

Hiding From God

Genesis 2:8, 9, 16, 17; 3; Patriarchs and Prophets, pp. 49-70

Have you ever done something wrong and been afraid to say that you did? Adam and Eve must have felt that way. It probably happened like this . . .

Adam and Eve were happy in their garden home. The best part of the day was the evening. That's when God often came and talked with them. On the seventh day, Sabbath, they spent the whole day with God. They probably never wanted Sabbath to end.

God told them to enjoy everything in the garden, except one tree—the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. He said: “You must never touch the tree or eat the fruit. If you do, you will surely die.”

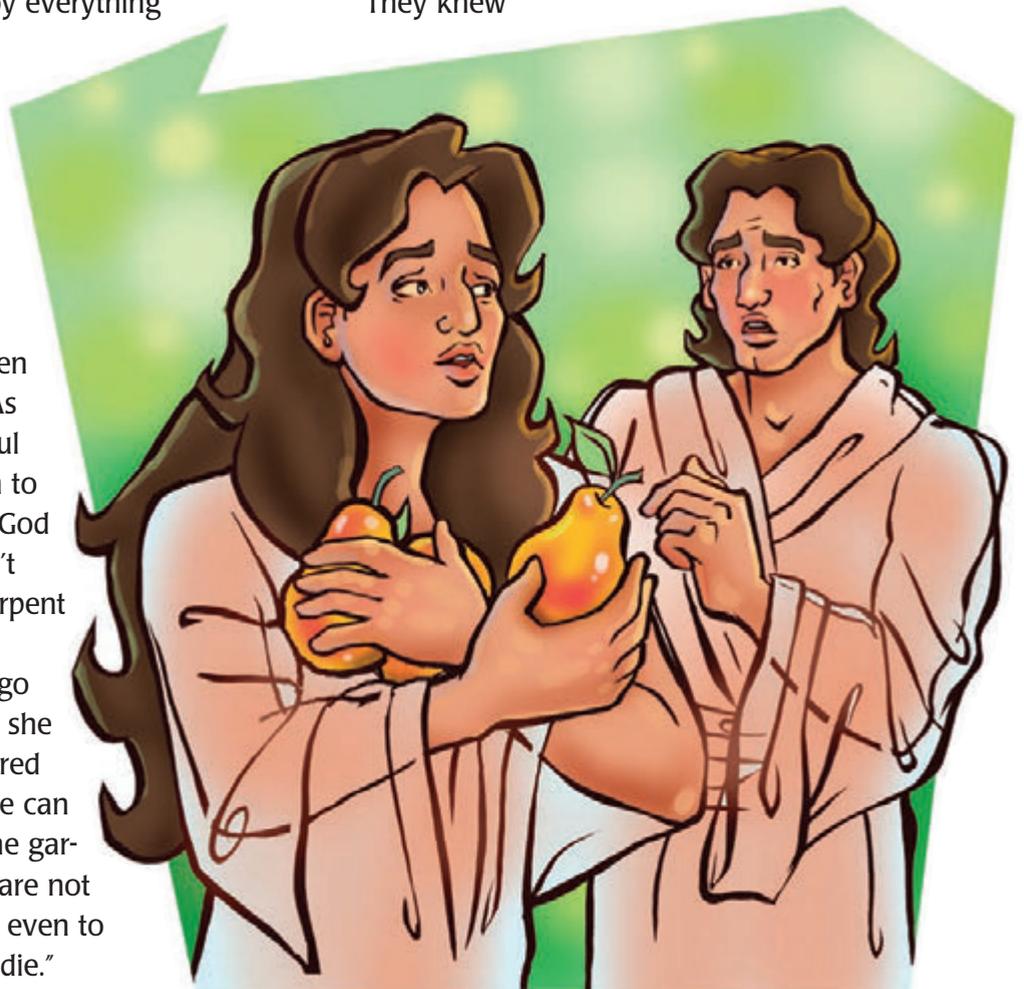
One day Eve was walking through the garden and came near the tree. As she looked at it, a beautiful creature, a serpent, began to talk to her. “Is it true that God has told you that you can't eat from this tree?” the serpent asked.

Eve knew she should go away from that place, but she didn't. Instead, she answered the snake: “God told us we can eat from all the trees in the garden—except this one. We are not to eat its fruit. We are not even to touch it! If we do, we will die.”

The snake answered, “You won't die. You will be as smart as God is! Eating the fruit will make you wise.”

Eve reached out and touched the fruit. Nothing happened. Then she took some fruit and bit into it. It tasted good. She picked more and gave it to Adam. When he knew Eve had eaten some, he ate some too.

As soon as Adam took a bite something happened to them. They realized that they were naked! They were ashamed—and afraid. They knew



The Message

God still loves us and will forgive us if we are truly sorry when we do something wrong.

Memory Verse

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness”

(1 John 1:9, NIV).

they had done wrong. They ran to a fig tree and used its leaves to cover themselves.

That evening, when they heard God walking through the garden, they hid. They were ashamed to meet Him. When God found them, He asked: “Why were you hiding?”

He knew the answer, but He gave them time to confess. He was sad as He listened to Adam.

“We heard You in the garden,” Adam told God. “And we were afraid.”

God knew what they had done and He was sad. They would have to face the consequences. He told them that they would have to leave the beautiful garden. They would begin to get old and eventually die. Life outside the garden would be hard. Weeds would grow. There would be thorns. The animals would be dangerous and fearful. And everything else would die, too—the plants and the animals.

Adam and Eve were very sad. But in all the sadness something wonderful happened. God did not leave them alone. He told them about His plan to make things right. He would send His Son into the world. His Son would die and take the blame for all the things they did wrong.

Then God took a lamb and killed it. He showed Adam and Eve how to sacrifice it. Only then did they begin to realize what it meant to die. And they were very sad.

Yes, God forgave Adam and Eve for disobeying Him. And He

will forgive you when you do wrong, if you ask Him, and if you are really sorry. He wants to help you do what is right. And He wants you to be ready to go to heaven when Jesus comes again.





S A B B A T H

DO If possible, go to a lovely garden with your family and look at the beautiful things God has made. As you walk, discuss what you think the Garden of Eden looked like. Play “I spy” by saying “I spy something God made on the [name a day of Creation].”

MAKE When you get home, draw a circle for the center of a flower. Make a petal for each memory verse word and write the words on them. Arrange the petals around the center with the words in the right order. Use this to teach the verse to your family.

SING Sing about God’s beautiful world and thank Him for making beautiful things.

God and Jesus had planned what to do about sin before they even made Adam and Eve.



M O N D A Y

READ Read and discuss Genesis 3:1-7 during worship. What did you learn about the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil? Talk about ways to say “no” when you are tempted to do something wrong. Say your memory verse together. Thank God for helping you to do what is right. And for forgiving you when you do something wrong.

S U N D A Y

READ During worship read and discuss Genesis 2:8, 9, 16, 17. Read about another tree in Revelation 22:1, 2. What is special about it? Draw a picture of the two trees.

DO Find out what a fig leaf looks like. What are the largest leaves on the trees near where you live?

MAKE Hold a piece of paper against a tree trunk. Rub a crayon on the paper. What do you see?

SING Sing songs of praise and thank God for trees.

W E D N E S D A Y

READ For family worship read and discuss Genesis 3:20-24. What did God use to make clothes for Adam and Eve? Where do you think He got them? What are your clothes made of?

DO Ask someone to stand outside a closed door for a few minutes. Ask: What does it feel like to be shut out? What do you think Adam and Eve thought about being shut out from their garden home? Even though Adam and Eve could not go back into the garden, God had a plan. What was it? Is that same plan for you and your family?

DO Sing songs of praise for God’s plan, then thank Him for it.

T U E S D A Y

READ Read and discuss Genesis 3:8-18 with your family. Ask about snakes in your country. Where do they live? What do they eat? Are any poisonous? Ask someone to help you make a model snake. (The snake in Eden must have been very beautiful to attract Eve’s attention.)

DO Play a short game of hide and seek with your family. Then thank God that you do not need to hide from Him when you do things that are wrong.



T H U R S D A Y

SHARE For supper tonight, share some fruit salad with your family. Before worship, get some cotton and color it red. (Try a little food coloring.)

READ During worship read Isaiah 1:18 together. What does it mean? Use the cotton to explain the verses to your family.

DO Say the memory verse together. Thank God for making us clean when we ask for forgiveness.

F R I D A Y

DO During worship review the story and act it out with your family. Remember, God forgave Adam and Eve. Say your memory verse together. Who needs God's forgiveness? Do you need to ask for forgiveness to anyone in your family? If so, do it now.

DO Sing "Alleluia" (*Sing for Joy*, No. 16), then invite God to be with you on His special day. Thank Him for telling about His plans in the Bible.

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PUZZLE

Directions: Beginning with the second letter of each word, cross out every other letter to find out what happens when we confess our sins to God. Copy the remaining letters on the lines provided.

Hqew iesr fyaiotphafsudlf agnhdj jkulsztx acnvdb
wnimqlw feotryguiovpes udsf oguhrj skilnzsx



GRACE

Directions: God's love is written on everything that He created. Identify the following and write a word from Genesis 1:1-25 to describe it on the lines provided. In the circle by each name, place the number of the day of Creation. Circle the ones that you have seen in the past week.

































