



Lesson 4: The Fall

Scriptural Basis:



Genesis 3:1-24

Overview:

This is the account of the Garden of Eden, and all of its beauty and provision. It is also the account of how sin entered the world through the disobedience of Adam and Eve.

Things to consider:

God had provided everything Adam and Eve needed for life, comfort and joy, yet both Adam and Eve chose their own plan rather than God's. That is the essential nature of sin, and every human on the planet that has ever lived or will ever live has that problem.

Sin is any action, attitude or moral nature that does not conform to God's moral law.

God's moral law is perfect, it tells us:

1. What is true
2. What is right
3. Who is in authority

And generally speaking, all sin rebels against God in each of those aspects.

In choosing to sin, Adam and Eve chose to make their own definition of what is true (that they would not die) and right (to eat the forbidden fruit) and who is in authority (they wanted to be like God).

God, being a perfect God who has never sinned, cannot tolerate it.

The gospel in the story:



The account of the first sins, is accompanied with the first glimpse of the gospel. The term "gospel" means good news. The bad news is that all of humanity is guilty of sin, and therefore condemned to death. However, God in keeping with His promise of being a loving and gracious God, established a plan of salvation **that existed BEFORE Adam and Eve sinned**. God revealed the promise of a savior (Jesus) to Adam and Eve after they sinned, as the one who would crush Satan's head.

Bible Study for Preparation:



Read Genesis 3:1-24. Contemplate the generous and loving nature of God. Imagine the time when Adam and Eve experienced God's provision and His presence with no barriers. Despite this, we man's rebellious nature, in the act of the first sins. Yet even in this rebellious act, God provides hope in His promise of grace and restoration.

Teaching the lesson:

A: Review (sabbath rest (remember sabbath rest is UNTO the LORD))

B: Activity –

C. Video, puppet or live reading

D. Additional activity

