

# Adventures with GOD!

## THE MAN AND WOMAN IN THE GARDEN (A.1.FALL.12)

Biblical Reference	Genesis 3:1-24
Key Verse	Genesis 1:27
Key Concept	Obedience brings blessing, but disobedience brings consequences.
Educational Objectives	At the end of the class today, the children will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Explain how Adam and Eve disobeyed God</li><li>2. Tell what the consequence of Adam and Eve's disobedience was</li><li>3. Give thanks because God is always our best friend even when Adam and Eve disobeyed.</li></ol>

### LIFE APPLICATION

God made a perfect world. He made Adam and Eve with their own will and they had to choose between being obedient or disobedient. Even though Adam and Eve had everything to enjoy, they decided to disobey God and ate from the tree that God said never to touch. The children have to know that they too have to choose between obedience and disobedience to God. Today they will learn about the consequences that Adam and Eve had to confront as they disobeyed God. They will also need to learn that God disciplines us, but always with love.

### Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
Opening Prayer	Candle	1 minute
Activity	Sheets of paper and crayons	10 minutes
Song	music, guitar	10 minutes
Bible Story	Illustrations and Bible	10 minutes
Bible Verse	Illustration and Bible	10 minutes
Craft	Table and play doh/modeling clay	10 minutes
Craft	Sheets of paper, crayons	10 minutes
Closing Prayer	Candle	1 minute



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## INSTRUCTIONS

### Opening Prayer

Gather children around a candle and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them palms up as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today. Light the candle

**Prayer:** God we light this candle remembering: you made light, you made us, and you are with us now. Amen

(For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer)

**Activity:** Before the class, please enlarge and make copies of the images/illustrations of the different things that children do. They can observe the different attitudes and actions and tell which ones are obedient and which ones are disobedient to God. Also, make a copy of the sheet of images so that the children can each color one.

**Song:** Find a song that talks about God's love and how he wants us to obey. The children need to remember that even when we disobey and God disciplines us, God still loves us. God always forgives us when we ask, and God's love is never ending.

**Bible Story:** Make sure to read Genesis 3:1-24 prior to the class. Find different images or a way to tell the story visually for the children. You can use the pictures/illustrations that are found in this lesson. While you tell the story, you can add fruit to the tree and a snake under the tree. Help them to remember how wonderful the world was that God made and that Adam and Eve lived in. (It would be good to have pictures and images taped on the wall of the different things that God created – birds, flowers, plants, animals, rivers, mountains, etc). Ask them what they imagine the garden was like. Let them tell about the different things that were in the garden. Ask them what Adam and Eve did each day in the garden. If there's time let them act out the different activities like naming the animals, taking care of the flowers. Then, remind them that there was only one thing God told them not to do. What was it? God told them not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Then explain how Satan came in the form of a snake and tempted them to disobey. You can explain that many times in our lives Satan also tempts us to disobey. Show them how Eve saw the fruit and even though she could eat the fruit from any tree, she really wanted to eat the fruit from the forbidden tree. She saw it, touched it, took it off the tree and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, Adam so he could eat it. In the moment that they ate the fruit they knew that they had done something wrong and they were scared. A little while later God came to talk with them and walk with them.

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But when they heard God they were scared and they hid. However, God knew where they were. And God was very sad and asked them, "What have you done?" They had made some clothes out of the tree leaves, but God said that their clothes would not work. He had other clothes. God was very sad because he had to make Adam and Eve leave the beautiful garden. Since then, no one was able to live in the garden.

But, you know something important, even though Adam and Eve had to leave from the garden, God never stopped loving them. And God loves us. God sent Jesus, his son, to help us live and obey God. One day, those who love God and decide to follow Jesus as their best friend will get to live in a perfect world again, like the one God made for Adam and Eve.

**Bible Verse:** Using different clues, repeat various times the verses for the trimester. It's important that we help the children to understand what it means to obey God and to take care of the world God made. Help them remember what it means to obey their parents and be kind with others, etc.

**Craft:** Today the children will finish the creation art project. It would be great to invite the parents and the adults of the congregation to come and see what the children have done.

**Craft:** There are some coloring pages that the children can use to remember the story of Adam and Eve. In the illustrations that show the different actions, help them to identify the actions that show obedience to God and those that show disobedience. Make copies for each of the children and have them color the pages and circle the acts that show obedience to God.

## **Closing Prayer**

Gather children around the candle again. Light the candle

**Prayer:** Thank you God for making us, Thank you God for making the world. Amen

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## ILLUSTRATIONS

### Obedience and Disobedience



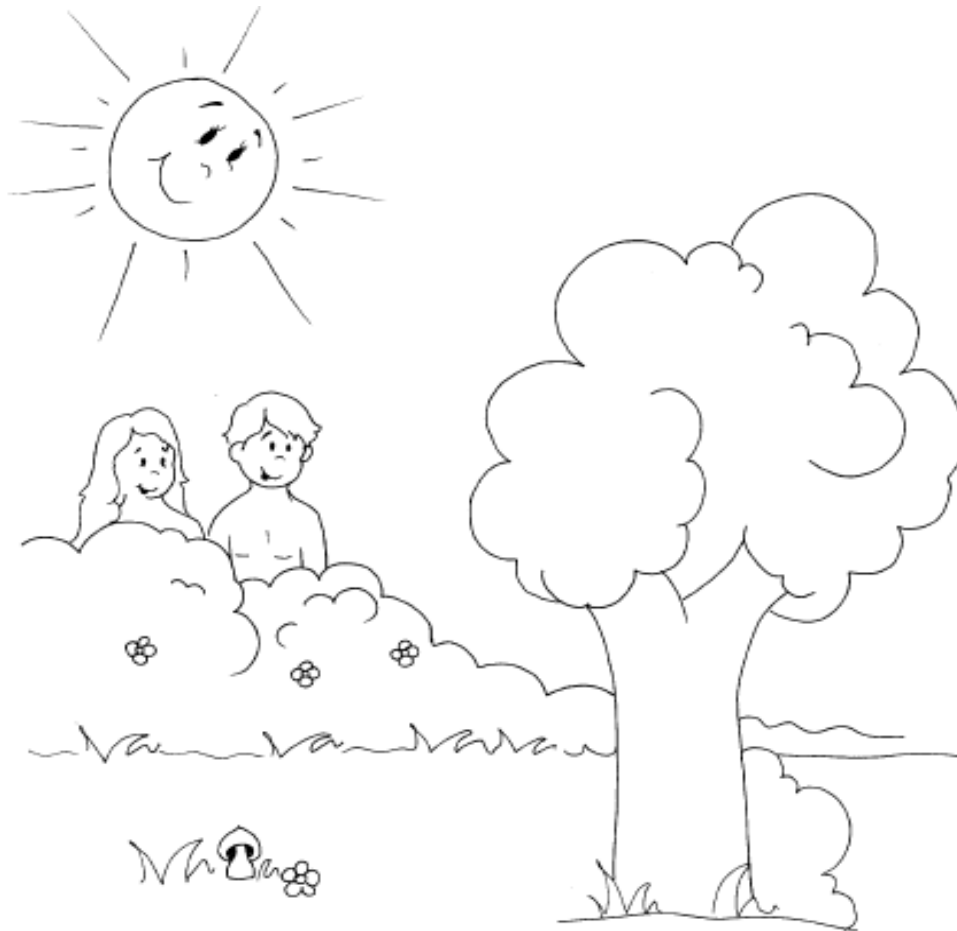
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## BIBLE STORY

Adam and Eve were the first people that God made. God also made a beautiful garden for them to live in. The Garden had everything they needed.

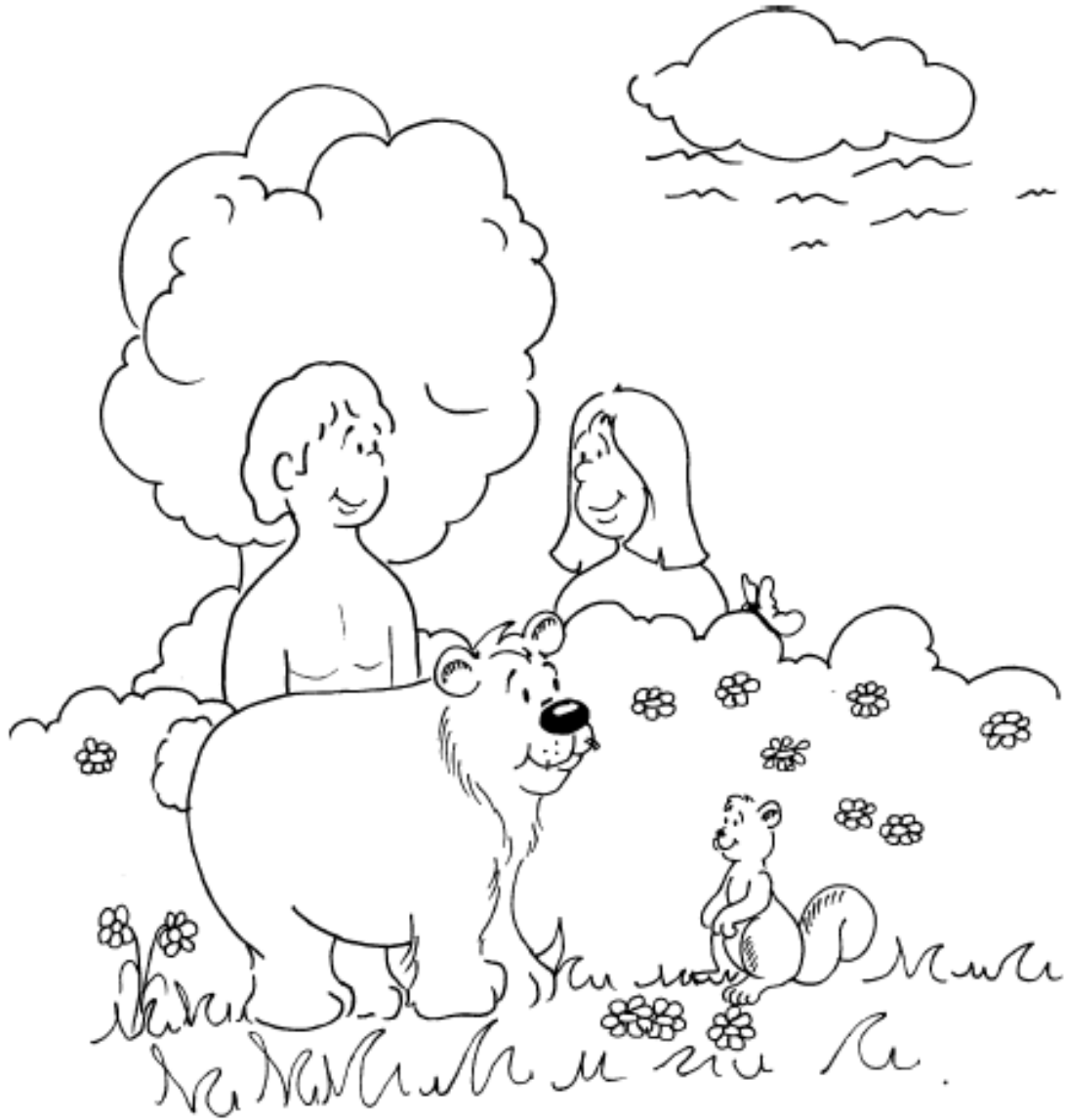
God told them they could eat the fruit from any tree, except one. But a bad snack came to the garden, and even though it looked like a snake it was really the devil. And the devil told Eve that she would eat the fruit that God had told her not to touch. Eve ate the fruit and so did Adam. God was very sad because Adam and Eve disobeyed. God had to discipline them and they had to leave the garden that God had made. It makes God very sad when we disobey. God loves us and wants us to obey.

Color the image below. Draw fruit in the trees.



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