

Genesis 3:8-24 (Common English Bible)

⁸ During that day's cool evening breeze, they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden; and the man and his wife hid themselves from the LORD God in the middle of the garden's trees. ⁹ The LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

¹⁰ The man replied, "I heard your sound in the garden; I was afraid because I was naked, and I hid myself."

¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree, which I commanded you not to eat?"

¹² The man said, "The woman you gave me, she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate."

¹³ The LORD God said to the woman, "What have you done?!"

And the woman said, "The snake tricked me, and I ate."

¹⁴ The LORD God said to the snake, "Because you did this, you are the one cursed

out of all the farm animals,
out of all the wild animals.

On your belly you will crawl,
and dust you will eat
every day of your life.

¹⁵ I will put contempt between you and the woman, between your offspring and hers. They will strike your head, but you will strike at their heels."

¹⁶ To the woman he said, "I will make your pregnancy very painful;

in pain you will bear children.

You will desire your husband,
but he will rule over you."

¹⁷ To the man he said, "Because you listened to your wife's voice and you ate from the tree that I commanded, 'Don't eat from it,' cursed is the fertile land because of you;

in pain you will eat from it
every day of your life.

¹⁸ Weeds and thistles will grow for you,

even as you eat the field's
plants;

¹⁹ by the sweat of your face you
will eat bread—

until you return to the fertile land,
since from it you were taken;
you are soil,

to the soil you will return."

Key Verse

The LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to farm the fertile land from which he was taken. He drove out the human. To the east of the garden of Eden, he stationed winged creatures wielding flaming swords to guard the way to the tree of life.
—Genesis 3:23-24



Scripture

²⁰ The man named his wife Eve because she is the mother of everyone who lives. ²¹ The LORD God made the man and his wife leather clothes and dressed them. ²² The LORD God said, “The human being has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil.” Now, so he doesn’t stretch out his hand and take

also from the tree of life and eat and live forever, ²³ the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to farm the fertile land from which he was taken. ²⁴ He drove out the human. To the east of the garden of Eden, he stationed winged creatures wielding flaming swords to guard the way to the tree of life.

The Snake Said What?

As the Bible Lesson is read aloud, say “pause” whenever you hear something in the passage that would be unexpected if it happened today. Also, say “pause” if you have a question.

- Looking at everything listed on the chart, what stands out most to you from this story?
- Why do you think it was important to include this detail?

Focus

Positive/Negative

Often, we tell this story as a way to explain what people did wrong, but it also can teach us positive things about how God cares for us and how we should respond to God.

- What are three positive lessons you can learn from this story? (for example, “God is . . .” or “We should . . .”)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



- What are three negative lessons you can learn? (for example, “God is not . . .” or “We should not . . .”)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Connect

First Memory

- Draw a picture showing your first memory of doing something wrong or getting into trouble.

Practice



Sound of Silence

Close your eyes and reflect on what Adam and Eve may have felt when they left the garden and how it changed their lives.