

Family Worship Guide

Week 3

Read

- **Genesis 3:1-24**
(Brief Summary)

The serpent comes to Eve and tempts her to eat from the forbidden tree. The woman listens to the serpent and eats from it. She also brings some to Adam and he eats as well. Knowing they've sinned, they hide in the garden until God comes. Adam blames Eve. Eve blames the serpent. God curses the serpent and promises a savior to come and crush the serpent's head. Women must now endure much pain during childbirth. They will also be ruled over by their husbands. Men must now toil and work to produce food. All people will now have to die. God clothes them and forces them out of the garden. An angel with a flaming sword is placed at the garden gate to prevent anyone from returning and eating of the Tree of Life.

- **Questions**

1. In Genesis 3:1 we learn that Satan came to Eve in the form of a snake. What did Satan first say to Eve to tempt her? *Satan said, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'"*
2. The first four words of Satan's temptation are perhaps the most important, "Did God really say?" Why do you think Satan began his temptation with these words? *Satan's first objective is for us to doubt God and His Word. If Satan can lead us to not believe what God has said in the Bible, then we are vulnerable to every lie and every temptation.*
3. Why do you think that Adam and Eve hid from God after they had sinned against Him? *They were ashamed of their sin. We often act like Adam and Eve when we try and cover up and lie about the wrong things we have done. Learning to confess our sins in our family is one of the most important things we can do.*
4. What are consequences? Where are the consequences in our story? *Look for the answers in Genesis 3:16-19.*

Praise

- Praise God for giving us:
Himself
Our family
Our church family?
- What has God done in our family this week that we can give him praise?

Pray

Use the ACTS model (Example below.)

- ADORATION – “For seeking us”
- CONFESSION – “Sometimes we hide what we have done, confess our wrongs”
- THANKSGIVING – Thank you for....
- SUPPLICATION – (Your prayer requests as a family)
- Pray that we will live obediently to God’s Word.
- Pray for your neighbors by name! Pray that God will bless them!
- Pray for the Mission field in Rwanda. Pray for its ministry to people of Rwanda. Pray for our missionaries Brad and Chelsea Carpenter and family.

Memorize

- **Genesis 3:22-** “Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—”

Digging Deeper

(Optional activities)

Kids Fun

Option 1

Play one of the oldest games there is. Play hide and seek. If you have little children, they will be ready to go! If you have a mix of elementary, and junior high/high school age kids, talk with the older kids before starting the activity and ask them to be the ones who lead the game for the family. **The first thing we need to do is choose someone who will be “it.” Who wants to volunteer?** Once you have your volunteer, have them count slowly to 30, and let the game begin! The last one to be found wins. Mix up the game however you want to. Play inside, outside, or both. You can also play “sardines” where instead of everyone hiding and one person going to find them, one person hides and it is the job of everyone else to try and find the one person hiding. When a person finds the one “hider” they should quietly join them in their hiding place. It may get a little tight! If someone else finds the two “hidiers” they also join them. The last person left searching gets to be the one to hide the next round. After you play a couple of

rounds, gather the family back together. **That was fun! The reason we just played that game is that it helps us start to think about what we are going to find in our Bible reading today. Last week we read Genesis chapter 2 and we learned how God made Adam and Eve special and separate from all the animals. He gave them a beautiful garden and a beautiful marriage. They only had one rule. They must not eat from one tree in the garden; the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Did they obey God or disobey God? Allow kids to answer. That is right, they disobeyed, and do you know what they did after that? They hid from God.**

Option 2

Get a cereal bowl and fill it with water. Give your preschooler the chance to put a drop of food coloring in the water. Stir it together. Consider doing this with a few different bowl and with different colors. Ask your preschooler if there is any way to take the color out of the water. No. Once the water is stained it can't be easily cleaned again. In a similar way, once Adam and Eve sinned, they were stained with sin. They could not get themselves clean again. Only God could make a way for them to be cleaned and forgiven.

For Teens

1. In Genesis 3 we see Adam and Eve battling temptation - and they lost. As a result, all of their children (including us) have a sinful nature. In what ways can we battle temptation today? What are the most difficult temptations you face? How did Jesus battle temptation? Find out in Luke 4.