

## ADAM AND EVE SIN

**Scripture:** Genesis 2-3

**Materials Needed:**

Visuals of creation/Adam and Eve or  
use stick figures while teaching

**Objectives:** As a result of this lesson, I want my students

To Know—Although God made Adam responsible for the garden of Eden and told him he would die if he ate from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, and gave him Eve as a helper, he chose to act in defiance of God's command after Eve was deceived by what she saw, thought and wanted. Even though God sought them out and asked them for an account, they hid from Him and blamed each other and Him, refusing to take responsibility for what they had done. As a result, they were separated from the Garden and God.

To Realize—One who acts in defiance of God's commands is still responsible and will give an account to God for what they have done.

To Respond by—admitting their responsibility in acting defiantly of God's commands and not laying the blame on anyone else.

### **Setting up the Story:**

If we were going to evaluate ourselves as a group, there would be two ways to do that. One is to see how we compare with everyone else in the group:

Line up according to birth month and day... not year!

Line up according to height.

We could do several others, but we won't...we could line up according to age, according to weight, according to net worth, according to square feet in our houses...

But there is another way we could see where we are. And that is to see what our preferences are. So if you prefer one side or another side. This is how that works—

If you prefer dogs, move to this side, cats, that side.

Beach/mountains    Introvert/Extrovert    Book/Movie    Morning person/Night owl  
Salty/Sweet        Coffee/Tea        Carolina/Clemson

There is One MORE category that I have. That we are either on one side or the other. But I am going to save it to the very end of the lesson. Because we are going to see it in the lives of Adam and Eve first and then we are going to decide which side we are on.

### **Telling the story:**

- I.        God Tells Adam Not to  
            Eat from Tree

### **As you tell the story:**

Have you ever wondered, "Why would God create a tree, put it right in the middle of the

- A. Six Days=Good!
- B. Created Man
  - 1. male/ female
  - 2. very good!

Garden and then put a 'Do Not Touch' sign on it?!"

Love must be chosen! God had overwhelming love for Adam and Eve. They were His children. He had made this whole incredible earth: and then He GAVE it to them! And He made a special Garden that was all their own. And it was all free! There was only one thing that God wanted back: He wanted them to love Him more than anything else. What if they only loved Him because He gave them everything? Would that be truly loving Him? What if He commanded them to love Him and said, "I am very powerful and if you don't love me, I'm going to beat you up." Would they love Him then?

- C. Rules:
  - 1. Can eat from every tree
  - 2. one tree, don't eat
  - 3. law of love

How would God know if they truly just loved Him? If they had the choice to love Him or not love Him, and they CHOSE Him, then He would have what He most wanted from A/E.

So He tells Adam what will happen if he eats from this tree:

- D. Consequences: You will die

"You will die"

## II. Eve is Deceived

- A. Satan Lies
  - 1. Has God said, "Don't eat from any tree"?
  - 2. "Can't eat it or touch it= we'll die."
  - 3. You won't die!
  - 4. God knows: you will be wise like Him

Now wait a minute! What's in this for Satan? Why does he even care whether or not A/E don't love God? It's not like he cares about them!

He hates God and wants to hurt the thing that God loves most!

Every parent knows that if they had a choice to have something done to them or done to their kids—they would choose to have it done to them and not have their kids harmed. Satan can't "hurt" God—God is too powerful. So he is going for God's son: Adam. And how is he going to get to Adam? Through what Adam loves: Eve.

Eve really thought:

B. Eve saw: it was good to look at	I like what I see. I know what is good for me. <b>I will choose my way to get what I want and nothing bad will happen to me or my world.</b>
C. Eve wanted: to be wise	There is a word for this: Pride that leads to rebellion. Did Eve KNOW what the command from God was? Did she know what HE had said was Good? That's why her actions were rebellious—because she had been told. But her own pride and thinking her way was best blindfolded her. <u>Eve was deceived.</u> (take out blindfold and either put it on yourself or a volunteer)
D. Eve decided: to eat the fruit and give to Adam	
E. Adam ate	
III. Sin and Death for Whole Human Race	Show fruit: we can't "see" things the way they really are. We can't "see" God: He is invisible. That wasn't always the case! This spiritual blindness is permanent for humans! Eve and Adam permanently blinded the human race. And what does the human race now see? Only what is in our physical world.
A. Sin	
B. Death=Separation	

**Concluding the Story:**

If we were to measure our sins there are two ways to do it. The way most people do it is to line themselves up against each other. Each of us has committed a certain number of sins. Even if we counted thoughts, motives and words—not just our actions: there is a finite number we could attach to that if we knew it all. And we could line ourselves up from best to worst. I'm not as good as that person, but I'm a lot better than THAT person!

But that's not how we are going to give an account to God.

"Where are you?" Ashamed to face God?

"What have you done?" Unwilling to admit your own responsibility?

Here is the last set of two sides and I want you to think about how Adam (and Eve) would answer this:

I have failed at reflecting God's image the way I was supposed to.

I have succeeded at reflecting God's image the way I was supposed to.

Now we are going to put ourselves on either side.

All of us have failed at reflecting God's image. It's us. We have done it.