

# Devotion 1: Hiding from God

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**Scripture:** *Genesis 3:8–9*

*“And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, ‘Where are you?’”*

## Devotion

Have you ever done something wrong and then tried to hide? Maybe you broke a dish and shoved the pieces under the couch, or you got a bad grade and hid the paper in your backpack. That sinking feeling in your stomach—the one that makes you want to disappear—is something every person has felt since the very first sin. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they did exactly what we do: they ran and hid. But notice something amazing. God didn’t wait for them to come back. He went looking for them. He called out, “Where are you?” Not because He didn’t know where they were, but because He wanted them to come to Him. God still does the same for us. When we feel guilty and want to hide, God pursues us with His love. He comes to us through His Word and through the forgiveness won by Jesus on the cross. We never have to hide from a God who already knows everything and loves us anyway.

## Discussion Questions

1. When was a time you wanted to hide after doing something wrong?
2. Why do you think God went looking for Adam and Eve instead of waiting for them?
3. How does knowing that God pursues us with love change the way we think about our mistakes?

## Closing Prayer

*Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for never giving up on us. When we try to hide from You, You come looking for us with love and mercy. Help us to run toward You instead of away from You. In Jesus’ name. Amen.*

**Family Action Item:** This week, when you feel guilty about something, practice going to a family member or to God in prayer right away instead of hiding it.