

# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

*Genesis*

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## THE FALL OF MAN

Genesis 3

Elementary Lesson

Year One, Quarter One, Lesson Three

[0030]

AIM: To teach my class that all human beings have sinned against God

OBJECTS TO HAVE: A globe or a world map  
Pictures of children of several different races  
A book or document written in another language  
Any other objects that you can use to show the variety of different races in the world  
A picture of a beautiful fruit-bearing tree  
Your Bible

POINT OF CONTACT: (Holding the map or globe) Who can tell me what this is—it's a map of the what? That's right, the world. If you could fly in a space ship and look down at the world, it would look something like this. Do you know how many people live in the world? Over **7 billion!** That's a lot of people. There's no way to even describe to you how many people 7 billion is.

And where do all these people live? All over this map. And there are many differences between different people around the world, aren't there? For example, people in different parts of the world look different. There is no right or wrong way to look, but the fact is, we don't all look the same.

Not only that, but we don't all talk the same language. Look at this book that I have here: can anybody read this? Of course not! This is not written in English, so you can't read it. There are many different languages in the world.

People around the world also eat different kinds of food, don't they? And they may dress differently, too.

So there are 7 billion people in different **lands**, with different **looks**, different **languages**, different **food**, different **clothes**, and many other things that are different.

Now, of all of the people in the world, no one of us is better than the others, and no group of people is better than another group of people. No one of us is more important than the others, and no group of people is more important than another group of people. God does not love any one of us more than the rest, and God does not love any group of people more than He loves another group of people.

So, there are many things that are different about us, but there are a few things that are the same with all of us. This morning we are not going to talk about the things that are **different** about all of the people in the world; instead, I am going to tell you about some things that are **the same** for all of the people in the world.

STORY: The first thing that is the same for every person in the whole world is that **we all come from the same two people:** Adam and Eve. Last week I told you how God took the dirt of the ground and formed it into a man. Then God put His own breath into that man, and he came to life. God called that man *Adam*. Next God put Adam into a deep sleep, and God cut Adam open and took out one of his ribs. God used that rib to make the first woman. Her name was *Eve*. So Adam and Eve were the very first people to live on this earth. They had children, and those children had children, and on and on it went until today, 6000 years later. That means that all people come from Adam and Eve. No matter where they live, what language they talk, or what they look like, all of us come from the first man and woman, Adam and Eve.

Now let me tell you about Adam and Eve for a minute. God put Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden to do a very important job. Adam's job was to take care of all of the things in the Garden, and Eve's job was to take care of Adam. While they were there doing that job, God made one rule—only one! They could do anything they wanted to do, except for this one thing. No matter what else they did, they would not get in trouble, but if they broke this one rule, it would change everything. God made a tree called the *Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil*. God put that tree in the middle of the Garden. That tree had fruit growing from it. Then God took Adam and Eve and He told them His one rule. God told them that there were orange trees, apple trees, pear trees, banana trees, cherry trees, and many other kind of trees that grew delicious fruit. They could eat as much as they wanted from all of those trees. But there was one tree that they could not eat from: the tree in the middle called the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. God warned them that if they ever ate the fruit of that tree, everything would begin to die immediately. Even Adam and Eve would begin to die. If they would **not** eat of that tree, they would live forever, and so would everything else. This was the one and only rule that Adam and Eve had to keep: don't eat of the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

One day Eve was alone in the Garden, and a beautiful snake came up beside her. Eve didn't know it, but that snake was the devil, disguised as a snake. That snake came up to Eve and began to speak to her. He said, "Who does God think He is, telling you that you can't eat of the fruit of this tree?"

Eve said, "God said we can eat of all of the other trees."

"Yes," said the devil, "but you don't know what you're missing if you don't eat from this tree. God knows that if you eat from this tree, you'll be as smart as He is. And God doesn't want you to be as smart as He is. That's why He doesn't want you to eat the fruit on this tree. Don't you want to try a bite?"

Eve looked at that fruit, and she noticed that it sure did look yummy. She thought a minute, and the devil said, "Go ahead...try it." Eve reached out and picked a piece of the forbidden fruit. She put it up to her mouth...and she ate it.

Just then Adam came along. Eve said, "Adam, I tried this fruit. Here, take a bite." And Adam ate of the fruit also.

Immediately Adam and Eve knew that they had broken God's rule. They weren't as smart as God was, like the devil told them they would be, but they felt just awful for breaking God's one rule. And they did know a few things that they did not know before...they now knew how to sin. They knew how to hate, how to lie, how to steal, how to cheat, how to covet and how to rebel. They did not know how to sin before; but now that they had broken God's one rule, they knew how to sin. Everything had changed.

Soon God came looking for His friends Adam and Eve, to spend some time with them, as He had done before. But Adam and Eve were hiding because they were afraid. God knew that they had broken the one rule, but God wanted them to admit it to Him. God said, "Adam, have you eaten of the fruit that I told you not to eat?"

Adam said, "But God...the woman that you made, she told me to do it."

So God said to Eve, "Have you eaten of the fruit that I told you not to eat?"

Eve said, "But God...that snake that you made, he told me to do it."

God told the serpent what his punishment would be, and He told the devil that some day a man would come who would destroy him. That man would be Jesus. God told Eve that, because of her sin, it would be a very painful thing for her to have children. God told Adam that, because of his sin, he would have to work very hard to make the ground produce fruit and vegetables. And God told both Adam and Eve that from that very day they would begin to die. And after their physical body died, they would face everlasting punishment for their sin in hell.

But God also told Adam and Eve, "Some day I will send a man who will take away the sin of the world. For now, I will kill an innocent animal and use its skin to cover your sin. If you will trust me, you will wear these clothes that I have made for you." Adam and Eve did trust God, and immediately they were saved.

That day many things changed in the world. One thing that changed is that Adam and Eve became *sinners*. That means that they knew how to sin against God, and they wanted to sin against God. Another thing that changed is that Adam and Eve began to get old and die.

Remember that I said a minute ago that everybody in the whole world comes from Adam and Eve? There is another thing that is the same for everybody in the world: everybody in the world is a **sinner**, like Adam and Eve were sinners. And we must all **die** for our sins, like Adam and Eve had to die for their sins. After we die, we must all be separated from God in that awful place called Hell.

But here's the best news in the whole world: Just like God made a way for Adam and Eve to have their sins forgiven so they would not have to go to Hell when they died, God made a way for all of us to have our sins forgiven so that we do not have to go to Hell when we die. God sent the Man that He promised to send: Jesus Christ, His own Son. Jesus died on the cross to be punished for the sins of the whole world. And if we will take Jesus as our Saviour, just like Adam and Eve took those clothes that God had made for them, God promises that He will forgive our sins and take us to heaven when we die to live forever with Him.

So yes, there are many different people in the world, but we all have some things that are the same.

First, God loves all of us.

Second, all of us have sinned against God, and we must all be punished for our sins.

Third, Jesus died on the cross for all of us.

And fourth, God says to all of us, "If you will receive Jesus as your personal Saviour, I will forgive your sins and take you to heaven when you die.

These things are the same for everybody in the world. God waits for every person in the world to say, "yes" to Him, one at a time. Will you say "Yes" to Jesus today?

Let's learn our memory verse: **Romans 3:23 - For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.**

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#### Teen and Adult Lesson

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*Teacher, choose one of the following truths to expand upon in teaching this portion of Scripture to your teen/adult class. Teach and apply the truth that you choose using statements and illustrations that are most helpful and applicable to your students.*

#### I. SATAN'S FIRST COMMUNICATION WITH MAN WAS TO ATTACK GOD'S WORDS.

A. He **questions** God's Words. 3:1 – *hath God said*

B. He **misquotes** God's Words. 3:1 – *Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden.* This is not what God had said. 2:16, 17.

C. He **contradicts** God's Words. 3:4 - *Ye shall not surely die*

Satan's tactics against man were effective from day one. Every wise believer will expect Satan to use the very same tactics today, to cause man to question the accuracy, the authority and the effectiveness of God's Word.

#### II. EVE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN TEMPTED BY THE TREE IF SHE HAD NOT BEEN NEAR THE TREE. 3:6. Eve followed what has become the very common path to sin: she looked (*the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes*), she lusted (*a tree to be desired to make one wise*), and she took (*she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat*). When you hang around those things that are associated with sin, you are a step away from going down that road.

#### III. BEFORE SIN, GOD'S VOICE MEANT FELLOWSHIP; AFTER SIN IT MEANT "HIDE!" 3:8. Sin separates us from God, and it makes us view God in a different light. Sin causes us to see our loving God as the enemy, Someone to be avoided. Sin is a blinder, a deceiver and a complicator. If you want to keep a simple, sincere, sweet relationship with God, avoid sin at all costs.

#### IV. GOD IMMEDIATELY PROMISED HOPE. Genesis 3:15. This is God's first promise to man that sin would some day be defeated. Before man ever sinned, God had provided the solution. Revelation 13:8. Glory to God!

#### V. GOD MADE A WAY FOR MAN TO BE FORGIVEN. Genesis 3:21. The man-made covering did not work. 3:7. Adam and Eve knew this, because they hid even though they were covered. 3:8. After God had dealt with their sin, He made a covering for them. 3:21. This covering pointed to Christ's sacrifice, because blood was shed in order for those skins to be provided.

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### I. GENESIS 3:1-5 The Temptation

1-3 Satan Questions God's Word

4 Satan Contradicts God

5 Satan Accuses God

### II. GENESIS 3:6-7 The Transgression

6 The Process: Eve looked, longed, took, and shared

7 The Result: Awareness of sin, shame for sin, covering sin

### III. GENESIS 3:8-13 The Conviction

8-11 Man Indicts Himself

12-13 Man Passes the Blame

### IV. GENESIS 3:14-19 The Curse

14-15 God Curses the Serpent

16 God Curses the Woman

17-19 God Curses the Man

### V. GENESIS 3:20-24 The Hope

20 Adam Looks to the Future

21 God Provides Redemption

22-24 God Moves Man Forward

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Based on the Scripture passage and today's lesson, write "true" next to every true statement below, and "false" next to every false statement.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Adam and Eve lived in the Garden of Sweden.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. There was only one tree in the garden that Adam and Eve were not allowed to eat fruit from.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. God warned Adam and Eve that if they ate of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, they would die.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Satan disguised himself as a snake.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Satan did not lie to Eve, because Satan doesn't lie.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Before Adam and Eve ate the fruit they didn't know what sin was.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. As soon as Adam and Eve ate the fruit they began to die.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Even though Adam and Eve had sinned, God let them continue to live in the Garden of Eden.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Because of Adam and Eve's sin, every human being has a sin nature.

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*The answers to today's puzzle*

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**TRUE** 3. There was only one tree in the garden that Adam and Eve were not allowed to eat fruit from.

**TRUE** 4. God warned Adam and Eve that if they ate of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, they would die.

**TRUE** 5. Satan disguised himself as a snake.

**FALSE** 6. Satan did not lie to Eve, because Satan doesn't lie.

**TRUE** 7. Before Adam and Eve ate the fruit they didn't know what sin was.

**TRUE** 8. As soon as Adam and Eve ate the fruit they began to die.

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