

ADAM AND EVE DISOBEY GOD

Sin is born of man's disobedience.



THE STORY: GENESIS 3:1-7

MONDAY

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Before Adam or Eve touched the forbidden fruit to their lips, they sinned in their hearts. Eve decided that she could have what she wanted and, in effect, rejected God's words and exalted her own thoughts above what God said. She found God's words lacking and chose to believe the words of Satan instead. In other words, she allowed herself to stand as judge over God and his word.

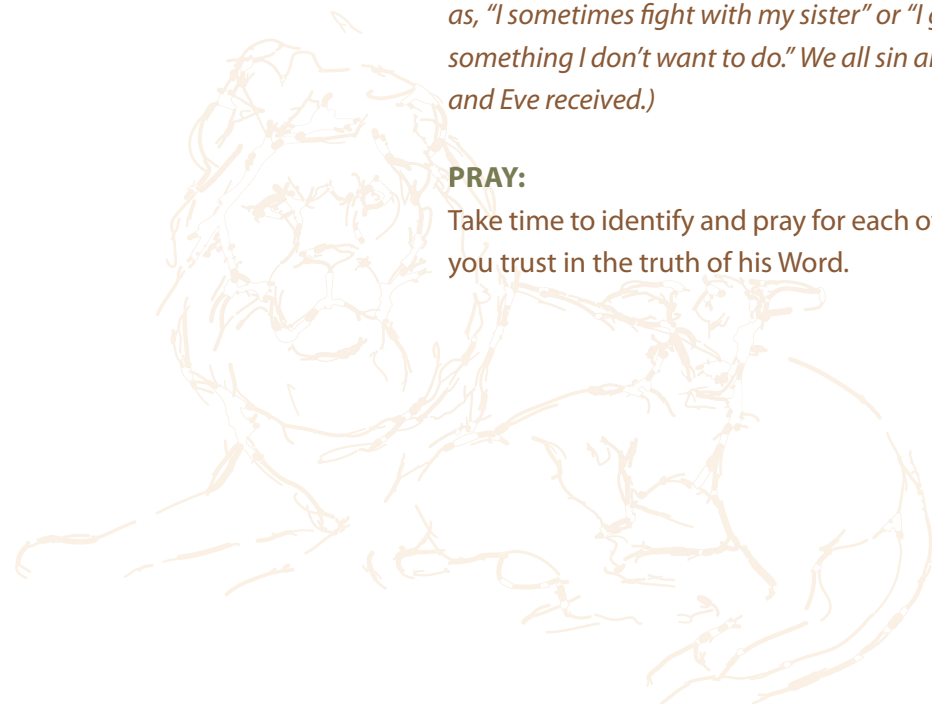
From this very first sin we see man exalting his own philosophy above the truth of God. God had already told them that if they ate the fruit they would surely die. This, however, was not as important to Eve as her own observations. Eve listened to the serpent and exalted her own perceptions over what God had said. The result was that she fell into unbelief, disobeyed, and turned away from God. Similarly, Adam saw with his eyes that Eve did not die so he also trusted his own limited observations over God's word. The result was that he, too, rebelled against and disobeyed his creator.

TALK ABOUT IT:

Sin is disobeying God's Word. What are some ways we reject God's Word? *(Draw out you children's responses. Encourage you children to give personal examples such as, "I sometimes fight with my sister" or "I get angry and disrespectful when I have to do something I don't want to do." We all sin and are worthy of the same penalty that Adam and Eve received.)*

PRAY:

Take time to identify and pray for each other's weaknesses and sins. Ask God to help you trust in the truth of his Word.





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TALK ABOUT IT:

Would it have been just for God to instantly kill Adam and Eve for eating the fruit? *(Yes, they deserved the punishment of death for their disobedience in keeping with God's warning in Genesis 2:17).*

Why didn't God instantly kill them? *(Although God is holy and must deal with sin, he is also merciful. In God's mercy, he held back his full wrath for their sin. One day he would place that wrath upon his son, Jesus, who would take their punishment.)*

PRAY:

Thank God for his mercy toward Adam and Eve. Thank God for his mercy toward us.

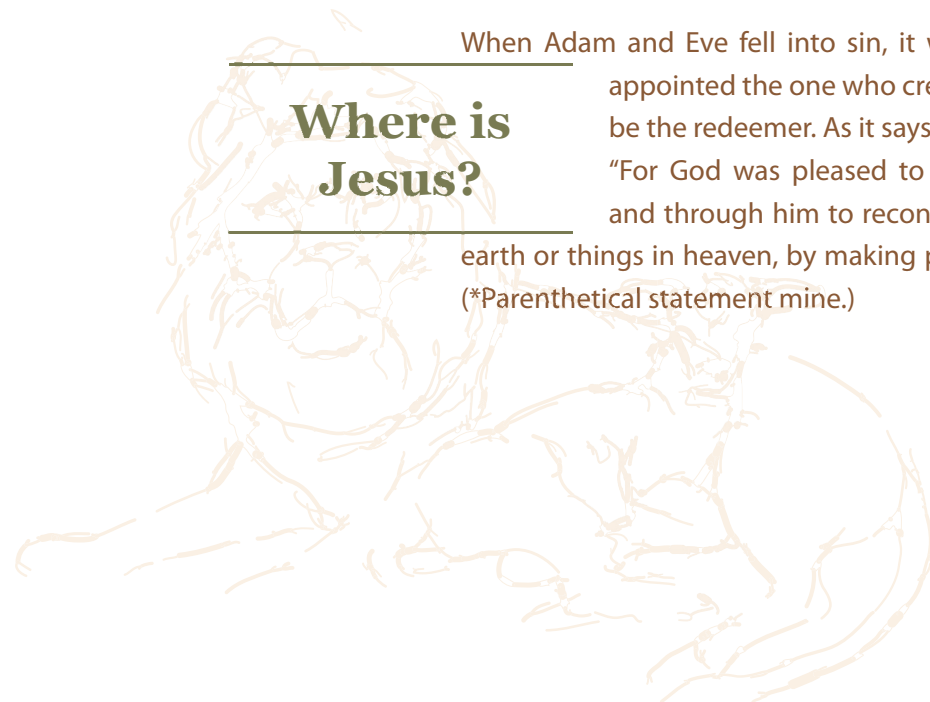


Where is Jesus?

When Adam and Eve fell into sin, it was not a surprise to God. He had already appointed the one who created all things, Jesus, as the one who would be the redeemer. As it says in Colossians 1:19-20:

"For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, [Jesus] and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross."*

(*Parenthetical statement mine.)



TALK ABOUT IT:

Why can Jesus take the penalty for our sin? (*Jesus is both fully God and fully man. As God he is without sin and as a man, the second Adam, he can take the penalty for our sin upon himself.*)

PRAY:

Ask God to pour out his Spirit so that every one in your family believes in Jesus Christ and his death on the cross. Pray for family members by name.



THE STORY: GENESIS 3:20-24

THURSDAY

The grace and mercy of God is evident in his judgment.

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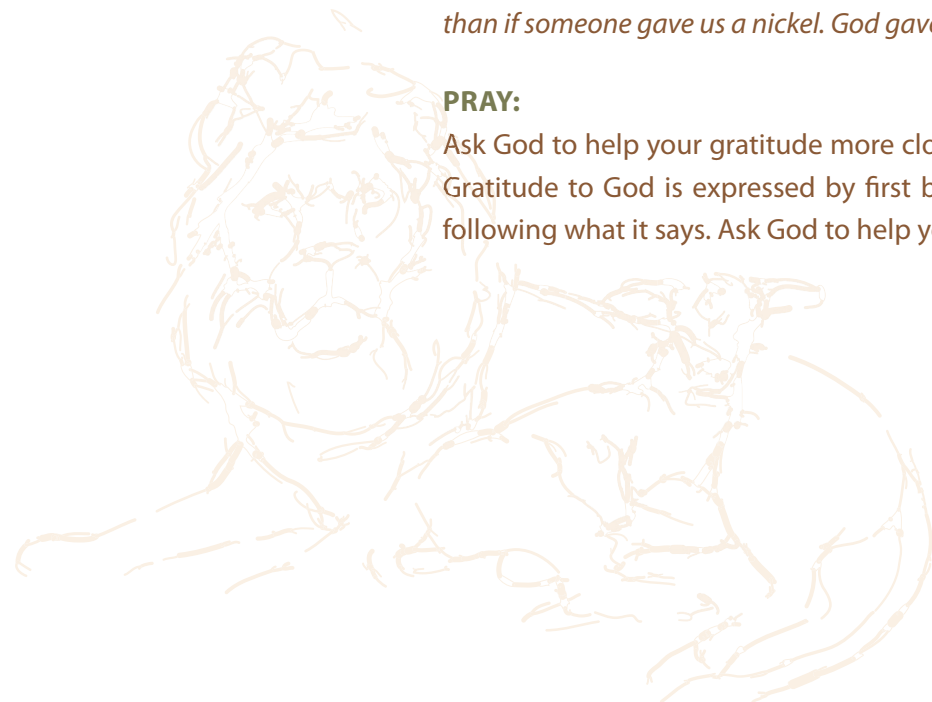
TALK ABOUT IT:

Why was the killing of the animals for their skins important? (*One day God would kill his own son as a sacrifice for our sins.*)

How should God's amazing gift of Jesus cause us to be grateful? (*Our gratitude should match the gift. We would likely display more gratitude if someone gave us \$100 dollars than if someone gave us a nickel. God gave us his only son—there is no greater gift.*)

PRAY:

Ask God to help your gratitude more closely match the value of the gift of his son. Gratitude to God is expressed by first believing his Word to be true and then by following what it says. Ask God to help you believe and follow his Word today.





In this passage, Isaiah speaks of a king on the throne of David who will reign in righteousness forever. Jesus is the only king on the throne of David who did not die but lives forever.

On the road to Emmaus.

TALK ABOUT IT:

Could this passage be a prophecy about one of the kings in the line of David before Jesus? *(All of the kings in the line of David before Jesus died and none of them were righteous forever.)*

Why does this prophecy point to Jesus? *(Jesus is the only man who ever lived who was a righteous king with perfect justice. All earthly kings had a limit to their kingdoms but Jesus has no end to all that he rules—he is Lord over all. Colossian 1:16-17 tells us that all things were created by him, for him, and that he has supremacy over all.)*

PRAY:

Ask God to help you live for your creator—Jesus. Ask God to help you live for him by not rebelling against his Word and instead trusting in what it says.

