

TOPHER'S WEEKLY LESSON

In the very beginning of time, God created the whole world and it was perfect. Adam and Eve were the first two people that God created. God put them in a special garden called the Garden of Eden. He gave them one very important rule to follow. God told Adam and Eve, "You may eat fruit from any tree in the garden. But you may NOT eat the fruit from the special tree in the middle of the garden. If you eat fruit from that tree, you will surely die." Adam and Eve were careful to obey God's rule, but then one day, a strange visitor arrived.

One day, a sneaky snake slithered up to Eve. The snake lied to her and said, "You won't die if you eat fruit from the special tree. God is just jealous. He knows you'll become like Him if you eat the fruit." It wasn't true, but Eve believed the sneaky snake's lie and wanted to be like God. Eve picked a piece of fruit from the special tree—the tree God said not to eat from. Eve took a bite of the fruit. It tasted so delicious. Eve gave it to Adam and he took a bite too. Suddenly, they felt something they had never felt before—they felt sadness and they were embarrassed because they had no clothes on.

Adam and Eve sewed leaves together like clothes so they wouldn't be naked anymore. When God saw them wearing clothes, He knew what had happened. God said to them, "Did you eat the special fruit that I said not to eat?" Adam pointed to Eve and said, "She made me do it." Eve pointed to the sneaky snake and said, "He made me do it." But God knew that no one made them do it. They had both made their own bad choice.

It was a very sad day. God's amazing creation had been ruined. Because of Adam and Eve's bad choice, now the world was filled with sadness, and sickness, and hurt. And because of that, they could no longer live in the beautiful garden.

ACTIVITY: AUGUST 9, 2020

I'M SORRY GOD (Response to God Activity)

Supplies: GO! Home Guide (printed on back of coloring sheet, 1 per child), crayons

Question: Why do you think Adam and Eve ate the fruit even though God said not to?

Directions: Give each child a GO! Home Guide and some crayons or markers. The sheet will have a space for children to draw. Tell the children to think of a time they disobeyed or made a bad choice. Have them draw a picture of it. When finished, have the children show their picture and share about it.

Say: When we tell God about our sins and say, "I'm sorry," He forgives us. Let's say a prayer to God and tell Him "I'm sorry" for doing the things in our drawings.

Prayer: Begin by asking if any of the children would like to pray. Allow any children who want to pray the opportunity to do so. When they're finished, close the prayer by thanking God for loving us and forgiving us when we make bad choices.

**WHAT'S THE
BIG IDEA?**



THE BIG IDEA: GOD MADE EVERYTHING AND IT'S VERY GOOD!
BIBLE BASIS: GENESIS 3