

The BIBLE Story

Sin Entered the World

Genesis 3

Adam and Eve—the two first people—lived in a beautiful garden. God put trees in the garden with fruit that they could eat. God gave Adam and Eve one rule. God said, “**You may eat from any tree in the garden, except for one. Do not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat from that tree, you will die.**”

Now out of all the animals on the earth, the serpent was very sneaky. One day, the serpent asked Eve, “**Did God really say, ‘Do not eat from any tree in the garden?’**” The serpent was trying to trick Eve.

Eve said, “**No, we can eat the fruit from the trees in the garden. God gave us just one rule: Do not eat from the tree in the middle of the garden. God said that if we eat the fruit from that tree or touch it, we will die.**”

“**No!**” said the serpent. “**You will not die. If you eat the fruit, you will be like God and know good and evil.**”

Eve looked at the fruit. It did look delicious, and she wanted to be wise like God. So **Eve took some of the fruit and ate it. She gave some to Adam, who was with her, and he ate it too.**

Then Adam’s and Eve’s eyes were opened, and they knew they were



naked. They sewed together fig leaves and made clothes for themselves.

That evening, Adam and Eve heard God walking in the garden, so they hid. God called to Adam, “Where are you?”

Adam said, “I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.”

God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree that I told you not to eat from?”

Adam said, “Eve gave me some fruit, and I ate it.”

Eve said, “The serpent tricked me.”

Adam and Eve had disobeyed God. That is called *sin*. **God said that because of their sin, bad things would happen.** Life would be hard. God said that the serpent would crawl on its belly and be an enemy to people. **But God promised that someone would come from Eve’s family to get rid of the serpent.**

God made Adam and Eve clothes out of animal skins and 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: Everything was different after Adam and Eve sinned. Since then, everybody has sinned. Sin keeps us from God, but God never stops loving us. He sent His Son, Jesus, to rescue people from sin and bring them back to God.

Bible Storytelling Tips

- **Circle a tree:** Set a potted tree, real or artificial, in the Tell the Story area. Consider taping some paper cutouts of fruit to the tree. Invite preschoolers to sit around the tree as you tell the Bible story.
- **Dramatic conversation:** During dialogue, stand in various places for each speaker.