

LESSON 4

REFERENCES: GENESIS 3:1–21; PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP. 52–62.

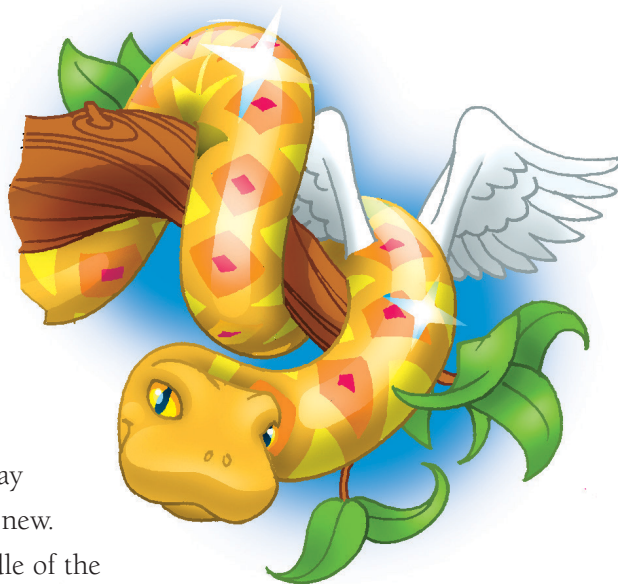
Hiding From God

Have you ever done something so naughty that you were ashamed? A long time ago Adam and Eve did just that.



Adam and Eve really liked the Garden of Eden home God had made for them. Every day they learned something new.

One day Eve found herself in the middle of the garden beside a beautiful tree. She knew that was the only tree in the garden whose fruit God said they were not to eat.



Suddenly she heard a voice. “Did God really say you cannot eat from any tree in the garden?”

Who was that? Eve looked up. There in the tree branches she saw a beautiful serpent, and it was talking to her! “We can eat the fruit of the trees in the garden,” Eve answered. “But not the fruit of this tree, or we will die,” she added.

“You will not die,” said the serpent, who was really Satan. “God is just trying to keep something special away from you. Go ahead. Try it. It really is very good.”

Memory Verse

“The LORD is good and his love endures forever.”

PSALM 100:5, NIV.

The Message

God loves us all the time, even when we do wrong.

Eve looked at the fruit. It did look good. So she decided to believe the serpent and chose to disobey God. She took some fruit and ate it. Then she picked more and gave some to Adam.

Adam also decided to disobey God. He quickly took the fruit and ate it. Suddenly they were so ashamed that they wanted to cover themselves and hide. When they disobeyed God, they lost their robes of light. So they sewed some fig leaves together and covered themselves. Later that day God came to walk with them. But when they heard God calling, they hid from Him.

“Adam,” called God. “Where are you? Eve! Adam! Where are you?”

Finally Adam answered. “I heard You calling, and I was afraid, so I hid.”

God knew what had happened. “Did you eat fruit from the tree I told you not to eat from?” He asked.

It was hard to admit to God that they had disobeyed Him. First Adam blamed Eve; then Eve blamed the serpent.

God was very sad. He told Adam and Eve that because they chose to disobey, they would have to leave their beautiful garden home. But God still loved them. He used animal skins to make clothes for them. And He promised them that someday His own Son would die to rescue them from their sins.

God truly loved Adam and Eve, and He loves you and me too. Even when we do something wrong, He still loves us. He is always ready to forgive us if we are truly sorry for what we have done.



Do and Say



SABBATH

Visit a park or garden and review the lesson story together. Help your child give the fig leaf made in Sabbath School to someone and tell that person about Adam and Eve's sin. Reinforce the idea that God still loved Adam and Eve, even after they had done wrong. Sing "Jesus Loves Me" together. (See page 61 for memory verse motions.)



SUNDAY

Review the story together. Ask: How do you think Adam felt when Eve came with the fruit?* How did God feel when Adam and Eve hid from Him?†

Sing "Jesus Loves Me" (see page 63) together and thank God for loving us, even when we do wrong.

MONDAY

Show your child where the lesson is found in Genesis 3. Read together verses 1–13, 21–24.

See page 61 to review or teach the memory verse.

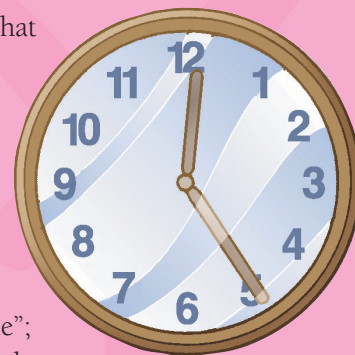
TUESDAY

Play hide-and-seek together. Have your child hide and pretend to be Adam or Eve while you are God looking for him or her. "Find" your child and take him or her in your arms. Reinforce the idea that God loves us even when we do wrong.

WEDNESDAY

Move the hands on a clock to different times. Ask: What do we do early in the morning, at lunchtime, and so forth? At each time ask, "When does God love you?" Emphasize that God loves us all the time.

Sing "Jesus Loves Me"; then thank Him for His love.



THURSDAY

Help your child draw a picture of Eve eating the fruit. Explain that when we are disobedient God is sad. Then help your child draw a heart around the picture. Emphasize that when we do wrong, God still loves us. Thank Him for His love that never ends.

FRIDAY

Read Genesis 3 to review the Bible story. Help your family act out the story. Emphasize that God loves us all the time, good or bad, every day. Thank God for His love.

Sing "Jesus Loves Me."

*See *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 56.

†You might enjoy reading chapters 3 and 4 of *Patriarchs and Prophets*.