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Teacher Notes

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Read all of the questions and passages to the student and encourage their observations and questions. Introduce the student to new terms that refer to the knowledge of good and evil: morals, moral knowledge, and ethics.

This can describe the quality of your inner character, how you see the world, and how you behave.

This incident tells you the **origin** of morals, the **standard** for morals, and **why** you should be moral.

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Inform the student: when you look up "inclination" in the dictionary, it means "a person's natural tendency or urge to act."

Ask the student: do you have a choice in how you behave?

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God defines evil as 1) **not knowing** God, and 2) **not obeying** His word.