

1 – LESSON #5: Consequences for eating forbidden fruit Gen. 3

SKIT: Topic: Genesis 3 verses 1-24

Narrator #1: Oh, no!

Narrator #2: What happened?

Narrator #1: Our long-ago grandparents, Adam and Eve, made a huge mistake! The Serpent did, too!

Narrator #2: Serpent, what did you do?



Serpent: I, the Serpent, cleverly tricked Eve into taking a bite of the forbidden fruit growing on the **Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil**. Hee-hee-hee!

Narrator #1: Eve, what did you do?

Eve: Sigh! My name is Eve. I made a horrible mistake! Instead of listening to God, I allowed that Serpent to trick me into eating the forbidden fruit. And because I didn't want to be the only rule-breaker, I urged my husband, Adam, to also break God's only rule. Woe is me!

Adam: My name is Adam. I should have known better than to allow my wife, Eve, and that wily serpent to tempt me to eat that forbidden fruit. Woe is me! What will happen to us now?

Narrator #2: As you probably recall, God had given Adam only one rule to follow in the Garden of Eden. Father God said:

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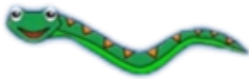
Father God: Adam, you must NOT eat from the **Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil**, for when you eat from it, you will certainly **die**.

Narrator #1: Adam and Eve did not die; BUT, their peaceful life in this garden-paradise was soon to end.

Narrator #2: But first, let's listen to God's curse against the Serpent.



Father God: Serpent, because you have done this, you are cursed above all livestock and all wild animals. You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.



Serpent: Oh, no! Father God has cursed me! What else will happen to me?



Father God: Serpent, I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers. He will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.

Narrator #1: Believe it or not, that curse was a prophecy about what would happen about 4,000 years later.

Narrator #2: On a Friday, Jesus was brutally tortured and crucified. Satan must have been so happy believing that he had finally managed to kill the Son of God.

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Narrator #1: But, no! Jesus outwitted Satan and all those evil men. How did He do that?

Narrator #2: Jesus conquered death by rising again on the third day. Today, we call those two days Good Friday and Easter Sunday. *(See page 9)*

God

Father God: Eve, it is your turn now. Because you sinned by eating the forbidden fruit, you will no longer be able to live this easy life in this garden.

Eve: Father God, what will happen to me, then?

God

Father God: I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth. And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you.

Narrator #1: Before Eve had a chance to react, Father God turned to Adam. He said:

God

Father God: Adam, since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat, the ground is cursed because of you.

Adam: Father God, what does that mean exactly?

God

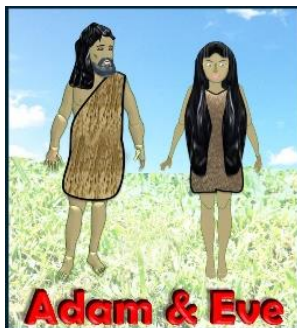
Father God: Adam, because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, ‘**You shall not eat from it**’; Cursed is the ground because of you. With hard labor

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you shall eat from it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; Yet you shall eat the plants of the field; By the sweat of your face, you shall eat bread, until you return to the ground, because from it you were taken. For you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Narrator #2: Even though God punished Adam and Eve, He still loved them deeply. To make them feel more comfortable, God gave them a gift. Our Bible verse-reader will describe this gift by sharing Genesis 3, verse 21.

Genesis 3:21 And the LORD God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife. (NLT)



Narrator #1: Please post the picture of Adam and Eve wearing clothes that God might have made from sheep skin. *(See page 7)*

Adam: Thank you, Father God, for providing these clothes for us.

Eve: Yes, thank you, Father God. We are grateful to have clothes to wear.

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Narrator #2: Father God then had a private conversation with Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Our Lord Jesus said:



Jesus: Father, Adam and Eve have already eaten the forbidden fruit from the **Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil**. Now that they have sinned, how do we prevent them from living forever by eating fruit from the **Tree of Life**?



Father God: Jesus, you have made a valid point. The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the **Tree of Life** and eat, and live forever.

Narrator #1: To find out what God decided to do with Adam and Eve, let's have our Bible verse-reader share Genesis 3, verse 23.

Genesis 3:23 **Therefore the LORD God sent Adam away from the Garden of Eden, to till and cultivate the ground from which he was taken. (AMP)**

Narrator #2: Being forced to leave the Garden of Eden might have been like being expelled from a beautiful garden filled with waterfalls, rivers, and an all-you-can-eat buffet to having to work and struggle on farmland filled with thorns, weeds, and bad weather.

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Father God: Adam and Eve, even though you must leave the Garden of Eden forever, no matter where you live, I will always Love you and look out for you.

Narrator #1: Let's find out how God plans to protect the garden so there is no way Adam and Eve can sneak back in.

Narrator #2: Bible reader, please end this role-play by reading Genesis 3, verse 24.

Genesis 3:24 So God drove the man out; and at the east of the Garden of Eden He [permanently] stationed the cherubim and the sword with the flashing blade which turned round and round [in every direction] to protect and guard the way (entrance, access) to the Tree of Life. (AMP)

Narrator #1: Next week, we will hear about what life was like for Adam and Eve outside the garden. We will also hear the story of the first murder that happened between their first two sons, Cain and Abel.

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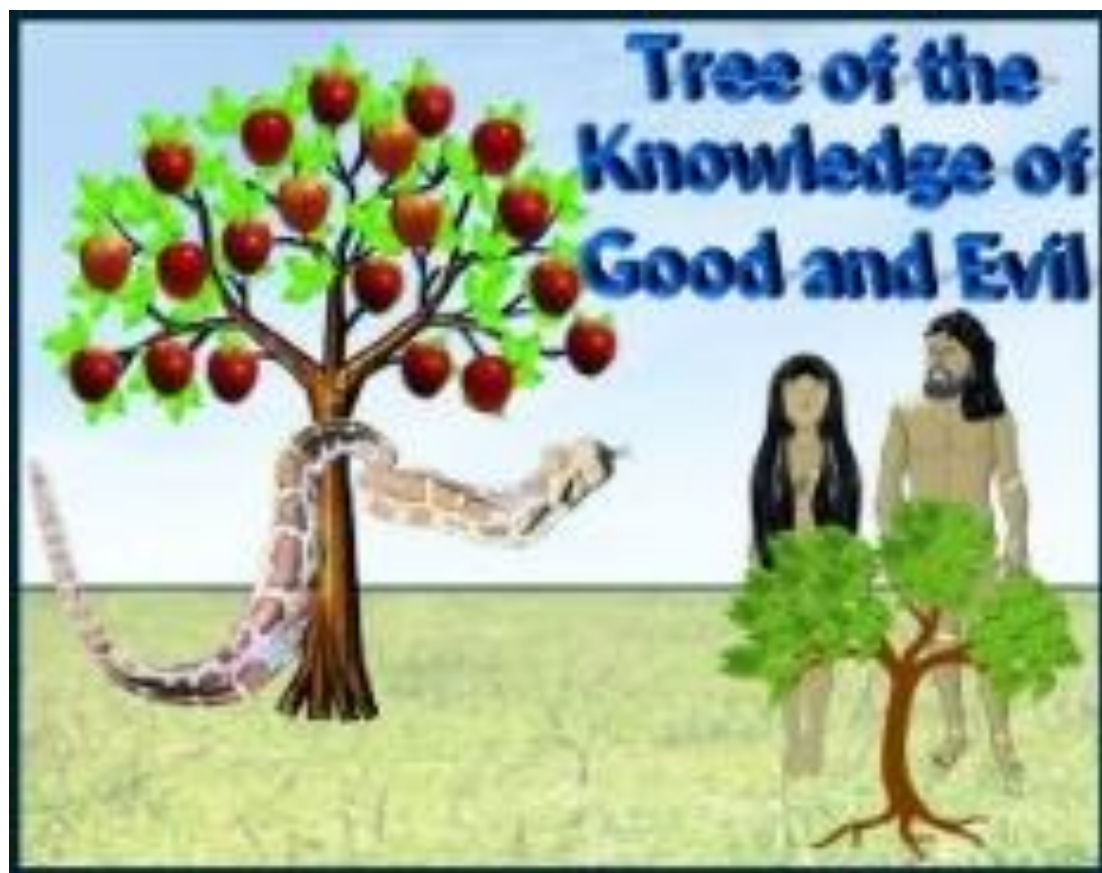
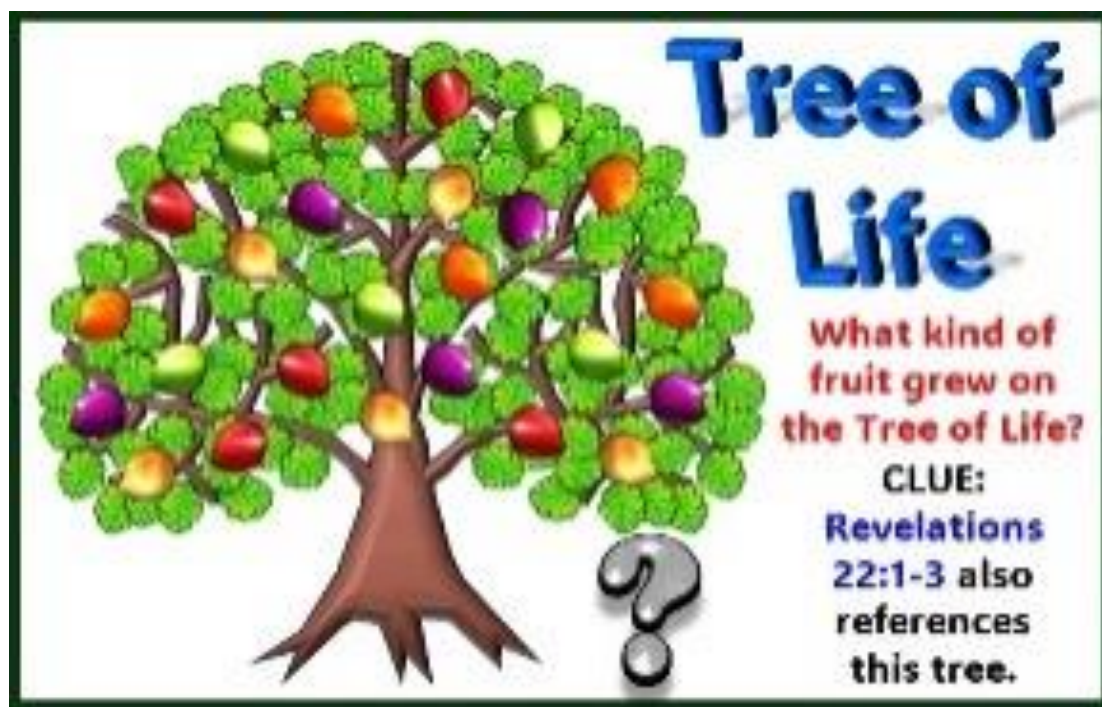
Let's give our volunteers a great big hand!

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