

Story #3 - The Fall

Satan's heaven-based rebellion against God led to his exile from the Lord's presence. Just as he had in heaven, Satan went to war with God on earth. Unknown to Adam and Eve, Satan hid in the Garden of Eden, waiting to strike a deadly blow to God's image bearers, derailing God's plan for His Creation. Satan tried to hijack His Story.

Succumbing to Satan's provocative suggestion that they could "be like God," Adam and Eve joined his rebellion against God on earth. Their sin infected all Creation. Death and destruction were the consequences. But that is not the end of the story. The Seed of the Gospel was planted in the Garden of Eden.

Learn to tell the story of the Fall, and you will play a critical role in the continuing grand story of God's glory. Teach others to tell it, and they will join you in hearing, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Read Genesis 3.

Main Talking Points

1. Behind Satan's temptation of Adam and Eve is his continual war with God. He wanted Adam and Eve to doubt God's love and authority.
2. Satan's strategy was to cause Eve to question the one command God gave her husband.
3. Quote Genesis 2:16b. **"From any tree of the Garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die** (already memorized in the second story, the Story of Adam and Eve)."
4. Satan asked Eve, "Is there really a tree in this Garden you are not to eat from?" She replied, "Yes, the tree in the middle of the Garden. We are not to eat from that tree or touch it. If we do, we will die."
5. In response, Satan spoke to the woman. Quote Genesis 3:4b-5. **"You surely will not die! For God knows that in the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."**
6. Adam watched as Eve disobeyed God. He then followed her in rebellion.
7. The first couple's eyes were opened; they were ashamed and attempted to cover the nakedness their sin had revealed. Adam and Eve hid from God in the Garden. Addressing Adam first, God confronted both of their sins.
8. Adam and Eve tried to shift the blame for their sin.
9. God spoke to Satan. Quote Genesis 3:15: **"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel."**

