

Sin: Creation (Gen 2:15-17; 3:1-13)

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How would you draw the tree of knowledge of good and evil?

What kind of fruit would it have?

Who did God give instructions to?

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How did Satan test the Woman?

3. "In fact, God knows that when you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." The woman saw that the tree was good for food and delightful to look at, and that it was desirable for obtaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. (Gen 3:5-6, CSB)

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What do you notice about Adam?

4. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. So the Lord God called out to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid."

Then he asked, "Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" The man replied, "The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate."

So the Lord God asked the woman, "What have you done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." (Gen 3:7-13, CSB)

Who did Adam blame for his eating of the fruit?

Who did his wife blame for eating of the fruit?

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Teacher Notes

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How would you draw the tree of knowledge of good and evil? What kind of fruit would it have?

The purpose of drawing the tree of knowledge of good and evil is to engage the kids' artistic interpretation of abstract concepts, because the fruit of this tree is later recorded as desirable to Eve. It is at this biblical passage that God's instruction of Adam should be highlighted.

Who did God give instructions to?

It is important to point out that God instructed Adam not to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. And that this instruction took place before Woman was created.

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How did Satan test the Woman?

Help the student recognize that Satan simply asked her about God's word. Because she added to God's word by saying that she could not "touch it," she demonstrated an uncertainty, and Satan lied to her by raising his voice saying that she would not die.

Help the student experience what Eve did by asking: When you are trying to convince mom or dad you really want this toy, do you raise your voice? When you want someone to really do what you want them to do, do you tell them softly?

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Instruct the student: write down "did not know God's word," "desire," and "behavior."

Help the student see three things: 1) The Woman's answer revealed that she did not know God's word. 2) She desired the wisdom of knowing good and evil. 3) Satan tempted her to act and fulfill her desire by appealing to her to be like God.

What do you notice about Adam?

Help the student see in the text that Adam was present with Woman. Although he knew God's word, he did not teach her well and failed to stop and protect her from Satan's lie that temptation of her desire. He too was tempted and failed.

To help the student understand the how sin works by desire and behavior, present this example:

Imagine a box of all sorts of chocolates, and you can eat all except one. Now there's only two of you looking at and tasting all of these different chocolates.

If you had the desire of tasting the special chocolate, but someone who loves you told you that you would die, would you even think of eating it?

If you had the desire of tasting the special chocolate, because a stranger told you it would make you smarter, would you eat it?

Who would you desire to obey? Why?

Because God first loved and created us, we should **desire** to love God and **obey** His life giving words. Sin is when our desires and actions depart from this.

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Who did his wife blame for eating of the fruit?

The snake Satan.

When Adam and his wife were caught disobeying God's word, they blamed someone else for their failure. They did not feel sorry for what they did – repent for disobeying God, and they did not ask God for forgiveness.

Ask the student: did God create sin?