

Bible Stories for Adults

The Fall Into Sin

Genesis 3-4

Opening

Gathering: Give an example of how you have been deceived by crafty words.

Today's Focus: To understand how sin corrupted God's perfect creation, how our sinful desires have not changed since the first sin, and how God responds to the sins of His people.

Key Verses: *No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.* 1 Cor. 10:13

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ. Romans 6:23

Opening Prayer

Lesson

Creation (*Genesis 1*)

What is the meatiest verse in the Bible?

Genesis 1:1

Why did God create the heavens and the earth and everything we know, including us?

Revelation 4:11

What did God think about His creation when He was finished?

Genesis 1:31a

What is the literary form of Genesis 1?

Genesis 1:3-5

Is Genesis 1 intended to explain the details of creation?

Ecclesiastes 3:11

What is the purpose of Genesis 1?

Deuteronomy 3:24

Man (*Genesis 2*)

What was the last thing that God created?

Genesis 1:27-28

What does it mean to be created in God's image?

Ephesians 4:24

Does being created in God's image only refer to being righteous and holy?

Colossians 3:10

How does the author of Genesis refer to the original perfection and innocence of man?

Genesis 2:25

arom - Hebrew for *naked*

How does the author of Genesis use a play on words to introduce the fall of man story in the next verse?

Genesis 3:1a

arum - Hebrew for *crafty*

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Satan (*Ezekiel 28*) - Hebrew for *adversary*

How did sin enter God's perfect world?

Ezekiel 28:12b-13a, 14-16

What does Isaiah describe as the reason Satan was driven out?

Isaiah 14:12-15

Hebrew for *morning star* was translated as *Lucifer* in Latin Vulgate

What did Satan do after being kicked out of God's holy kingdom?

1 Peter 5:8

How did Jesus describe how Satan recruits people into his family and leads the world astray?

John 8:44

Is Satan free to do anything he desires to us?

Job 1:6-9, 11-12

Why is this important for us to understand?

1 Corinthians 10:13

What destiny awaits Satan and his recruits?

Ezekiel 28:17-19

How does John describe this in his book on the last days?

Revelation 12:7-9; 20:7-10

Satan Tempts (*Genesis 3:1-5*)

How did the crafty serpent begin his effort to turn man away from God?

Genesis 3:1

How did the woman play into his game?

Genesis 3:2-3

How did the woman's response twist the truth?

Genesis 2:16-17

How did the father of lies twist things further in the woman's mind?

Genesis 3:4-5

The Fall (*Genesis 3:6*)

How did Eve respond to this deception?

Genesis 3:6a

How does this fit with John's description of sin in today's world?

1 John 2:16

How upset was Adam when he learned what this woman had done?

Genesis 3:6b

Knowledge of Guilt (*Genesis 3:7-11*)

Were their eyes opened, knowing good and evil, as Satan had promised?

Genesis 3:7

They were still alive (Adam lived 930 yrs). Was the consequence of death over-exaggerated?

Romans 5:12

How proud were Adam and Eve of this new knowledge?

Genesis 3:8

Knowing what had happened, how did God give them the opportunity to confess their sin?

Genesis 3:9-11

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Human Nature (*Genesis 3:12-13*)

Faced with the fact that God knew what happened, did Adam confess?

Genesis 3:12

Did Eve respond any better?

Genesis 3:13

Judgment (*Genesis 3:14-20*)

Beginning in reverse order, what judgment did God have for the crafty serpent?

Genesis 3:14

Besides being unable to walk, what else was carried in the curse of crawling on its belly?

Leviticus 11:41-43

What judgment did God have for the woman?

Genesis 3:16

How was this domination by man first visible?

Genesis 3:20

What judgment did God have for the man, the one to whom He had given the command?

Genesis 3:17-19

Promise of Grace (*Genesis 3:15*)

Besides allowing mankind to live long enough to be fruitful, how did God show His grace?

Genesis 3:15

*I will put enmity between you and the woman
and between your offspring
and hers*

He

*will crush your head
and you will strike his heel*

Was this promise of grace only given to mankind?

Romans 8:19-21

Grace Displayed (*Genesis 3:21-24*)

How did God show His grace towards the shame that Adam and Eve felt?

Genesis 3:21

What other act of God's grace is recorded in this story?

Genesis 3:22-24

How is this grace? It sounds like punishment being kicked out of paradise.

Matthew 25:46

Is this tree of life still around?

Revelation 2:7

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Sacrificial Giving (*Genesis 4:1-7*)

- Which of Adam & Eve's many children do we learn about in the next story?
Genesis 4:1-2
- What do we learn about their relationships with God?
Genesis 4:3-5
- Was God displeased with Cain's offering since it wasn't an animal sacrifice?
Hebrews 11:4
- Did God explain this to Cain?
Genesis 4:6-7

Sin, Judgment, Grace (*Genesis 4:8-16*)

- How did Cain deal with his jealousy?
Genesis 4:8
- Knowing what had happened, how did God give Cain the opportunity to confess his sin?
Genesis 4:9-10
- What judgment did God have for Cain?
Genesis 4:11-12
- How did God show His grace to Cain?
Genesis 4:13-16

Sons of Cain (*Genesis 4:17-26*)

- How does this story of murder relate to our lives? We would never even think of murder, right?
1 John 3:12, 15
- How did Cain's character continue in his descendants?
Genesis 4:17-19 (compare 2:24)
Genesis 4:23-24

Closing Prayer

Response

1. How do I see Satan at work in my life deceiving me into sin?
(*Luke 4:1-13; 22:40; 2 Corinthians 2:10-11; Galatians 6:16-21; 1 Peter 5:8*)
2. When do I find myself doing things that I do not want to do?
(*Romans 7:15-25; Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75; James 1:13-15*)
3. What sin plagues me where I need to look to God for the way out He promised to provide?
(*Luke 11:4; 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Peter 2:4-9*)
4. How have consequences of my actions become apparent as God's judgment for my sins?
(*Joshua 7:10-13, 20-26; Romans 6:21, 23; 1 Timothy 6:9-10*)
5. How has God shown His grace to me despite my undeserving sinful nature?
(*Job 3:27-28; Ezra 9:13; Romans 4:1-3 [Joshua 24:2-4]; Romans 6:22*)

Next Week - *The Flood and The Tower of Babel* (Genesis 5 - 11)