

Lesson 5

Adam and Eve Disobey

Genesis 2:9,16,17
3:1–24

Memory Verse

“For all have sinned,
and come short of
the glory of God”
(Romans 3:23)

Teacher’s Objective

At the end of the session,
the students should
be able to:

Define what sin is

Locate in the story
an example of
retaliatory justice

Describe what Adam and
Eve’s sin was

Express in their own way
what it means to be
deceived

Materials Needed

See “Teaching Activities”
for specific activities

Teacher’s Bible Study

Although man is a free moral agent, with the full capacity to make his own decisions, man is subject to influences. As a part of the human learning and growing process, God has allowed Satan, the ultimate source of evil, to influence man for the period of human history. Much of what can be called the natural mind—the mind opposing God’s mind—is a result of Satan’s influence and man’s own wrong choices as he lives and experiences life without God’s guidance. Understanding that God did not create man with an intrinsically evil nature, but with *free choice*, subject to the influences of both good and evil, is vitally important.

All humans are born morally neutral, as was Adam when he was first created. Unfortunately, Adam chose to follow Satan the Devil and thus sinned, so that his frame of mind and direction became evil and perverted. Likewise, as we sin, our minds become perverted from their moral neutrality and become self-oriented, filled with vanity, jealousy, lust, and greed—becoming influenced as Satan’s mind is oriented—the opposite of God’s mind. The Bible states that “the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be” (Romans 8:7), and that man’s “heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked” (Jeremiah 17:9)—reflecting clearly in both scriptures what is the attitude of Satan.

God did not originally create sin, but by giving free moral agency to His created beings, He did leave the door open for sin to be committed. As we have seen from previous lessons, one of these great beings, later named Satan the Devil, had been created full of wisdom and perfect beauty (Ezekiel 28:12). Read verse 15. Satan was perfect until iniquity, sin, was “found in” him. Satan is the father of sin (John 8:44). Satan introduced sin into the universe and became the adversary of God and man (Isaiah 14).

Satan, as we will see from this lesson, introduced sin to mankind through Adam and Eve. Although created in moral and spiritual neutrality, Satan deceived Adam and his wife into disobeying God’s command that they must not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. In turn, all since Adam and

Presenting the Bible Story

To each child, pass
out a bean that has been
wrapped in
a candy wrapper.
Tell them to open it

Genesis 2:9,16,17

Genesis 3:1–7

What was
Satan's strategy?

Eve made a choice.
(Read verse 6)

Genesis 3:8–13

We pay the price for
making wrong choices

Genesis 3:14–19

Adam and Eve sinned
by eating from the tree

Now they will toil
and suffer to eat

Eve manipulated her
husband. Now he is
her master

The serpent, Satan,
tried to destroy God's cre-
ation. He will
be destroyed

Explain what it means to be deceived. *Webster's Dictionary* definition of *deceive* is "to make (a person) believe what is not true; mislead." The Bible Story today is about someone who was deceived.

God, our Creator, is a powerful, loving God. He created a wonderful world for all to enjoy. Adam and Eve were given a beautiful Garden to live in. Can you imagine wild animals being your domestic pets? It was a perfect world that God created. Everything that God created was GOOD.

These verses provide the historical fall of man, the temptation of sin, and how we can be deceived: 1. Satan isolated Eve from Adam; 2. Satan cast doubt on what the motives of God were; 3. Satan claimed what God said was a lie. Read Genesis 3:4 again; 4. Satan said they would be like God. Read Genesis 3:5 again; 5. Satan relied on the appeal of the senses. Have you ever noticed how good sin looks to us sometimes? Eve probably thought, "How could something that looks and smells so good, be so bad?" Have you ever had those thoughts?

Eve was given the mind to decide, and she made the wrong decision. She rejected God, and decided to follow her own will. She made the same mistake Satan made long before. To make matters worse, she offered the fruit to Adam, and he partook as well. They now knew good and evil, but they learned it the hard way. Now they were ashamed for the first time.

Satan did not keep his promise. Satan fooled Adam and Eve. They did not become gods. Wisdom does not come from disobeying God. Proverbs 1:7: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

Death has entered the picture now. Adam had been created "in the image of God." Now that image was dimmed by sin. Adam did not take responsibility for his choice. He blamed the woman and made himself look like the victim. Eve blamed the Devil. Introduce the memory verse: Romans 3:23.

Retaliatory justice is what God handed out. What does that mean?

It means punishment in kind; injury for injury; eye for eye.

God spoke to *Satan* and said the crawling, dust-eating snake would be a constant reminder to mankind about the Fall and temptation. There will always be a struggle between man and

Genesis 3:20–24

Eve’s name means
“living” because
she is the mother
of all mankind

Satan and his demons, until the Last Trump sounds (I Corinthians 15:52–58). Satan may have tainted God’s perfect creation for the time being, but the Seed, Jesus Christ, will deliver the ultimate blow. “He will crush your [Satan’s] head.” God’s *ultimate victory*, through Christ.

God spoke to *Eve* and said she would have pain at childbirth, and her husband would master her. This is because she influenced and prompted Adam to sin.

Reinforce Romans 3:23

God spoke to *Adam* and said he will toil to make a living. Death will be your end. When you die, you will turn to dust. Let’s remember what the snake eats, “dust.” So much for great ambitions of being a god.

God cares for us even when we sin. God is a saving God. If you like, read Ezekiel 18:20. Here again is an example of retaliatory justice. God clothed Adam and Eve by sacrificing an animal for its skin. A life for a life. “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned” (Romans 5:12). Do we know who gave His life so that we, sinners, may live?

Yes—Jesus Christ.

Art and Activities

As punishment for their disobedience and rebellion, Adam and Eve were sent out of the Garden.

When you sin, pray and ask God for His forgiveness. God will forgive you. Do not blame others when you do wrong. God wants you to *take responsibility* for your sin and ask Him for His forgiveness.

**Explore the following
questions with
your students**

**Always close your
class with prayer**

Teaching Activities

Younger Children

Provide crayons and a copy of the Activity Page entitled “Which Tree?” for each student. Select the activity suitable for your students.

Older Children

Provide copies of the Activity Page suitable for each of your students.

Explore the Subject

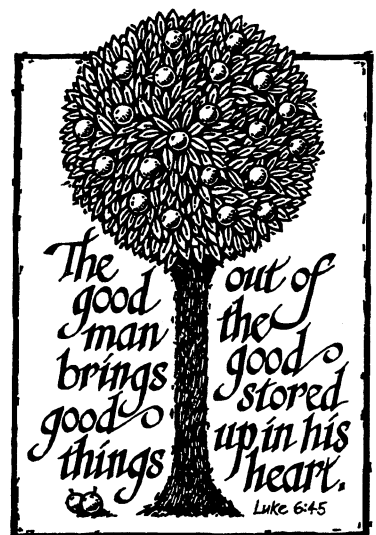
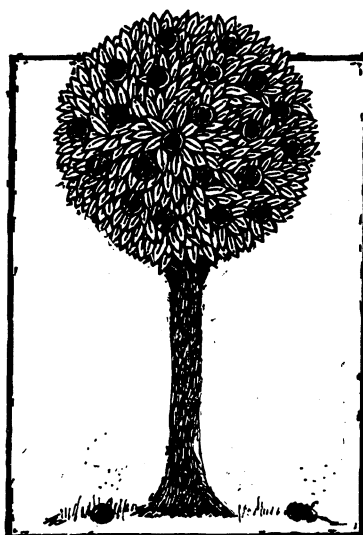
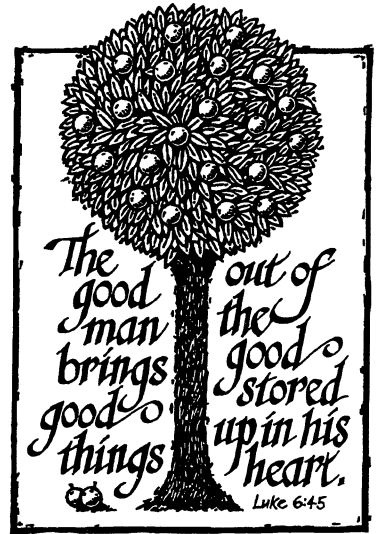
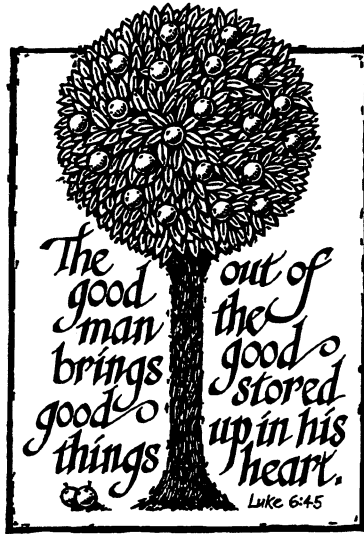
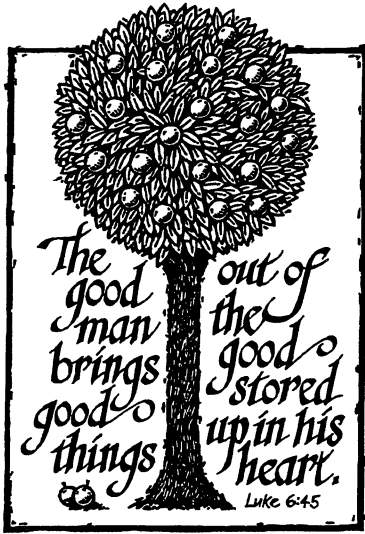
1. Does Satan use his strategy today to deceive us? Give examples.
2. Are you in control of your actions?
3. God will help you when you are tempted. Read Hebrews 2:17,18

Activity Page

Which Tree?

Genesis 2:16–17

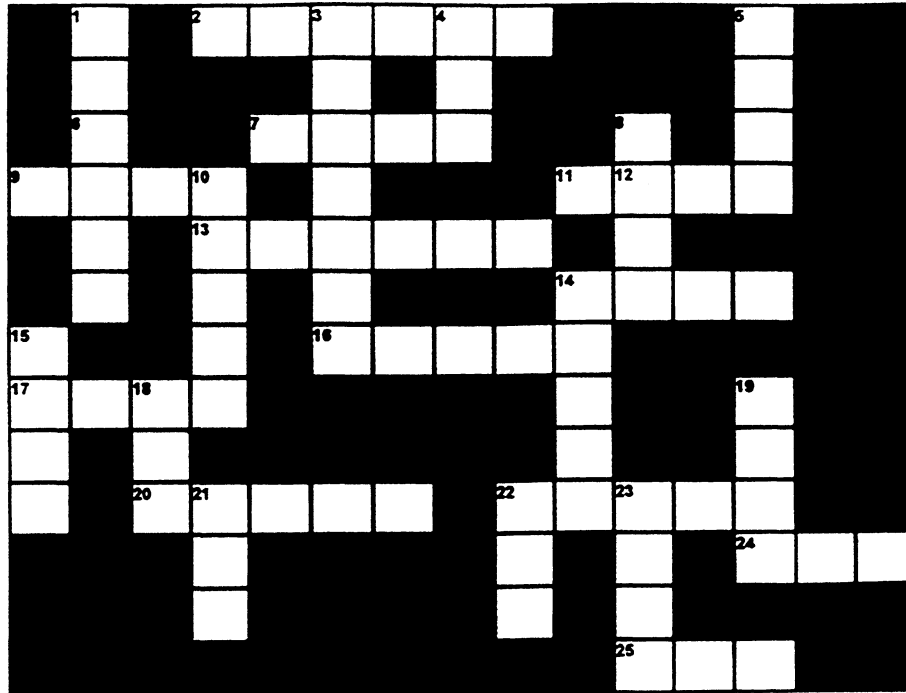
God said, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat.” Find the one tree below that is different from the others and circle it. *Color the trees.*



Art Activity

Adam and Eve

Complete the crossword puzzle below about Adam and Eve.
Look up the Bible verses if you need help.



Across

2. On the seventh day, God _____ (Genesis 2:2).
7. _____ of life (Genesis 2:9).
9. If Adam and Eve ate of the tree, God _____ ed that there would be consequences.
11. Another word for dirt.
13. Christ's blood _____ for every ones sin.
14. To disobey rules. Adam and Eve did this.
16. Satan disguised himself as this.
17. "And the _____ of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked" (Genesis 3:7).
20. Express appreciation.
22. On the sword that kept Adam and Eve from the tree of life (Genesis 3:24).
5. Cain killed _____ (Genesis 4:8).
6. What sex was Adam?
8. Adam said, "This is now _____ of my _____ s, and flesh of my flesh" (Genesis 2:23).
10. Adam gave what to the animals (Genesis 2:19)?
12. How many ribs did God use to make Eve (Genesis 2:21)?
14. Another name for Satan.
15. God said, "Now, _____ he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life..." (Genesis 3:22)
18. Eve did this (Genesis 3:6).
19. God said, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy _____ and her _____" (Genesis 3:15).
21. Adam and Eve did this after they disobeyed God (Genesis 3:8).
22. Kind of leaves Adam and Eve used to cover themselves (Genesis 3:7)?
23. The name of the man (Genesis 2:19).

Down

1. What sex was Eve?
3. God said to Eve, "In _____ thou shalt bring forth children" (Genesis 3:16).
4. First woman.

Art Activity

Adam and Eve Genesis 2–3

Find the words listed below hidden in the word search puzzle

D	R	O	L	H	T	F	I	F	R
K	F	I	R	S	T	B	S	D	E
N	A	T	A	S	F	L	E	S	H
O	E	V	I	G	L	K	N	W	Q
W	T	R	E	E	A	E	M	O	R
A	H	N	W	N	V	C	I	R	H
C	G	T	E	E	O	D	T	D	T
O	H	X	I	S	R	T	V	D	N
V	T	B	R	I	B	N	O	N	E
E	R	M	H	S	Y	A	D	O	V
R	U	T	A	I	F	L	N	C	E
Q	O	Y	T	N	E	P	R	E	S
F	F	L	E	L	T	B	U	S	Z

CHRIST	SUBTLE	RIB	NAKED	SIN	SERPENT
SATAN	COVER	EVE	FLESH	SWORD	ENMITY
SEVENTH	TREE	SECOND	MAN	THIRD	HER
SENT	FIRST	SIX	FIFTH	PLANT	KNOW
FOURTH	FLAVOR	LORD	DAY	NONE	WELL

Art Activity

Choose the Good

God gives us instructions on how to live a godly life. When we disobey God, pain and sadness are the results. Adam and Eve learned this painful lesson.

Use this sheet to answer the question,
“Whose rules should you follow?”



Color the spaces that have 2 •s.

