

Bible Story 2: ADAM AND EVE'S DISOBEY

BIBLE TEXT: GENESIS 2:15-17; 3:1-23

MEMORY VERSE: "YOUR STATUTES ARE WONDERFUL; THEREFORE OBEY THEM." PSALM 119:129 **NIV**

BIBLE STORY:

Adam and Eve lived in the beautiful Garden of Eden. In the cool of the evening, God came to talk with them. When they heard the voice of God, they were very happy! They took care of the beautiful garden, the plants, flowers and animals. God allowed them to eat of all of the delicious fruits, except from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

One day, Eve walked alone in the garden until she was close to the tree whose fruits were forbidden. A snake approached her and talked with her. This is what he said:

SNAKE: *"Is it true that God said that you should not eat of any tree in the garden?"*

EVE: *"No, we can eat fruit from all of the trees, except the tree in the middle of the garden. God told us that we couldn't eat or touch it or we'd die."*

(Wrong: God said that they couldn't eat it or they would die, but he didn't say that they could not touch it.)

SNAKE: *"You won't die! God said that because he knows that when you eat its fruit, your eyes will open up, and you will be like God, knowing the good and bad."*

(Wrong: The snake spoke the opposite of what God had told Adam. The snake lied.)

Eve looked at the fruit and it was so beautiful, pleasant and desirable. She saw that the fruit was good to eat. She wanted to have wisdom. So she picked fruit from the tree and ate it. She gave some to Adam, and he ate it also. Eve and Adam didn't obey God.

In the same instant, Adam and Eve knew that the snake had lied. They were ashamed because they noticed that they were without clothes. So they made themselves clothes from fig leaves. When they heard the voice of God calling them in the cool of the evening, they hid, with fear. This is what happened:

GOD: *"Where are you, Adam? Come here!"*

ADAM: *"I was afraid so I hid."*

GOD: *"Did you eat the fruit that I said not to eat?"*

ADAM: *"Yes, but the woman you put here gave it to me."*

EVE: *"Yes, but the snake deceived me."*

Neither Adam nor Eve accepted the fault of their disobedience to God.

God provided skins of animals to clothe them. Adam and Eve were punished. Adam would now have to work hard and struggle in taking care of the land for food. Eve would have pain in giving birth to her children. Both had to leave the garden.

LIFE-LESSONS:

1. God ordered Adam and Eve not to eat the fruit in the middle of the garden. But they disobeyed and ate it. In the end, they had to leave the garden. Obey God, because God loves you and wants to protect your life from the consequences of disobedience.
2. The disobedience of Adam and Eve was a sin. When you are disobedient to God, that is a sin. Pray and ask God's forgiveness for your disobedience, sin. God loves you and will forgive you.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How was Eve tempted? What did she do?
2. How was Adam tempted? What did he do?
3. How are you, your family, friends and colleagues being tempted today?
4. What are some ways to avoid these temptations?
5. What did Adam and Eve do when they heard the voice of God calling them?
6. Why did Adam and Eve hide from God?
7. Can we hide from God? Why not?
8. Did God punish Adam and Eve for disobeying him? How?
9. What is sin? Name some different types of sin.
10. Are there consequences to doing wrong? Name some examples.
11. When someone sins, how can that person be forgiven his/her sin by God?

SUGGESTIONS FOR THIS BIBLE STORY:

Choose activities that may be used in your specific situation. Consider the age and maturity of each person, locality where the story will be told (customs and traditions), and available resources, time and space.

EAT FRUIT:

– Show different types of fruit before telling the story. Afterwards distribute or make a salad. Have fun eating your snack together.

FRUIT BASKET:

– With a basket, go to the woods, a farm or orchard and pick fruit (such as wild berries, apples, oranges, etc.).

Option 1: Before eating, talk about God’s providing food/fruits for our needs and how we can help in this process.

Option 2: Give a fruit basket to a needy family.

PLANT A TREE:

– As a group, plant a tree, several trees, flowers or plants. Examples of places where a tree, plants or flowers may be planted are:

- ...a church;
- ...a church camp;
- ...an orphanage;
- ...an old folks home;
- ...a park;
- ...a community center;
- ...homes, community project homes, etc.

(Be sure to receive permission beforehand.)

DUNKING FOR APPLES:

– Each person dunks for apples in a large tub. May substitute a fruit that grows in your area.

GUEST SPEAKER:

– Invite a farmer, agriculturist or someone familiar with trees to come and speak about the different kinds of trees in your area. (Or you may even take your group to where the agriculturist works.) Also let him explain how each one can help care for trees and plants.

BOTTLE GAME: “WHAT Do I Do?”

– Cut out several cards and write on each one a situation that your listeners could face. Then write: “*What do I do?*”

– The group sits in a circle. In the middle of the circle, put a plastic bottle (such as a disposable coke bottle) and spin it. When the bottle stops, the top will be pointing to someone. That person should choose “What do I do?” card, read it, and answer the question. Then he/she should spin the bottle and the game resumes.

GAME: “FRUIT”

Suggestion: Use a fruit, vegetable or object that is available in your area (such as an orange, a potato or a stone).

– The group sits in a big circle. One person is chosen as leader and will walk behind the others, holding the *orange*. The leader leaves the *orange* behind one individual, and runs on the outside of the circle to arrive back to the seat of the person chosen and sits down. Meanwhile, the seated person gets the orange and runs on the outside of the circle trying to touch the leader or get back to his/her own seat before the leader does. Whoever is left standing continues the game, placing the *orange* behind another person.

DAILY BIBLE READING - Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-23

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