

SIN ENTERED THE WORLD

Genesis 2-3



After God made Adam, He placed him in the garden of Eden. God commanded him, “You can eat from any tree of the garden, but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for on the day you eat from it, you will certainly die.”

Now the serpent asked Eve, “Did God really say, ‘You can’t eat from any tree in the garden?’” Eve said, “We may eat the fruit from the trees in the garden. But God said we must not eat the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden. He said, ‘You must not eat it or touch it, or you will die.’”

“No! You will certainly not die,” the serpent said. “In fact, God knows that when you eat it, your eyes will be opened and you will be like God.”

Eve saw that the fruit looked good, so she took some of the fruit and ate it. She gave some to Adam, and he ate it too. As soon as they ate the fruit, their eyes were opened and they knew they were naked. They made clothes for themselves by

sewing together fig leaves. Adam and Eve heard God walking in the garden, so they hid. God called out to Adam, “Where are you?” God asked Adam, “Did you eat from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

God cursed the serpent by making him crawl on his belly. Adam and Eve also had consequences. The ultimate consequence for humanity’s disobedience to God is death. But God promised that one of the woman’s descendants would destroy the serpent. God made clothes for them out of animal skins before He sent them out of the garden. God put angels and a sword of fire at the entrance of the garden to guard the way to the tree of life.

Christ Connection: Adam and Eve sinned when they rejected God’s good plan and disobeyed His command. Sin separates people from God, but God didn’t leave them without hope. God sent His Son, Jesus, to live as Adam didn’t—perfectly sinless. God the Son came to earth as a man to rescue people from sin.



LEARN

THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

» Read each sentence and circle the ones God actually said. Use the Bible references to help you.

1. "You must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." (Genesis 2:17)
2. "Do not even touch the tree in the middle of the garden." (Genesis 2:17)
3. "On the day you eat from it, you will not die." (Genesis 2:17)
4. "It is good for the man to be alone." (Genesis 2:18)
5. "The serpent is cursed more than any other animal." (Genesis 3:14)
6. "Eve's offspring will strike the head of the serpent." (Genesis 3:15)
7. "Working the ground will be easy." (Genesis 3:17-18)

» What does this story teach us about God?

» Adam and Eve would face death because of their sin. But God also gave a wonderful promise. What was the promise?

GOSPEL DISCUSSION

Because Adam and Eve sinned, all people now sin. Sin is disobeying God and His commands. We all have hearts that choose our own way instead of God's way. God sent His son, Jesus, to defeat sin and death so we can have new hearts that want to love and follow Him. Have you trusted in Jesus to save you from sin?



THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

- » What does sin do to our relationships with people and with God?

- » What is the ultimate consequence of sin?

- » Why is God's promise that one of the Eve's descendants would destroy the serpent good news?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

» Find Psalm 104:24 in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God, thanking Him for sending a Rescuer, Jesus, to save you from your sin.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

☐ Romans 3:23

☐ Romans 5:15-17

☐ Romans 5:12

☐ Matthew 1:21

☐ Romans 6:23

☐ 1 Timothy 1:15