

The Fall of Lucifer

Session FIVE

TEACHING NOTES

The state of the garden

Complete innocence (Genesis 2:25)

God created the angels for a purpose

Deception enters the garden (Genesis 3:1-4)

What happened in the universe that would have allowed a lie to enter the garden?

Who is Lucifer? (Isaiah 14:12-15 & Ezekiel 28:11-19)

KEY THEME(S)

God gives created beings free will
 Consequences of sin
 God always accomplishes His plans

KEY VERSE(S)

Genesis 3:1-4
 John 10:1

INTRODUCTION
 INNOCENCE

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Lucifer's rebellion
I will...
I will...
I will...

Lucifer becomes Satan the adversary of God and His creation/the accuser of God's people (Revelation 12:9)

The nature of Satan (Genesis 3:4)

1 Peter 5:8

John 8:44

Satan disguises himself as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11)

The end of God's enemy

Bound for 1000 years (Revelation 20:1-3)

Cast into the Lake of Fire for eternity (Revelation 20: 7-10)

PERSONAL STUDY**NOTES****Prepare your heart and mind**

Begin your time with God by asking Him to help you connect with His truth and the presence of His Holy Spirit. Ask Him to help you focus on what He wants you to know.

Read Genesis 3:1-5

What strategy does the serpent (Satan) use to entice Eve to disobey God?

From Eve's answer to the serpent, does she know the truth about which tree they are not to eat from? With all that God had given Adam and Eve, what tempts her to go against God's directive in Genesis 2:16-17?

Write down times when you have been tempted to do something even though you knew it would be wrong.

What did you think you would gain by giving into these temptations?

We need to learn to trust that God's guidelines are for our good and not to keep us from something better.

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Satan = father of lies

Satan's goal – to destroy God's Plan.

Remember God wants to use you in His plan.

Read John 8:44

Make a list from this passage about who Satan is and what he does.

Read 2 Corinthians 10:5

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:5 NIV)

The only way to stand against a lie is to know the truth and trust that God wants what is best for us. When you are made aware of a thought that might be against God's standard, pause for a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His perspective about this thought and help you be obedient to God. Is this thought what God would want? Does this go against anything God has previously taught you? If so, ask God to help you be obedient to Him. This is how we apply the truth found in 2 Corinthians 10:5.

Read 1 Peter 5:8

Satan is very smart and will sneak up on us to deceive us. He will take his time and try to get you to do small things that will lead you away from what God desires in your life.

Can you think of a time when you bought into a smaller lie that led you into a bigger one? (for example: I'm only telling this one person... I'll only look at this internet site one time... I just want to see what this is like...)

Apart from God we cannot have true peace or contentment.

Key verse

Take some time this week to memorize James 4:7.

PARENT GUIDE**NOTES****For Elementary-Age**

The focus for this lesson was Genesis 3:1-4. One of the major concepts that is introduced in these verses is temptation. Temptation is something we all struggle with. It is important to have a solid understanding of it because that awareness is your first line of defense against the enemy. Here are a few steps on how to have a conversation with your kids about temptation.

- Sit down together and read Genesis 3:1-4. Discuss what is happening.
- Ask your child, “What is the lie the serpent told Eve?”
- The truth is the serpent was tempting them. Temptation is the desire to do or say something wrong or unwise.
- Temptation teaching activity
 - Blindfold your child or have them cover their eyes with their hands.
 - Pull out a plate of treats your child can't resist.
 - Place the plate right in front of them while their eyes are covered.
 - Allow them to smell what is on the plate and ask them what they think it is.
 - Ask them what they would like to do with what is on the plate.
 - Remove the blindfold, allow them to see the plate and ask them again what they would like to do with what is on the plate.

Hopefully you should get the answer of “I want to eat them.” This is the perfect answer for you to point back to TEMPTATION and the fact that you are tempting them with this plate of treats. This is the same thing that happened with the serpent and Eve in the garden. Eve was TEMPTED. We need to be aware that in this life we ALL will be tempted. Review that temptation is when we are drawn to do or say something wrong or not good for you.

Discuss & Pray

Take a moment to talk with your child about the ways they feel tempted in their daily life. Spend a few minutes praying with your child. Pray that God will help them when they face temptation.

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PARENT GUIDE

For Teenagers

We live in a world that is quick to talk about evil and slow to talk about good. Many of the shows on major networks deal with vampires, ghosts or the like. Shows like *7th Heaven*, and *Touched by an Angel* do not even run anymore; instead we watch *Vampire Diaries*, or *Pretty Little Liars*.

- Ask your teenager their thoughts about spiritual beings like vampires and ghosts. Do they think they are real?
- Are we aware that these media influences try to glamorize the world of the devil and his demons? How can these shows shape your view about Satan?
- How do you think God feels about these kinds of shows? Do you think watching them has an impact on you?
- Things like spiritual mediums, ghosts, or almost anything to do with the dead was strictly forbidden in the Old Testament. They were forbidden because it was a power that opposed God.
- One of the ways Satan slowly moves us away from the truth is to desensitize us. Ask your kids how Satan might use these kinds of shows to lessen the reality of spiritual forces in our world.
- Read Ephesians 6:11-13 together.

OPTIONAL STUDY**NOTES**

Ephesians 6:12 says that we as believers are not fighting against people but actually against the unseen evil power of the devil and his evil rulers. The Bible calls the devil the father of lies and he is constantly trying to seduce the hearts of God's children through smooth deception. We can look to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, to see how He thwarted Satan's wily advances.

The Temptation of Christ (Read Luke 4:1-13.)

Does the devil use truth or lies to tempt Jesus?

How does Jesus respond to the tempting voice of the devil?

Verse 13 says the devil left Him until the next opportunity came. 1 Peter 5:8 tells us that Satan is ruthless and relentless. Are there habits or desires in your life that keep giving the devil "the next opportunity" in your life?

Reflect on this passage

So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world. –James 4: 7-8

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