

Why Did God Put the Tree of Knowledge in the Garden?

(Part Two – A Lesson on Trust and Free Will)

Worksheet | Ages 9–13

Lesson Objective:

By the end of this activity, you'll be able to explain why God gave Adam and Eve a choice—and what it means to love and trust God freely.

1 IMAGINE A SIMILAR SCENARIO AS THE LAST LESSON:

It's class party day! 

Your teacher sets out lots of food—fruit, chips, sandwiches, and one dessert: a tray of cookies.

Then the teacher says:

- “You can eat anything you see—but do not eat the cookies. I'll be back in a few minutes.”

Then she leaves the room.

What you don't know is—there's a hidden camera watching.

What do you think your teacher is trying to find out?

[A] If you like cookies

[B] If you're sneaky

[C] If you'll obey even when no one's watching

[D] If you're hungry

Explain your choice:

2 THINK ABOUT GOD

God gave Adam and Eve everything in the Garden—but told them not to eat from one tree.

 **Why do you think He did that?**

- Was it to trap them? Or to teach them something?

3 BIBLE CONNECTION

Deuteronomy 8:2 (ICB):

- “Remember how the Lord your God has led you in the desert for these 40 years. He took away your pride. He tested you. He wanted to know if you would obey his commands.”

 What are some ways God still tests our hearts today?

(List 2 examples from your life or school)

1.

2.

4 TRUE OR FALSE? Circle your answers:

a. God wanted Adam and Eve to fail.

True / False

b. Real love requires a choice.

True / False

c. Obedience is only important when people are watching.

True / False

d. God gives us boundaries because He loves us.

True / False

5 HEART CHECK

 What would you do if you were at that class party and saw the cookies?

Now apply that to real life:

What's one area where you can show God you trust Him this week—even when no one's watching?