



## Genesis 3

### Review

- Follow-up with decisions made from last week.
- Who can tell us the Creation story from last week?
- Were you able to share the Creation story with someone?
- Why do you think we all do things that are wrong?

### Hook Question

Tell of a time when you were tricked or tricked by someone.

### Tell the Story

### Retell

Have the group retell the story in their own words. Work together to recreate what was just heard asking 'what's next' questions.

### Personal/Group Retell

If the group is large enough, divide into 2 or more groups and have each group act out the story. If you have a smaller group, everyone can be involved in acting it out.

### Introduction

*There was one angel who was the most beautiful of them all. He was named Lucifer, which means Bright Morning Star. He was jealous of God, and convincing 1/3 of all the angels to follow him, Lucifer fought against God. But God knew and because there can't be sin in God's presence, God sent Lucifer and the fallen angels to the earth. God changed Lucifer's name to Satan, which means adversary or one who fights against someone else. Satan was now against God. Last week we talked about God's creation and how He thought it was "good." And that is where we will start our story today from the Bible:*

The first man and woman, Adam and Eve, lived under God's care and protection in a beautiful garden.

One day, Satan disguised himself as a snake. He slithered up to Eve and asked her, "Did God really say you can't eat ANY of the fruit in this garden?"

Eve said, "Of course not! We can eat any of the fruit we'd like... except for the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge. God said if we eat that fruit—or even touch it—we'll die."

The snake replied, "You won't die! God knows that if you eat that fruit you will become as wise as God. You will know everything!"

Eve looked at the delicious fruit and thought, "Hmm... as wise as God." She was convinced. She bit into the fruit and gave some to Adam, who was with her, and he ate it. Instantly they felt embarrassed and afraid. Quickly, they made clothes out of leaves to cover themselves up. (Pause)

**Discussion Questions**

*Listed below are some basic questions that can be asked. You may want to supplement these questions with other Head, Heart, and Hands questions.*

- We may have already heard this story before. What jumps out at you as new or different?
- What do you think was going on in Adam or Eve's heart and mind in this story?
- What does this story tell us about God?
- What do you feel after reading/hearing this story?
- How does this story affect your life?

**Story Continued...**

Later on in the cool of the day, God came to spend time with the humans. When Adam and Eve heard God walking in the garden, they hid behind some bushes.

God called to them, "Where are you?"

Adam answered, "I heard you coming and I was afraid, because... I don't have any clothes on and so I hid."

God answered, "Why do you care about wearing clothes? Did you eat the fruit I told you not to eat?" Adam said, "Eve gave me the fruit."

God asked Eve, "Why did this happen?"

Eve replied, "The snake tricked me into eating the fruit."

God said to Adam and Eve, "Because of your choices, life will not be easy. You will feel more pain... work will be hard... you'll fight with each other, and eventually... you will die." (Pause)

To cover up Adam and Eve, God created clothing for them out of animal skins. Then, they were removed from the garden. Mighty angels stood at the entrance, and a sword of fire moved back and forth stopping humans from eating from the Tree of Life. (Pause)

**Closing Blessing**

**Read** Psalm 51:1

**Pray** Have mercy on me, O Lord, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stains of my sin. Lord, we thank you for your love and forgiveness. May you bless each person with a greater understanding of your desire to be with them.