

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Part 1 of Sunday School

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God revealed as the Creator who provides life, exposes the consequences of sin, and pursues restoration even after humanity's failure.

The Trees (*Genesis 2:8–9*)

- God placed Adam and Eve in a garden filled with His provision, including the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Their relationship with God involved both blessing and the responsibility of trust and obedience.

Discuss:

- What does the presence of these two trees teach us about God's desire for genuine relationship rather than forced obedience?
- Why do you think trust is such an important part of our relationship with God?

The Temptation (*Genesis 3:1–7; 1 John 2:16*)

- The serpent challenged God's Word and tempted Eve through the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.

Discuss:

- Why do you think temptation often begins by causing us to question God's goodness or His Word?
- Which of these temptations do you find most common in your own life: the desires of the flesh, the desires of the eyes, or pride?

The Trouble (*Genesis 3:7–10*)

- Sin immediately brought shame, fear, and separation. Adam and Eve attempted to cover themselves and hide from God.

Discuss:

- Why do people often respond to failure by hiding rather than running toward God?
- How can shame affect our relationship with God and others?

The Truth (*Genesis 3:14–19*)

- God confronted the reality of sin and its consequences. His words revealed both the seriousness of sin and the justice of God.



Discuss:

- How can God's correction actually be an expression of His love?
- What is the difference between conviction that leads us toward God and condemnation that drives us away from Him?

The Transfer (*Genesis 3:21*)

- God made garments of skin and clothed Adam and Eve, providing a covering they could not provide for themselves. This points forward to God's ultimate plan of redemption through Christ.

Discuss:

- What does God's act of clothing them reveal about His character?
- How does knowing that Jesus provides the covering for our sin change the way you approach God today?

