



Enter the Story

Rebellion

A narrative based around the fall of humanity and God's redemptive plan.

THE BIBLE

Genesis 3

Prepare for the Story

ICEBREAKER

- Have you ever done something you know you weren't supposed to do? If you feel comfortable, tell us what it was. Why did you do it, even though you knew it was wrong? How did it feel in the moment? How did you feel afterwards?
(Romans 7:14-15)

Rewind the Story

- Creation – God creates a perfect world

Hear the Story

Scene One: The Serpent

One day, a clever serpent came to Eve and asked her, *“Did God really say you can’t eat ANY of the fruit in the garden?”* Eve told him, *“No, we can eat from any tree in the garden. It’s only the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil that we are not allowed to eat from – or even touch, or we will die.”*

Trying to trick Eve, the serpent said, *"You won't die! God knows that as soon as you eat that fruit, your eyes will be opened, and you will become just like him! You will know everything, both good and evil."*

Eve, believing the serpent, saw that the fruit was good for food and looked delicious, and she thought, *"Hmmm ... we will know everything ..."*

So she took some of the fruit and ate it. She also gave some to Adam, who was with her, and he ate it. Instantly, their eyes were opened, and they became filled with shame and fear. They tied fig leaves together to cover up their nakedness.

Scene Two: God's Return

Later that day, Adam and Eve heard God walking in the garden, so they hid in some bushes. God called to them, *"Where are you?"* Adam answered, *"I heard you coming, and I was afraid ... because I was naked, so I hid."*

God answered, *"Why are you ashamed of being naked? Did you eat the fruit I told you not to eat?"*

Adam said, *"It was the woman you gave me ... she handed me the fruit."* Then God said to Eve, *"How could you do this?"* Eve replied, *"The serpent tricked me into eating the fruit."*

So God said to the serpent, *"Because you have done this, you and your kind will crawl on your bellies and eat dust the rest of your lives. You will be the enemy of women and their sons. As you bite at his heels, he will step on your head."*

Scene Three: Sin's Consequence

God's heart was broken because of Adam and Eve's disobedience. God always does what is right and true; He could not ignore what they had done. So God punished Adam and Eve by throwing them out of the garden – outside of His care and protection.

No longer following God's ways, Adam and Eve were now subject to sickness, pain, and even death.

God told them, *"The way you have chosen to live will now bring you great struggles ...*

... women will have sharp pains while giving birth.

... men will have to work hard and sweat just to produce a little food from the ground.

... and you'll both fight to control your relationship.

... then, you'll return to the ground from which I created you."

Even though God punished Adam and Eve, He did not stop loving them. He even created clothing for them out of animal skins.

From this point on, God stationed mighty angels at the entrance to the garden. He also put a flaming sword that flashed back and forth to guard the way to the Tree of Life. Humans would no longer be able to eat from the Tree of Life and live forever.

Retell the Story

- *Who came to Eve in the Garden, and what was said?*
- *What did Eve Do?*
- *What did Adam and Eve realize after eating the fruit?*
- *What happened when God came to see them?*
- *What punishment did the serpent receive?*
- *What punishment did Eve (women) receive?*
- *What punishment did Adam (man) receive?*
- *What did God do for Adam and Eve?*
- *How did God protect the Tree of Life?*

Discuss the Story

- What is your first reaction to this story? How did this story make you feel?
- What stood out to you from this story? What did you notice for the first time?
- What from this story made you wonder?

- Why do you think Eve listened and believed the serpent?
- How do you view Adam in this story?
- What new emotions are introduced to the world in this story?
- Did you hear anything that reminded you of **other** stories?
- From this story, what did you notice about humans?
- From this story, what do you notice about God’s character or His qualities?

Join the Story

1) FATHER OF LIES

In the garden, the serpent tempts Eve with a lie. What lie is she told? Do you think this lie is “a little white lie,” or is it a lie with greater significance? What can we learn from this story about the enemy’s strategy for dealing with humanity? Take a minute to read John 8:44 for more clarity.

2) THE HUMAN CONDITION

Why do you think Adam and Eve didn’t obey the instructions God gave them? Was it curiosity, lack of trust in God, a desire to be rebellious, or something else entirely? Explain your answer. Also, what might this reveal about how God created humans? Are we any different from Adam and Eve in this respect?

3) CONSEQUENCES OF SIN

In this story, we see the consequences of sin for the first time. Did you notice any other consequences besides the punishments that God declares? How do you feel about the punishments that are prescribed? Does the punishment fit the crime? What might this teach you about God?

Pray

God,

We thank You for being a merciful God who doesn't give us what we deserve. We are also grateful that you are a God who has given us a way to be with You forever. It's our desire to trust You more fully. Give us strength and courage to see through the lies of the devil, especially the ones that deal with our relationship with You.

You are a great and mighty God and in you we place our trust. Amen!