

WEEK 2: ADAM AND EVE

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When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Genesis 3:6

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As a child, the idea of getting sent to time out or having to force an **apology** can seem like the end of the world. Tantrums are thrown, tears are cried and, most of the time, young kids do not even understand the purpose behind their punishment. Once we get a little older, we are able to look back and **understand** why our parents made us share our toys or apologize for hitting someone on the **playground**. They were teaching us lessons that they hoped would ultimately **improve** our lives and develop us into caring, thoughtful adults. They had a plan for us.

When God created Adam and Eve, He gave them a lush, beautiful garden full of things to eat. However, His one **rule** was that they could not eat from a particular tree: the Tree of **Life**. Why? God wanted to test Adam and Eve, even though He knew they would fail. And in fact, when Satan came in the form of a serpent asking Eve to eat from the tree, she did fail. She had a **bite** of the sweet fruit then went on to share it with Adam. Suddenly, they realized they were naked and became **ashamed** of themselves and what they had done. Much like a child who knows he or she is in **trouble**, they hid from God.

Adam and Eve **received** consequences from God that affect us even today and they were sent away from the garden. God had instructed them not to sin, but they did so anyway. Because of Adam and Eve's choice, sin entered the world. **However**, God forgave them because He loved them and had a greater plan for them.

You are **destined** to sin because of Adam and Eve, there is no way **around** it. We are all sinners! But when you do sin, remember God's forgiveness. He is loving and understanding and He wants to continue to use us as a part of His plan for the kingdom. **Oftentimes**, the consequences for our **actions** go on to teach us **important** lessons. All we have to do is ask Him to enter our hearts, rule over our lives and forgive us of our sins. From that moment on, His plan for us is greater than any sin we may **commit**. God's love is bigger than our failures.

Questions to think about:

1. Why did God forbid Adam and Eve to eat fruit from the Tree of Life?
2. How do you feel when you sin?
3. How did God use Adam and Eve for good in His plan?
4. How can He use you?