

# The Promise

## Session SEVEN

### TEACHING NOTES

#### The Age of Conscience (Genesis 3:7)

Innocence Lost

God does what He says(Genesis 2:16-17)

Sin = acting independently of God and not measuring up to God's standard for us

They attempted to make things right, to hide or cover their sin.. their way

#### God was not pleased with their effort (Genesis 3:8-10)

He will never be pleased with man's attempts

God's holiness and justice require separation and payment

#### KEY VERSE(S)

Genesis 3:7-3:24

#### KEY THEME(S)

God is the judge

Our choices have consequences

God's grace, pursuit & promise

Romans 6:23

Ezekiel 18:20

With the knowledge of good and evil, came shame, fear, guilt, regret and blame shifting

**NOTES**

Omnipresent = present everywhere

Omniscient = all knowing

Genesis 3:15 -  
the cosmic battle, the promised redeemer

**Death**

...is that payment

...is required

...is all around us

**God knew where they were and what they did (Genesis 3:11-13)**

**God's character revealed**

God...

loves

pursues

is gracious

Man...

is afraid

hides

shifts blame

**The consequences (Genesis 3:14-19)**

Serpent

Woman

Man

World

**God's provision (Genesis 3:20-24)**

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

God is always pleased when we choose to spend time with Him. Take a moment and ask Him to help you be free of distractions during this time.

**Read Genesis 3:6-13**

What was Eve now aware of that she had not noticed before?  
What new emotion did she feel (verse 7)?

Why do you think our first response is to try to cover up the wrong things we've done?

God desires above all else to have a relationship with us that is built on love and trust. Notice how God pursued them after they had disobeyed Him.

How did Adam and Eve respond to God's pursuit of them?

- In verse 8 & 10?
- In verse 12 & 13?

**Read Genesis 3:14-19**

Because God does what He says, Adam and Eve lost their innocence and had to face the consequences of their sin. What were the consequences listed in this passage?

Why is it a curse for us to think we can judge good and bad

**NOTES**

Eve = to give life

like God?

**Read Genesis 3:20-21**

How did God provide for Adam and Eve's nakedness?

Read Romans 6:23. What payment (wages) does your sin require?

Whenever there is sin the payment has to be death. God told Adam and Eve that if they ate of this tree they would die. In God's grace, He provided a substitution for what they deserved (death) through the death of an animal to cover their sin.

**Key verse**

Take some time this week to memorize Romans 6:23.

## PARENT GUIDE

## NOTES

### For Elementary-Age

#### Focus: Sin & Consequences

The focus for this lesson is Genesis 3:6-24. There are two more major principles that are introduced in this passage: sin and consequences. These are two principles that we all struggle with. Having a knowledge of these principles is critical to the way we defend ourselves against the enemy. If we are not aware of them, then they will be used against us. Here are a few steps to have simple conversations with your kids about sin and consequences.

Spend some time with your child coloring the picture (next page). As you color, ask your child if they remember the story of Adam and Eve. If they do, have them tell you the story in their own words. (If you need help, see Genesis 2:4-3:24)

#### Ask:

- Ask your child what they think some of the big points of the story are. If they don't mention that this was the entrance of sin into the Garden, then tell them about it.
- Ask them to point out where they saw sin in the story of Adam and Eve.

#### Sin

- Ask your child what they think sin is.
- Explain that sin is going against what God wants us to do. *During our discipleship journey we gave the definition that sin is "acting independently of God, not measuring up to God's holy standard for us". This definition has been reshaped for the purpose of helping children understand it better.*
- Have your child give you some examples of things that they think are sin.
- Ask them to point out where they saw sin in the story of Adam and Eve.

**NOTES**

Genesis 3:1-7

**Consequences**

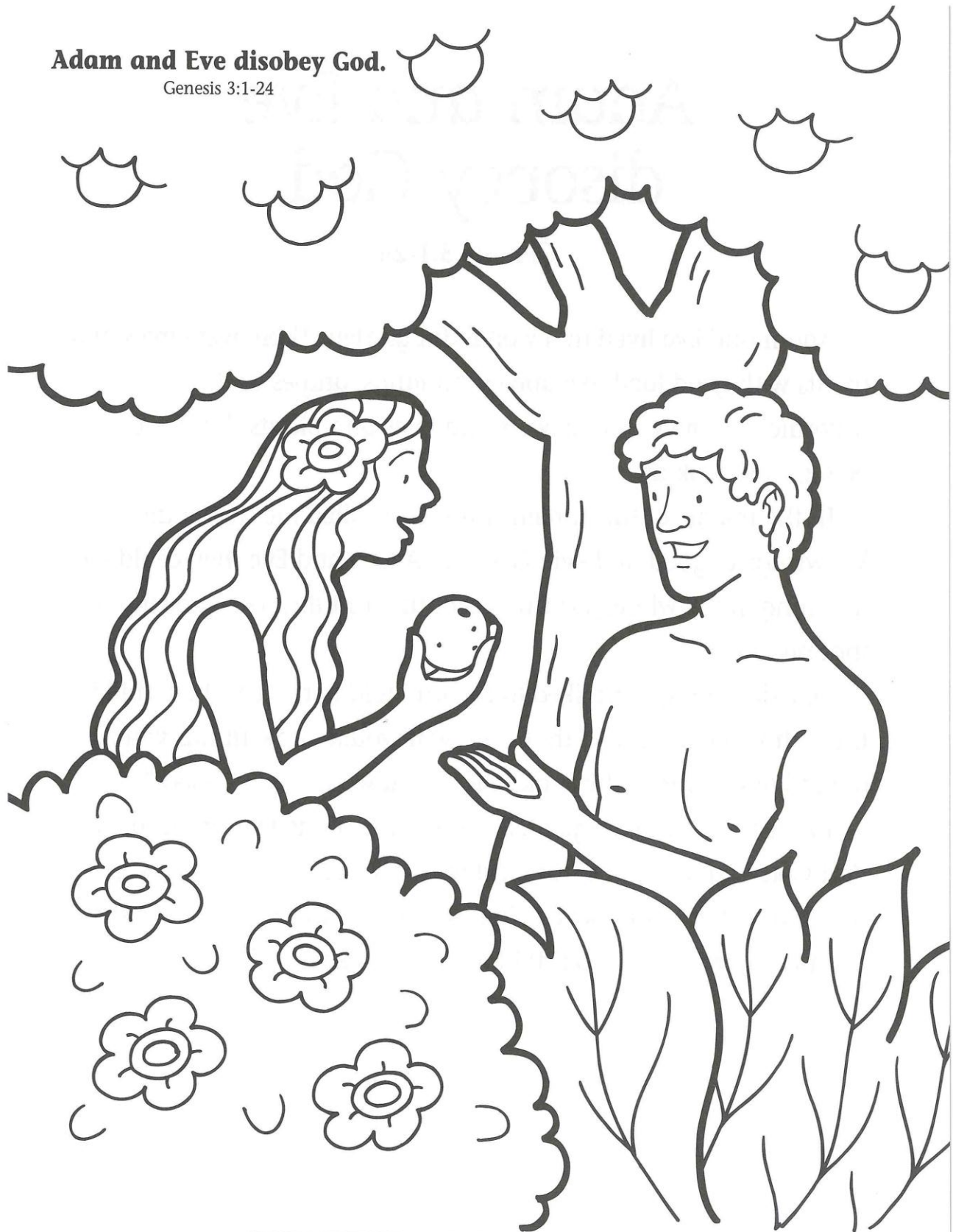
- Ask your child what they think a consequence is.
- Explain that a consequence is anything that happens as a result of a decision we make. They can be both positive and negative.
- Discuss with your child what they think a few positive and negative consequences might be in various situations (i.e. they forget to do their math homework, they help clean up after dinner without being asked, they don't let the dog out when you ask them to, etc.)
- Ask your child to point out a couple consequences in the story of Adam and Eve.

**Discuss & Pray**

Take a moment to talk with your child about how they think sin and consequences play a role in their life. Share with your child how they play a role in your life. Ask how you can be praying for them about this. Spend a few moments praying with your child.

**Adam and Eve disobey God.**

Genesis 3:1-24



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