

## The First Sin

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At this stop on your faith trek, you'll read Adam and Eve's story in the Bible. Even though God wanted only good for people, they chose something else.

### For

Just for Kids

### Season

Spring

### Needed

Blank scrap book or sheets of paper, markers or crayons

### Activity Plan

1. Read the story of the first sin in Genesis 3:1-22 (See last two pages).
2. Read or listen to this commentary about the story.

In this story, we learn something important about God and people. God loves people, and wants us to love God too. God gave the world to people, and wanted people to live peacefully, knowing only the good gifts that God gives. But, God knows that true love can't be forced, so God gives people the choice. They can learn what it's like to be apart from God, and to experience evil. Adam and Eve, like all people, want to know what happens if they don't live the way God wants. When they choose to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, they, like us, choose to separate themselves from God. They want to hide themselves from God, and when they leave the Garden of Eden, they experience pain and hardship.



3. Add the story of the first sin to your **Bible Trek: Through the Bible** book. Write the story in your own words, and add thought bubbles to show what the characters are thinking or feeling.
4. Show your work to a parent, or a grandparent, friend or neighbor and talk about these questions together. You could even use Skype to talk to someone far away!
  - Why do you think Adam and Eve want to know about evil?
  - Why do you think God gives people a choice?
  - Sin is when we do something that hurts or separates us from God or others. Tell about a time when someone hurt your feelings.
  - Tell about a time when you were tempted to do something that could hurt someone else.
  - Why do you think we do things that hurt God or others?
  - What are some evil things that happen in the world?
  - Why does God let such bad things happen?
5. Pray this prayer of confession together:

Help us, God our Savior, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive our sins for your name's sake (Psalm 79.9).



## Genesis 3:1-22

### The First Sin

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'"

The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.' "

"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized 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 as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

The man said, "The woman you put here with me —she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.



And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

To the woman he said, "I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."

To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat from it,' "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life.

It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.

By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.

The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

