



THE FALL

GENESIS 3

GOAL

- ▶ To teach students about the beginning of humanity's sinful nature, temptation and the punishment we all endure because of this first sin. The Genesis 3 account of Adam and Eve's transition from innocence to disobedience is referred to as "the fall."

GOSPEL HIGHLIGHT

- ▶ In Genesis 3:15, we find what is often described as the "first gospel." This verse declares that, despite the fall, the Kingdom of God will fully return and Satan will be destroyed. This promise came to pass when Jesus came and crushed the Devil and his demons triumphing over them on the cross (Colossians 2:15).

CHARACTERS

- ▶ **Adam:** He was the first man to ever exist. He was created by God and placed in the Garden of Eden. Adam allowed himself to be tempted, to take the fruit, and to sin.

Eve: She was the wife of Adam and the mother of Cain and Abel. She was tricked by Satan into disobeying God and eating the fruit.

Satan: He is an angelic being who fell from heaven because of sin. He is opposed to God and His purposes. Satan came in the form of a snake and tempted Adam and Eve to sin.

God: He was the one against who Adam and Eve sinned. As a result of the fall, God pronounced His judgement upon Adam, Eve and Satan.



WORDS TO KNOW

▶ **Sin:** Described as the breaking of God's law (1 John 3:4) and rebelling against God, Himself (Deuteronomy 9:7).

Judgement: The act where God, as judge, declares the guilt of those who sin and pronounces punishment upon them.

MEMORY VERSE

▶ **Romans 3:23:** For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

MEMORY VERSE MEANING

▶ **Read Genesis 3:** Every one of us has sinned. Because we've sinned, we can't be close to God. God hates sin, but He loves us. God provided a way that we can be close to Him despite our sinful nature. Sin deserves punishment, but Jesus took that punishment when He died on the cross. When we repent of our sins and turn to Him, God forgives our sin.

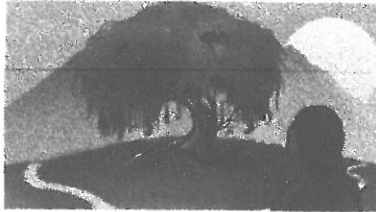
OVERVIEW

▶ **Read Genesis 3:** This lesson covers one of the most important events in all of human history: the original sin. Everything was perfect in the Garden of Eden until Satan, who hated God, tempted Eve to sin. Eve, in turn, encouraged Adam to sin. Adam and Eve's sin changed everything for everyone. Both Adam and Eve disobeyed God, resulting in the fall. Even after man's fall into sin, God provided a hint that He would someday redeem them by sending a savior who would conquer Satan (Genesis 3:15). For those who believe in Jesus, their sin can be forgiven and they can look forward to spending eternity in paradise with God (John 3:16-18).



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 1



Q1a: What was the one thing God told Adam and Eve they could not do?

A1: God told Adam and Eve not to eat the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Q1b: If God didn't want Adam and Eve to eat the fruit on this tree, why did the tree even exist in the Garden of Eden?

Teacher Notes: God gave us free will, which means that we can pretty much do whatever we want; however, that doesn't mean that our choices are always good. If God hadn't put the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the Garden of Eden, He would have been refusing to allow Adam and Eve, and subsequently all humans, from freely deciding whether they wanted to obey or disobey Him. While we were created to love and worship God, He did not create us to do so blindly; we have to choose.

SLIDE 2



Q2a: How did Satan disguise himself?

A2: Satan appeared to Eve as a serpent.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 3



Q3a: What did Eve do?

A3: Eve ate some of the fruit.

Q3b: Did the serpent lie to Eve.

Teacher Notes: Nothing he actually said was a lie, but it is what he left out that made his information a lie. When Eve ate the fruit, she did not instantly drop dead; however, because of her disobedience to God, she would no longer be allowed to live forever. Eating the fruit did make her aware of good and evil, which is a kind of knowledge that God possesses; however, eating the fruit made her less like God in that she had just committed a sin. Telling the truth, but omitting certain parts with the intention of deceiving someone is called a half-truth. It is a way people lie and deceive each other. Satan purposefully omitted certain consequences that eating the forbidden fruit would cause.

SLIDE 4



Q4a: What did Adam do?

A4: Adam ate the fruit Eve gave him.

Q4b: Did the tree make Eve wiser than she was before?

Teacher Notes: No, there was nothing special in the fruit that gave her new abilities. This becomes obvious when, after taking a bite of it herself, she offers some to Adam. If the fruit had made her wise, she would have realized that she had been tricked and that she had just sinned; she wouldn't have offered the fruit to her husband if she knew eating it was a sin. The knowledge that the tree bestowed was that of the experience of doing something wrong. Once they had disobeyed God, they now had knowledge of right and wrong, and they felt shame for the first time. So, eating the fruit did bring them knowledge of new things, but it was the action and experience of eating the fruit that allowed them to have this new understanding, not the actual fruit itself. God could have chosen any tree in the Garden of Eden to serve this purpose.



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SLIDE 5



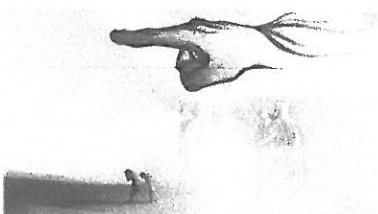
Q5a: When Adam and Eve's eyes were opened, what did they realize?

A5: Adam and Eve realized that they were naked.

Q5b: If you cover your eyes, does that make you invisible?

Teacher Notes: No, just because we can't see anyone else doesn't mean that we can no longer be seen by others in the same area as we are. It was a ridiculous idea that Adam and Eve thought they could hide from God. When He asks them where they are, it wasn't because He didn't know where they were, it was because He wanted them to explain why they were trying to hide from Him. We cannot hide from God—He is with us always.

SLIDE 6



Q6a: How did God punish Adam and Eve's sin?

A6: He banished them from the Garden of Eden.



**MEMORY
VERSE**

▶ **Romans 3:23:** For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

BIG IDEA

▶ Studying God's Word will help us to obey and avoid temptation.

**CLOSING
PRAYER**

▶ Dear God, we know we've sinned. Thank You for providing salvation through Jesus Christ. He is the only way. Help us to obey You. We ask these things in Jesus' name, Amen.

ANSWER KEY for CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

2. Adam and Eve brought (**Sin**) into the world.
4. Adam and Eve lived in the (**Garden of Eden**).
6. God banished Adam and Eve from the Garden, and put (**Angels**) at the entrance with flaming swords.
8. When God walked through the Garden that evening, Adam and Eve (**Hid**).
9. Adam and Eve sinned by eating the (**Fruit**).

Down

1. Adam and Eve used (**Leaves**) to try to cover themselves.
2. The Devil was disguised as a (**Serpent**).
3. Adam and Eve were forbidden to eat from the tree of the Knowledge of (**Good And Evil**).
5. After they ate the fruit, Adam and Eve realized they were (**Naked**).
7. One day God would send his own (**Son**) to take away that sin and offer us eternal life.

The Fall of Man



“Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree
in the Garden’?” Genesis 3:1

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Romans 3:23



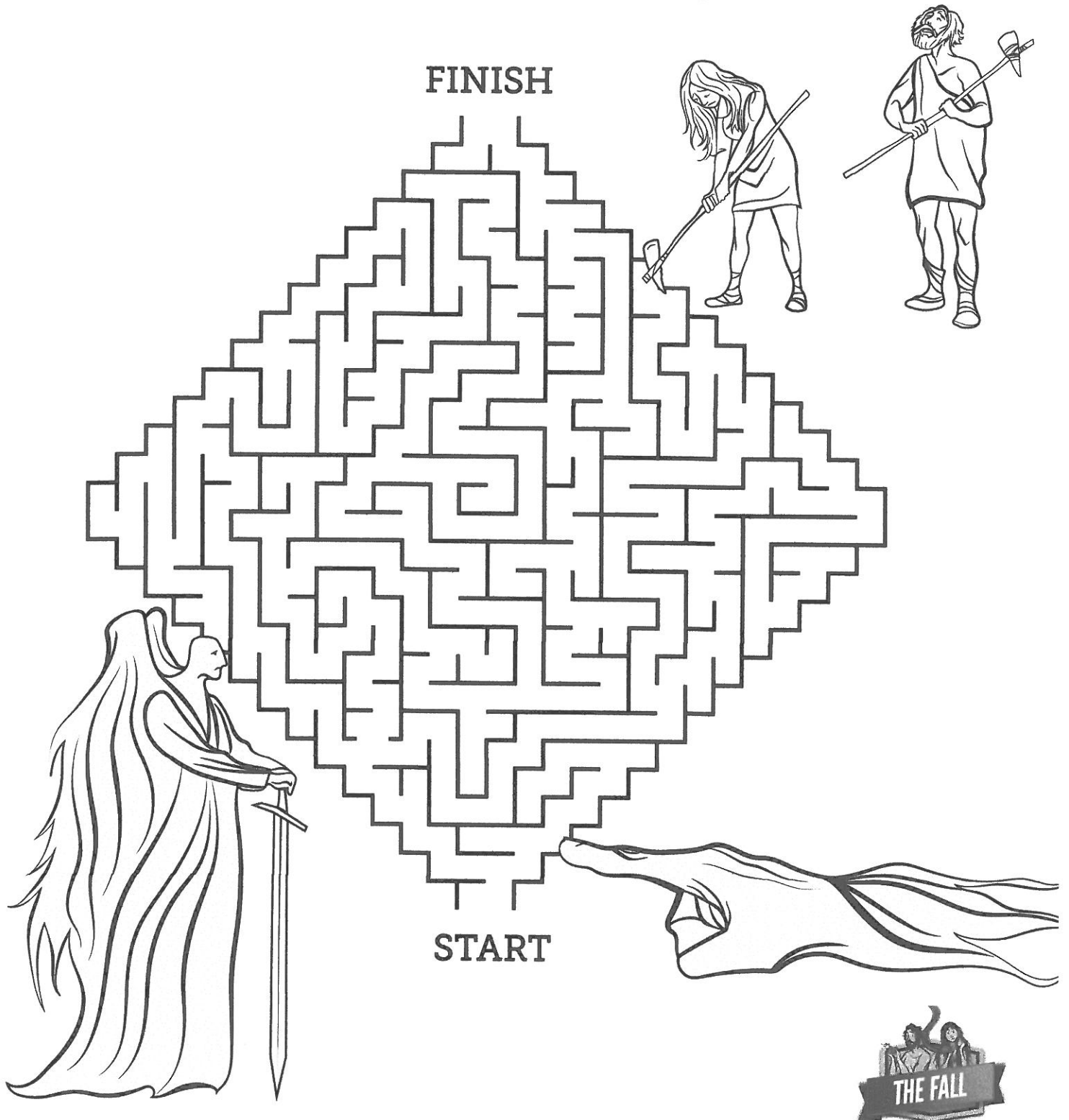
“Where Are You?” Game Instructions:

Have the children close their eyes & count to 20, while “the hider” puts a picture of Adam & Eve somewhere in the room. When the counting is done, the children should call out, “Where are you?” and search until someone finds Adam & Eve. Whoever finds them first, gets to be the next “hider.” While you are playing, remember that we cannot hide from God. He always knows where we are and what we are doing.”



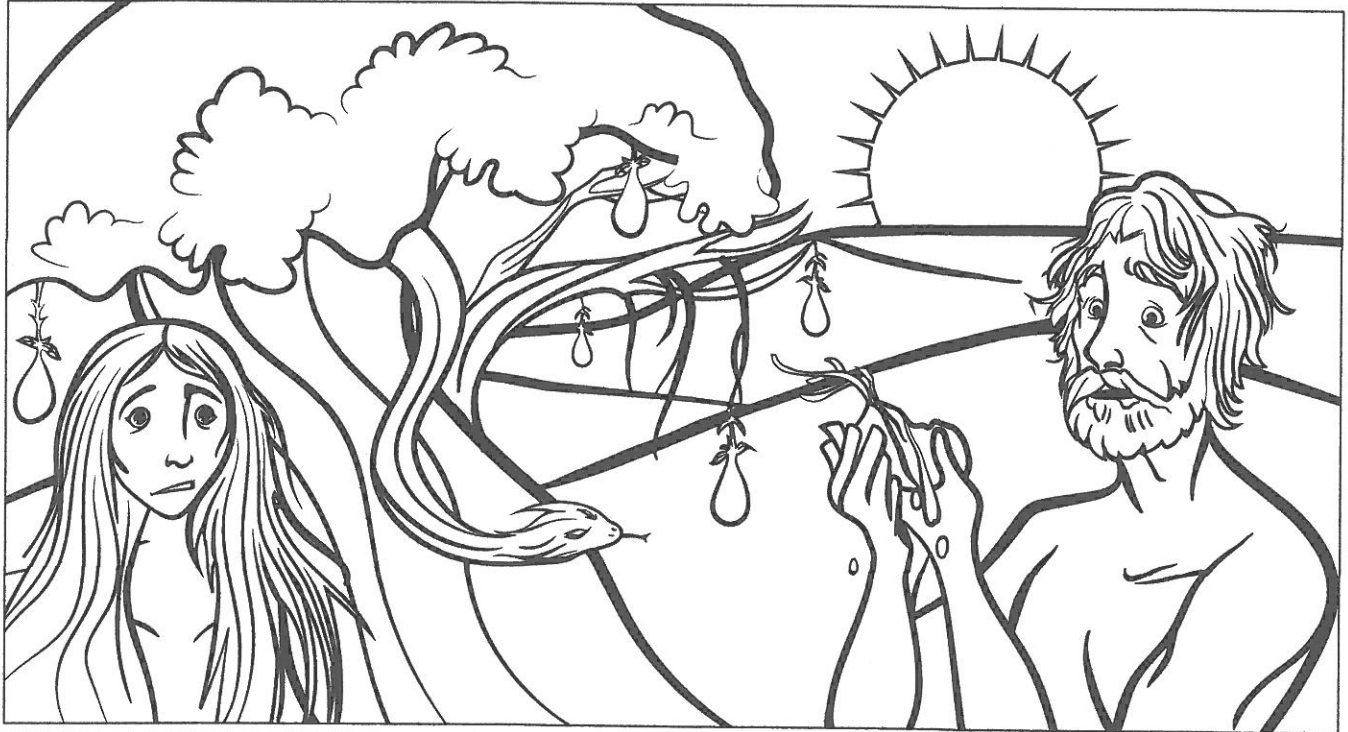
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Lead Adam and Eve out of the garden.



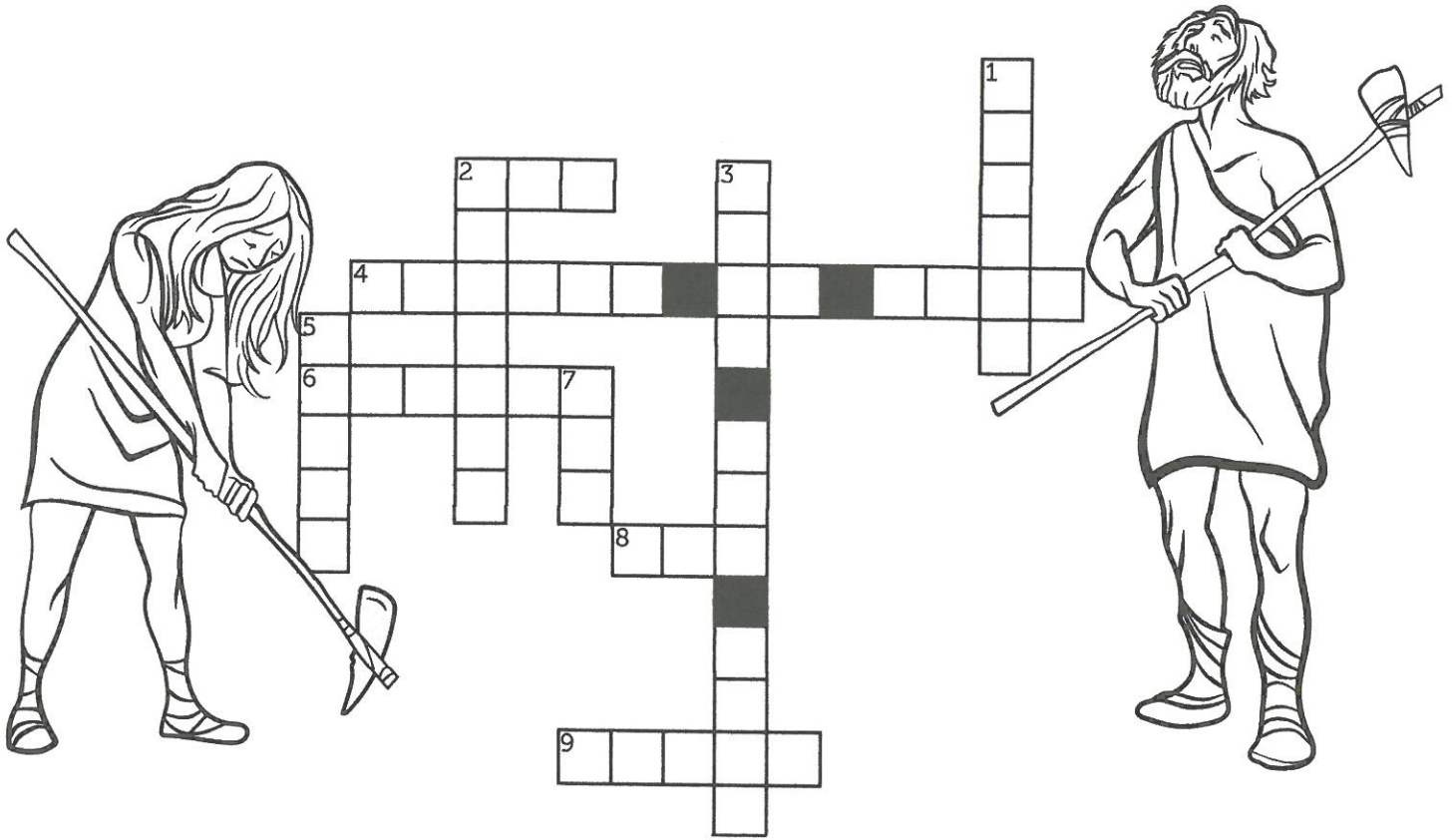
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Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



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Discover the hidden words.

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Word Bank

SIN

ADAM

EVE

FLAMES

SWORDS

SERPENT

HIDE

FRUIT

FORBIDDEN

LEAVES

NAKED

LIFE

