

All Have Sinned

Read Genesis 3:1-24; Romans 3:23, then briefly consider the questions below.

This week in Children's Worship, the kids are learning of the rebellion of Adam and Eve against God, and how sin first came into the world. At times, it's easy to imagine that you or I would have made a different choice. Certainly we would have known better and would never have allowed the serpent to deceive us, right? Wrong. Scripture is clear that "we all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom 3:23). As you prepare to teach your classes this week, let us also prepare our hearts.

As we read the opening verses of this passage, we are reminded of the "craftiness" of the serpent (Gen 3:1). The serpent twisted God's words to deceive Eve. Satan is just as deceitful and crafty today as he was to Eve in the garden.

- How might Satan be trying to deceive you? Are there lies he is whispering to you that you are believing? (Inadequacy, failure, hopelessness, etc.)

In verse 5, we learn that instead of pursuing God and remaining in relationship with Him, Eve wanted to be like God.

- In what ways are you regularly pursuing God and keeping Him first in your life?

Take a moment to read Romans 3:10b-11. This week, you are teaching the children that all people come from Adam and Eve. That means we *all* have wayward hearts.

- In what ways do you feel pulled to love "things of this world" more than God?
- What habits do you have in place that are helping your heart seek God first?