of the fruit?
5. What did Adam and Eve do when they heard the LORD God walking in the garden during the cool part of the day?
6. What did God tell the serpent would happen to him for tricking Eve?
7. What did God tell Adam would happen to him for eating the fruit?
8. What did God tell Eve would happen to her for eating the fruit?
9. What did God do to the garden after Adam and Eve were forced out of it?
10. Why didn't God want Adam and Eve to get back into the garden?

Lesson 4 Activities

Where Are You?

Play a “mental” game of hide and seek. Divide the children in your class into pairs. Tell them they must each take turns imaginably hiding anywhere in the room. The other child must try to guess where the hiding place is, responding to whether he is getting “warmer” or “colder.” After they finish, let the other child in the pair “hide.” Explain to the class that Adam and Eve tried to hide from God once, but He knew where they were; and He always sees where we are.

Excuses

Have your children think of excuses for doing something wrong. Give different scenarios for the children to discuss and come up with excuses. For example, if Billy was told not to play ball near the neighbor’s yard and he disobeyed and broke a window; he might say that the yard was not big enough or the wind carried the ball. Ask the class what Billy should have said. The correct answer for every situation that we disobey in is, “I disobeyed and I’m sorry. I was wrong.” Explain how Adam made excuses and blamed someone else when he should have taken responsibility.

God Does It All

Mark two sections of the classroom with masking tape (Or just point to one side and the other) and explain that one half of the room represents God needing our help, the other represents God not needing our help. Read several phrases and have the children guess if God needs our help, or if He doesn’t need our help for each thing – then get in the appropriate side of the room.

- 1) We are sinners and God forgives us. He cleanses away our sins.
- 2) God has the world spinning perfectly in space.
- 3) God keeps the seasons coming each year.
- 4) God brings to heaven someone who loves Him.
- 5) God helps us when we need Him.

The answer to all of these questions is that God does it all. You can add to this list, but the important thing is that the children know that God does it all, not us.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving for God’s abundant grace. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them an opportunity.