

### **Open It!**

Parents or grandparents. Play "hide-n-seek" with your children or grandchildren. Observe. Do they want to be found, or not found? When is the game fun for the little ones? Everyone else. Remember playing "hide-n-seek" with siblings or friends. What are your best and worst memories?

### **Read It!**

Genesis 3:1-13

### **Discuss It!**

How does the scene begin (3:8)? What do man and woman hear, see, or do? What is the LORD God (Yahweh Elohim) doing?

Are God's questions (3:9, 11, 13) shaming questions or inviting questions? And why do you think so?

Does the LORD God come searching to harm us or help us? Consider Ezekiel 34:11-12, 16 and Luke 15:1-7.

How does man answer the LORD (3:10)? Why was he afraid?

How does Adam answer the LORD (3:12)? Who is he blaming?

What answer do you think God would like to hear from Adam?

How does woman answer the LORD (3:13)?

Why do we look for someone else to blame when confronted with wrongdoing?

Read James 1:13-15. Who is NOT to blame for temptation? Who IS to blame for temptation?

How does the LORD God help us when we face temptation? See 1 Corinthians 10:13.

### **Live It!**

Memorize 1 Corinthians 10:13.

*No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. 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 endure it.*

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV)

What does this verse teach and promise?

Believe all this verse teaches. Trust all that this verse promises.

## **Understanding Our Story from the Beginning**

*The Fall: Caught Hiding*

Genesis 3:8-13

Sunday, March 8, 2026

### **Sermon Question**

What Can We Learn from Playing Hide and Seek with God?

### **Lesson One: Fallen People Hide from Each Other & God**

Before Sin

Man and Women were naked and without shame.

Genesis 2:25

After Sin

Man and Woman experienced shame and hid from each other

Genesis 3:7

Man and Women hid from the LORD God

Genesis 3:8

Questions.

What are you hiding from those who love you?

How are you hiding from God?

## **Lesson Two: It Is Foolish to Hide from God**

Look at Psalm 139:7-12

## **Lesson Four: It's Safe and Wise to Come Out of Hiding**

Psalm 103:8-14

## **Lesson Three: Take Responsibility for Your Actions**

Question: "*Where are you?*" (verse 9)

Question: "*Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?*" (verse 11)

Question: "*What is this that you have done?*"

## **Resources**

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