

Week 6: Adam and Eve Choose

Genesis 3:4-19 & James 1:13-15

Objectives

Students will . . .

- Discuss how Satan tempted Eve and suggest ways of combatting temptation.
- Describe some of the consequences of sin.
- Explain how we know that God still loved Adam and Eve even though they had sinned.

Week at a Glance

To the Teacher: Pray for your students daily and prayerfully study the verses given above.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lesson	Temptation	Temptation Tug-of-war	Broken Image	Easy Choice, Hard Road	Show What You Know
Big Idea	Satan knows how to bate the hook of sin.	We are pulled between going our way and going God's way.	Sin broke the image of God in man.	Choices have consequences.	Review and administer this week's quiz.
Preview Videos	<u>Fish lured in Video</u> (1:40 min.)				
Materials	Fishing hook, bait, rope for tug-of-war		2-3 small mirrors		
Copies	Daily Bible Connection				Show What You Know Quiz

MONDAY: Temptation

Hook: Hands-On Activity

Materials: Bring in a hook (or make one with a paper clip). Also bring in bait.

Find out if any of your students have ever been fishing. Talk about why a fisherman would put something attractive to the fish on the hook. Demonstrate how to bait the hook (with worm or bread). What your students think is delicious is not necessarily what a fish thinks is delicious. Fish and humans have different tastes. You can only be tempted by something you like or want.

If you show a fish what it desires, you can often get it to bite on a hook so you can pull it out of the water and eat it for dinner. A Fisherman's goal is not to deliver snacks to the fish, but to lure the fish into biting on something that brings death.

Fish are not typically tempted to bite on an empty hook. The bait disguises something that causes death so that it looks like life-giving food. Fisherman use bait to trick the fish to believe it is about to get something good. Satan uses Eve's desires to hook her with disobeying God.

Video

[Fish lured in Video](#)

Discovery Words

1. The fisherman put a piece of bologna as **bait** on his hook.
bait - food used to entice a fish or other animal into a trap
2. They put a wooden duck on the lake to **lure** the ducks near enough.
lure - something that tempts a person or animal to do something
3. She made me so mad I was **tempted** to hit her.
temptation - a desire to do something, especially something wrong or unwise
4. The judge had the **authority** to sentence the criminal to prison.
authority - the power to give orders, make decisions, and enforce obedience
5. I knew when I stole the bat that taking it was a **sin**.
sin - **anything I say, think, or do that does not please God.**
6. He did not enjoy the **consequences** of losing his temper and throwing his phone.
consequences - a result of an action or condition

Memory Verse

Romans 3:23

TUESDAY: Temptation Tug-of-War

Genesis 3; James 1

Discussion

Connection to Prior Learning:

Do you remember where we left Adam and Eve in the garden last week?

Answer: in the Garden of Eden

What tree were Adam and Eve standing next to?

Answer: Tree of knowledge of good and evil

Who was talking to them?

Answer: Satan as the serpent

Reading Focus: Listen to what Satan told Adam and Eve

Read Aloud: Genesis 3:4-5

Question for Comprehension: What was the bait that liar Satan was trying to get Eve to believe?

Answer: God was holding back something that would be good. Eating that fruit would give special knowledge. Adam and Eve would become like God.

Was Satan really trying to give Adam and Eve help because he cared about them?

Answer: No.

Reading Focus: Find out what Eve was thinking when Satan was trying to lure her to disobey God.

Read Aloud: Genesis 3:6a

Question for Comprehension: What 2 things did she notice about the fruit?

Answer: 1) It was good to eat. 2) It was pleasing to look at.

What else did she think the fruit would do for her?

Answer: Make her wise—like God— knowing good from evil.

Does it seem like Satan used bait that Eve was interested in?

Remember, bait only works if it is something we desire.

What do you think Adam was thinking as he watched and listened?

Answer: Answers will vary.

What could he have done to protect Eve?

Answer: Answers will vary.

Should he have said or done something to actively stand up for God and protect his wife?

Answer: Yes.

Tomorrow we will talk about the choice Adam and Eve made and all that happened once they chose.

Reading Focus: Notice—it wasn't just Satan's words that were at work. Eve desired the fruit. James 1 tells us more about how temptation works—

Read Aloud: James 1:13-15

Just like the team that is winning tug-of-war can pull you across a line, our desires (if we let them stay and keep looking at them) can drag us to sin when we disobey God.

Adam, by his silence, does nothing to help pull Eve resist the pull of Satan's words. A true friend will help you move towards God—not towards going your own way. Our words have power! (Proverbs 18.24).

Hands-On Activity

Tug-of-War. Do a tug-of-war with one person in the middle being pulled either to the right or to the left.

Talk about how God's Words would pull Adam and Eve away from the tree of death, but Satan's words were pulling them towards it. Discuss what Adam and Eve could have done when faced with Satan's words that would have reduced the pull those words had on them.

We think of tug-of-war as a game, but it really is a war. Satan is God's enemy. He is trying to attack God but he can't reach God so he attacks those who reflect and represent God.

Memory Verse

Romans 3:23

WEDNESDAY: Broken Image

Genesis 3

Discussion

Materials: Small mirrors (one that is broken).

Yesterday we ended with Eve concluding that everything Satan was saying must be right. She doubted the true God and believed the biggest liar.

Reading Focus: Listen to find out what she did next.

Read Aloud: Genesis 3:6b

Question for Comprehension: What did Eve do?

Answer: Took fruit, ate it, gave fruit to Adam

Who disobeyed what God had commanded?

Answer: Adam and Eve

Remember how we talked about God making humans in His image? Adam and Eve were designed to reflect God (like a mirror reflects our face). They were also designed to represent God (as King and Queen under God but over creation).

Now instead of looking like God and showing everyone what God was like—they had turned away from God in disobedience. Disobeying God does not show what God is like. When they broke the command of God they broke the image.

[Action: Slam the mirror on the edge of a desk so it shatters—being careful not to get broken glass near children.]

Once a mirror is broken, can it be put back together?

Answer: yes, but the image will have cracks and look broken. It won't reflect as well as it did before. [Show the mirror you shattered and glued together.]

For the mirror to again be whole, it would need to be remade new. For Adam and Eve to be able to again reflect and represent God, they also need to be made new.

Reading Focus: What did it mean to know good and evil?

Read Aloud: Genesis 3:7

Satan acted like knowing good from evil would be desirable, but as soon as Adam and Eve gained the knowledge of evil they realized that they were no longer good.

They were created good, but they just broke their connection with God by choosing their way over God's way. Sin always brings shame. They had always been naked and never felt shame. Now they felt shame. They sewed fig leaves to hide from each other.

Question for Comprehension: How would you feel if you were God? (Give time to think and discuss.)

God dearly loved Adam and Eve. They rejected His love, believed God's enemy, and chose to go their own way.



If you have ever had a friend turn on you—you know how easy it is to write that person off. When people hurt us we want to ignore them or lash out at them. Do you think God will do that to Adam and Eve?

Reading Focus: Some people think God is just looking for a reason to zap us. Do you think God will zap Adam and Eve?

Read Aloud: Genesis 3:8

UNBELIEVABLE! God comes right back to the garden. He wants to be with Adam and Eve. Even though they turned against Him, He is not turning against them.

Tomorrow we will begin learning about all the consequences that come with the choice Adam and Eve made.

But please remember this: even though the image is broken and life on earth will never be the same, **God does not love Adam or Eve any less.**

Memory Verse

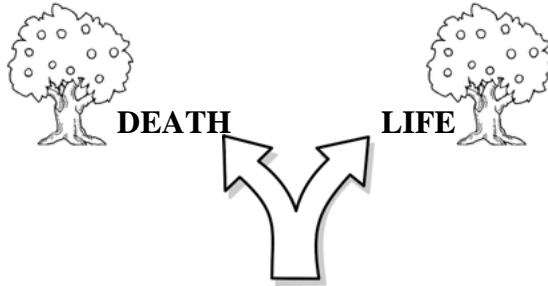
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THURSDAY: Easy Choice, Hard Road

Genesis 3

Discussion

Remember “The Eternal Y” from last week. [See what they remember.] This week we are going to add to what you learned. [Draw this on white board. You will add to it at end of lesson.]



Yesterday we ended with the Lord God walking in the garden—coming right towards Adam and Eve even though they had turned against Him.

Reading Focus: Listen to find out what Adam and Eve did.

Read Aloud: Genesis 3:8

Reading Focus: Have you played hide and seek? Adam and Eve are hiding.

Read Aloud: Genesis 3:9

Question for Comprehension: Who is seeking them?

Answer: God

God didn't need information. He knew where Adam was. God was asking to get Adam to realize where Adam was—Adam had moved away from God.

Reading Focus: How was Adam feeling?

Read Aloud: Genesis 3:10

Question for Comprehension: Why did Adam hide from God?

Answer: He was afraid because he was naked.

Adam and Eve had NEVER known fear before. Imagine what that was like. There is no fear where there is no evil.

Reading Focus: How did God confront them about doing wrong?

Read Aloud: Genesis 3:11

Question for Comprehension: Was God asking for information because He didn't know what happened?

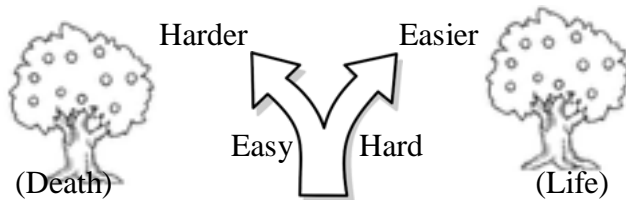
Answer: No. God knew but God wanted Adam to admit what he did.

Reading Focus: Listen to how Adam and Eve responded to God's questions.

Read Aloud: Genesis 3:12-13

Wow! First Adam and Eve turn on God—now Adam turns on Eve and Eve turns on the snake. Both Adam and Eve wanted to blame others for what they had done wrong. Satan acted like knowing good and evil would be a wonderful thing, but now that knowledge has made them turn against God and turn against each other.

Giving into temptation starts out easy. Eating the fruit was easy. But now things are getting harder. They are about to get even more difficult on this path of death.



Eternal Y Discussion:

When you give in to doing wrong, it starts **easy**. [Write word on chart on the white board Death side.] Telling one lie, smoking one joint, cheating just once, but then it gets **harder**. [Write word on chart on the white board Death side.] You have to tell more lies, you have to battle addiction, you have to repeat a class.

If Adam and Eve had resisted the temptation it would have been **hard**. [Write word on chart on the white board Life side.] But then—it would have been **easier** to resist temptation the next time. [Write word on chart on the white board Life side.]

Consider other areas. For example, lying is **easy**. Getting caught is **harder**—for there will be consequences. Not getting caught and becoming a liar is **harder**. Being dishonest will ruin your reputation and your relationships.

Telling the truth can be **hard**. But speaking the truth gets **easier** as you continue on the path. People come to trust you. Trust is basis for relationships.

Choices have consequences that not only effect those choosing, but also affect others. You'll find out next week how the road Adam and Eve chose is going to get a whole lot harder. And it's a road that leads to death.

However, even though Adam and Eve turned from God, God does not leave them to walk that road alone. In fact—you will find out just what a wise, loving God He is when we continue Bible class next week.

Memory Verse

Romans 3:23

FRIDAY: Show What You Know (Key)

Multiple Choice: Choose the letter that best answers the question.

- D 1. What was the bait that Satan was trying to get Eve to believe?
A. God was holding back something that would be good.
B. Eating that fruit would give special knowledge.
C. Adam and Eve would become like God.
D. All of the above
- D 2. How did Eve justify disobeying God in her mind?
A. The fruit was good to eat.
B. The fruit was pleasing to look at
C. Eating the fruit would make her wise – like God
D. All of the above
- B 3. What did Adam and Eve do after eating the fruit?
A. kept taking care of the garden B. hid from God
C. named the animals D. all of the above
- B 4. How did Adam and Eve feel when they heard God calling them?
A. tired B. afraid C. proud D. sad
- D 5. What was broken when Adam and Eve sinned?
A. the reflection of God's image B. the command of God
C. their fellowship with God D. all of the above
- A 6. How did God feel about Adam and Eve after they sinned?
A. He loved them B. He was angry with them
C. He didn't care D. He was surprised
- C 7. In sinning, who had moved away from God?
A. Nature B. Satan C. Adam
- A 8. Did Adam and Eve admit to God that they had done wrong?
A. No, they blamed each other B. Yes, they admitted their wrong
- A 9. There are two paths, the Life Path and the Death Path. Which path starts out hard and gets easier?
A. The Life Path B. The Death Path
- 10 and 11. Romans 3:23 tells us that everyone has sinned.