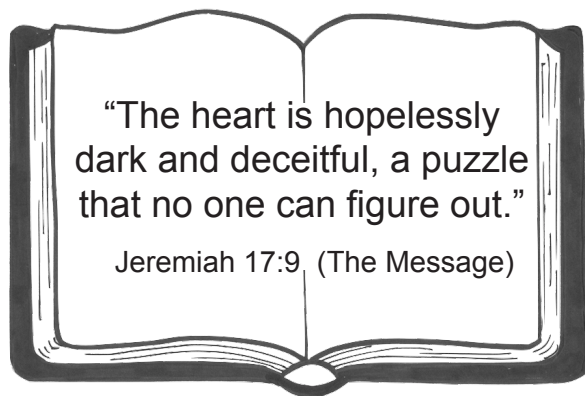


The FALL

Sin enters the Life & Times of Man



TRUTH SEEKER



ACTIVITY

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“Teachable Moments”

OBJECTIVE: To demonstrate how GOD’S perfect creation was stained and changed by the entrance of SIN into all that had been created. Let’s help our children and grandchildren to understand that this intrusion was allowed by GOD for His ultimate glory to be revealed in His judgement and victory over sin and death.

☀ **Simple Truths:** These truths are difficult to talk about but they are essential when laying the foundation for the child’s understanding of this part of GOD’S PLAN. I am certain you will be able to find opportunities or examples in daily life with your children to illustrate the ugliness of sin in the thoughts and actions in the family relationships. At the conclusion of the lesson, be sure to encourage your child with the excitement of discovering in next week’s lesson that GOD has a solution for this “*sin problem*”.

☀ **Activity Pages:** Remember to use these as learning opportunities, so enjoy them together. Follow instructions on each page.

- #1 - A Different Voice
Word Search for Truth
- #2 - Hidden Word
What God Says
What You Think

☀ **Look for a song to sing in the next lesson.**

☀ **Memorize :** Jeremiah 17:9

(Permission granted to make extra copies of coloring or game page for other children in the family as needed.)

Simple Truths

1 GOD created perfectly.

What was God's evaluation of all He made?

"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good." (Genesis 1:31)

- All creatures
- Human beings
- Environment
- Nourishment
- Relationships

2 SIN cursed all of GOD's creation.

How did SIN enter God's perfect creation?

- Satan entered a serpent (snake) and spoke to Eve. This Genesis account does not say Satan specifically, but from the complete context and other passages of scripture (see Luke 22:3), it is referring to Satan.

"Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve." (Luke 22:3)

"Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman. . . ." (Gen. 3:1)

- Satan tricked or deceived Eve by his voice and choice of words to confuse her about what God really said. Read Genesis 3:1-7 and compare with 2:15-17.
- The heart attitude of disobedience was the SIN; the eating of the fruit was the action that resulted from the attitude.

How did things change for Adam and Eve?

- Living became **hard** work. (Genesis 3:17-19)
- Pain became a part of life. (Genesis 3:16)
- Death (physical) was certain.(Genesis 2:16 & 17)
- Death (in a spiritual sense) was also certain.

". . . just as sin entered the world through one man (Adam), and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men,

because all sinned--for before the law was given, sin was in the world." (Romans 5:12 & 13a)

3 SIN brings judgement and death.

Why is death necessary?

- Because the first man and woman **disobeyed** God's loving command, He had to carry out His plan. His holiness demands that He keep His promises.

*"And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil for **when you eat of it you will surely die.**'" (Genesis 2:16 & 17)*

4 SIN separates man from GOD.

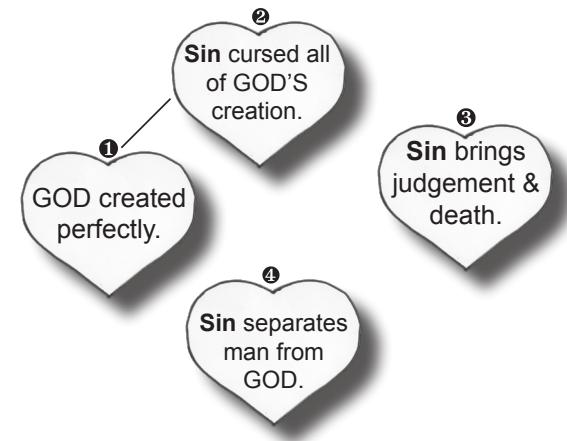
- Adam & Eve hid from God because they were afraid. (Genesis 3:8-11)
- They had to leave the beautiful garden.

"So the LORD GOD banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken." (Genesis 3:23)

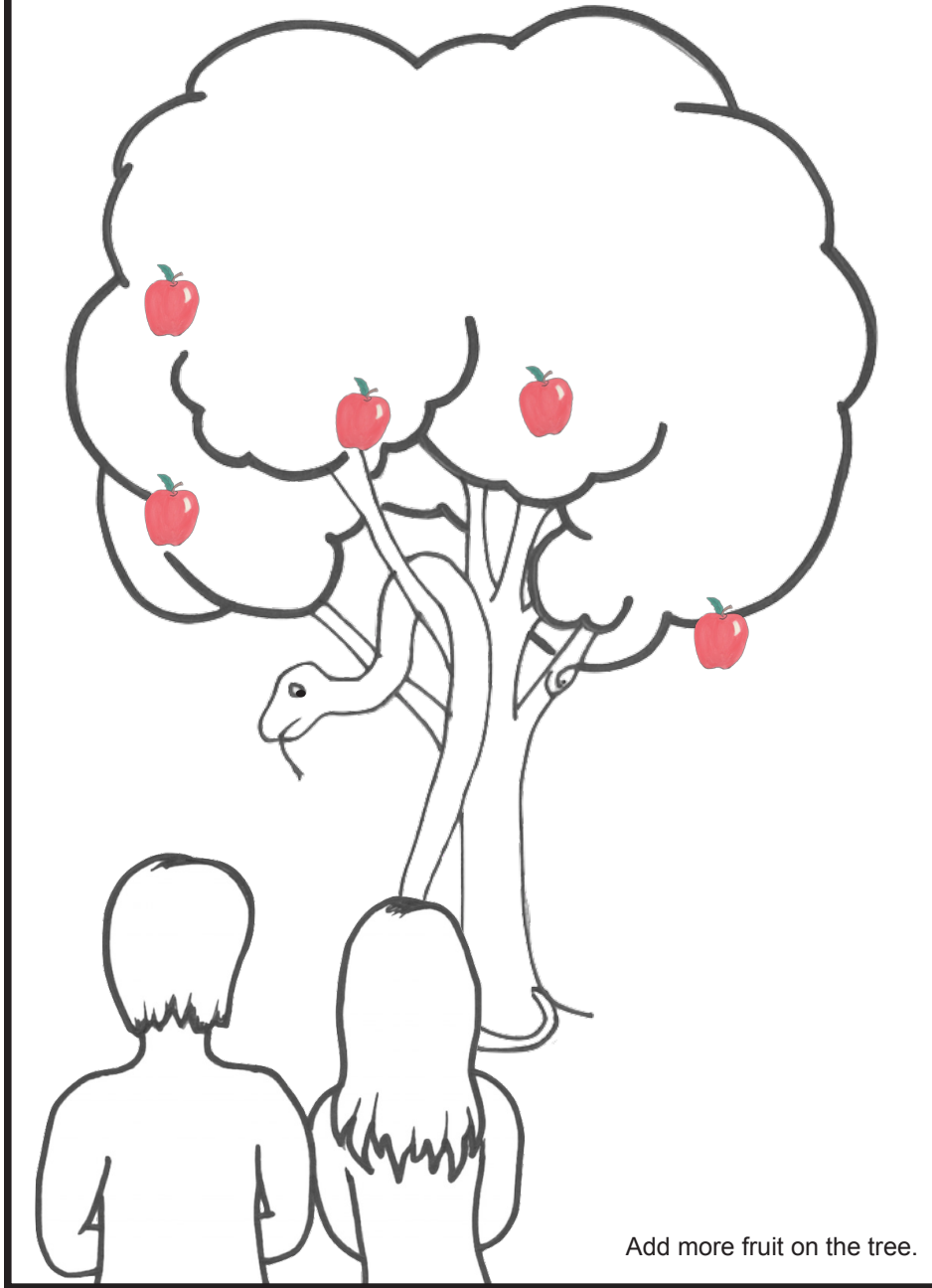
REMEMBER: This is not the end of GOD'S STORY (PLAN).



This can be a review activity. Draw a line to connect all the other "Truths of the Heart" with the first one: **GOD created perfectly.** (Hint: Follow the numbers.)



A Different Voice



Add more fruit on the tree.

Word Search for TRUTH

(Adam and Eve's Sin of Disobedience)

Read the verses to answer these questions, then find and circle the words in the box below. The words go UP, DOWN, ACROSS or DIAGONAL.

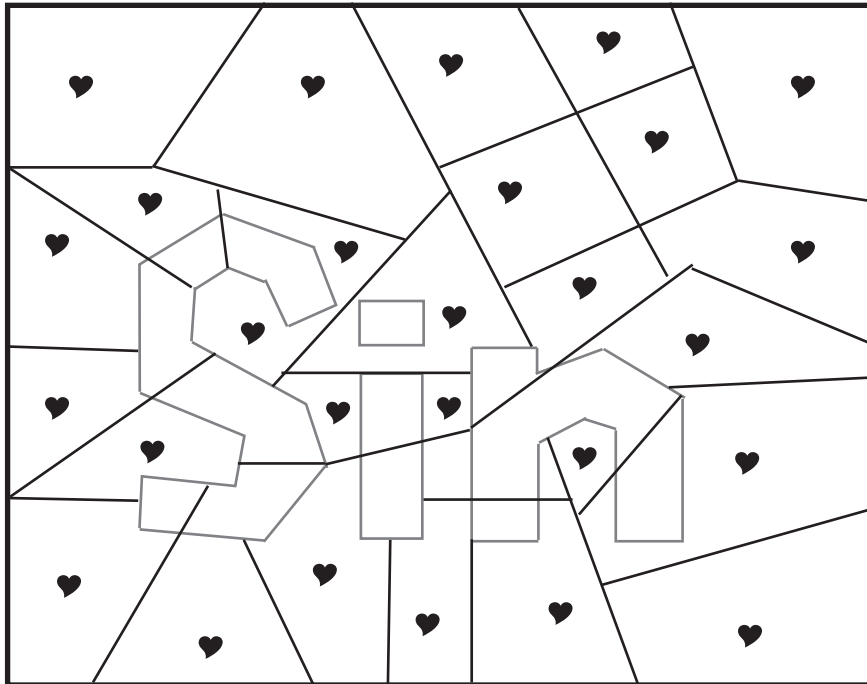
1. Disobedience begins with wrong thoughts and attitudes of the _____.
2. The Devil (Satan) came to Eve in the Garden of _____.
3. Eve was _____ by the serpent (Satan). (Genesis 3:1)
4. _____ breaks man's relationship with GOD. (Genesis 3:8)
5. Adam and Eve's sin made them hide when they heard GOD walking in the _____. (Genesis 3:9)

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ANSWERS: heart, Eden, tricked, Sin, garden

Hidden Word

If you darken all the spaces with a heart you will soon discover another name for DISOBEDIENCE.



This is what GOD says about SIN in the BIBLE.

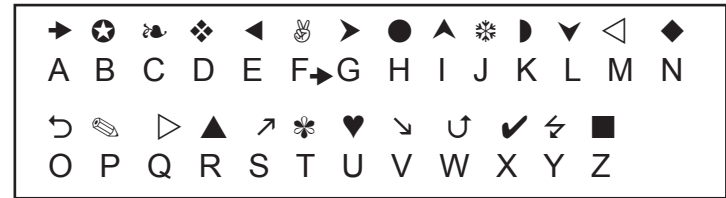
“All have sinned. . .” (Romans 3:23)

“Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.” (Psalm 51:5)

“But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.” (Isaiah 59:2)

“Cleanse me. . . and I will be clean . . . Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.” (Psalm 51:7 & 10)

Decode the messages below by matching the symbols.



Adam and Eve's _____ was

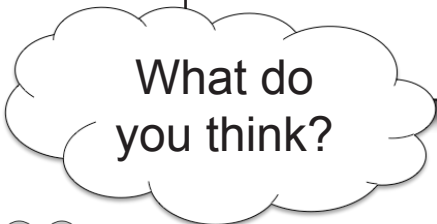
_____ GOD,

not just _____ the fruit.

_____ things can become _____

things if they keep us from the _____ thing:

OBEYING GOD



- 1 Were you born with a Sinful Heart? YES NO
- 2 With a Sinful Heart can you be God's Friend? YES NO
- 3 Do you think God can change your Sinful Heart? YES NO