

The Fall of Man

Session SIX

TEACHING NOTES

The Age of Innocence

Adam and Eve in the garden

God has a purpose

God communicates with man

God gave instruction

God communicates his prohibition

Consequence of sin = death (Romans 6:23 & Ezekiel 18:20)

Spiritual death

Physical death

Eternal death

Sin enters (Genesis 3:1-7)

The deception

The temptation

The desire

The decision

KEY VERSE(S)

Genesis 3:1-7

KEY THEME(S)

Origin of sin

Consequences of sin

Innocence lost

Age = time period

The mind=

The will=

Emotions =

Death = separation

NOTES

Half-truth is a lie

Satan (Genesis 3:1)**Eve's response (Genesis 3:2-3)****The Lie (Genesis 3:4-5)**

Unbelief

Pride

Rebellion

Eve was convinced (Genesis 3:6)

Adam the spineless, dust-man follows suit.

The lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, pride of life. (1 John 2:16, NIV)

The knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 3:7)**Consequences**

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

Whenever we spend time with the Lord it's always good to ask Him to prepare your heart and mind to connect with His presence. Take a moment to do this now.

Read Genesis 3:1-7

What did Satan cause Eve to doubt about God?

What did Adam and Eve fail to recognize behind the purpose of God telling them not to eat from this tree?

God was protecting Adam and Eve from an awareness they could not handle with their limited minds and perspective. Only an all-knowing God can truly judge what is good and evil. God wants us to trust in His goodness, that He will communicate what we need to know when we need to know. Adam & Eve sinned when they disobeyed God by trying to find life apart from God's plan.

In what areas of your life do you struggle to trust God the most? Why?

Read John 16:5-11

What did Adam & Eve not believe about God when they chose to disobey Him?

the original sin = unbelief

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Think about where you struggle with unbelief in your relationship with God. Write out why you struggle in trusting God under each one that applies to you.

- His ability to meet your needs.

- His ability to give you purpose.

- His ability to work out all circumstances for your ultimate good.

Read 1 John 2:15-17

Eve saw that the fruit looked good. She was convinced it would make her wise. This was the deception used by Satan.

What things of the world do you desire?

What is the problem when we try to get our needs met from the world and not God?

Because we are created by God. He is the only one who can truly meet our needs.

We all struggle with not believing or trusting God with the details of our lives. Take some time to tell God about your struggles in this area. Ask Him to help you trust Him with more and more of your life.

Key verse

Take some time this week to memorize 1 Corinthians 2:12.

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

One of the things God gave humans when He created them was the power to choose (free will). Adam and Eve had perfect harmony with God. They had everything they needed. But, as we read in Genesis 3:1-7, we see how Satan tempted Eve to use her “power to choose” to make the wrong choice.

In John 8:44, we read that Satan is the “father of all lies”. He is the master deceiver. He will lie and distort the truth in order to manipulate our choices or decisions. Here is an activity you can do together as a family to talk about the difference between right and wrong and how we can be deceived when we don’t stay focused on the truth we find in God’s Word.

Peel and slice an apple and a potato. On one plate put the apple slices and on another plate put the potato slices. (When peeled and sliced, they look the same.) Have children wearing a blind fold come up one at a time to taste one of each while holding their noses. After everyone has tried one of each, have them vote on which is the apple and which is the potato.

Ask:

- Was it hard to tell the difference? Why?
- Is it hard to tell the difference between right and wrong? Explain.
- Can good and evil sometimes look the same? Explain.

Read aloud Genesis 2:16-17 and 3:1-7.

- Was it difficult for Adam and Eve to tell the difference between right and wrong? Why?
- When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, did their actions help them become wise, as the serpent had promised?
- How can we know the difference between right and wrong?

Say:

God’s Word helps us to know the difference between right and wrong. As we believe and obey God, we will be wise.

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Genesis 3:1-7

For Teenagers**Half-truths – One of Satan’s Best Tactics**

In Genesis 3:4, Satan tells Eve, “You won’t die.” Was this completely true? Yes and no. This was a half-truth. We know Adam and Eve did not die immediately after they ate from the forbidden tree. But they did die eventually and this was not part of God’s plan. Eve believed a half-truth and did not consider the consequences of her choice.

Our world is full of half-truths today. Here are some examples: we need clothes, but now we are told we need the trendy clothes. We need food, but food is sold as a way to comfort or reward us. We need to be content, but we are taught that being happy is the same as being content. These statements seem true, but are really lies. Half-truths are lies.

Ask your teenagers:

- What are some lies the world tries to tell you? Share some of the lies you see as an adult.
- What are some things we think we need but are really wants?
- How can you discern the truth from all the lies you are surrounded by?

OPTIONAL STUDY**NOTES****Knowledge of Good and Evil**

Let's study what happened when Eve went against God's instruction and the importance of knowing God's truth.

Read Genesis 2:9

- In your own words write what is described.

Read Genesis 2:16-17

- Write out exactly what God commanded.

Read Genesis 3:1-5

- In Satan's deception to Eve, what does he question first about God? (verse 1)
- What does he imply about the character of God? (verses 4-5)

Adam and Eve had it all and yet they wanted more. By eating the fruit they gained knowledge of the difference between good and evil. Instead of gaining a knowledge that made them superior, they gained knowledge of evil. It would be like telling a deaf person they could gain their hearing, only to give them a constant screaming in their ears.

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Read Genesis 3:8

- What does the text suggest their relationship with God was like before the fall?

- After the fall, innocence is lost. They have the knowledge of evil. Describe how their relationship with God changed?