



LESSON # 2



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Do you like to eat fruit? What kind of fruit do you like to eat? Apples? Pears? Bananas?

The Bible tells us that when God made all the birds and animals and Adam and Eve, he gave them lots of vegetables, like carrots and potatoes to eat, but he also gave them lots of good fruit trees, full of pretty, sweet fruit to eat.

God made a beautiful garden for Adam and Eve to live in. He gave them all kinds of good fruit to eat, but he had one rule that he asked Adam and Eve to obey. Do you obey your Dad when he tells you something to do? Well, God wanted Adam and Eve to obey him too.

God told Adam and Eve that they could eat from all the fruit trees except one. That fruit tree was very bad for them, for if they disobeyed and ate that fruit, they would die! This tree was called "The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil." That's a long name to remember, isn't it? We'll just call it the "tree of good and evil" as that's easier to say.

This tree would make Adam and Eve grow old and sick and it would make them know about bad things as well as God's good things. That would make them sad and they couldn't live in the beautiful garden anymore. That's why God told them to stay away from that fruit tree.

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For awhile Adam and Eve stayed far away from the tree of good and evil, but Eve kept thinking about it. She went by it and looked at the fruit. It looked very pretty and looked like it would be very good to eat. She began to wonder if God just wanted to trick her and if the tree would really make her very wise and she would be like God! One day she saw a snake in the tree and the snake talked to Eve. Now that's pretty funny, to think of a snake talking! God allows animals to talk sometimes, to see if people will obey him.

The snake told Eve that she really could eat that pretty fruit. God wouldn't really let them die. Do you think Eve should have listened to the snake, or listened to God? She really wanted to try that fruit, and so she listened to the snake and took a bite. My, it was good, she called, "Adam, come here, come taste the fruit of good and evil, I'm fine, it didn't hurt me! Here, you have some too!" Adam knew he shouldn't eat it, and he knew he should obey God, but Eve was eating it, so he took some to eat, also.



Both Adam and Eve should have listened to God, shouldn't they? God doesn't ever tell us things that will hurt us, but only things that will be good for us. If we want something really, really bad that Mom or Dad say isn't good for us, should we mind our mothers and fathers? Yes, because they love us and only want what is good for us. God was like a Father to Adam and Eve and if they had listened to God they would have been blessed. Instead they were afraid and ran into the woods to hide from God.

God was very sad. Now the wonderful people he had made couldn't live in the beautiful garden anymore, for in the garden was a tree called the Tree of Life. If Adam and Eve ate from that tree they would live forever as sick and old and sinning people. God talked to Adam and Eve and told them because they ate fruit from the tree of good and evil they would have to leave the garden and work hard among weeds and thorns in order to get food to eat.



God took care of Adam and Eve though, for he taught them how to make clothes from animal skins and he taught them how to pray to him and offer sacrifices that would please him. God watches over us and loves when we try to be good.

Can you learn a memory verse? It tells us how we can please God.

"IF YOU LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS"

Say this verse over several times and see if you can remember it.

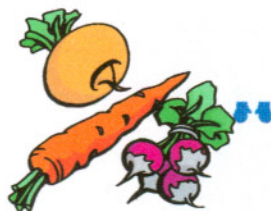
God has a special book called the Bible that tells us about God. The Bible also tells us how to pray to God and how to show God we love him.

When you get a little older and learn to read, you can have a Bible of your own and read all about God.

That will be great, won't it?



God gave Adam and Eve good things to eat from the plants and trees. Can you name these things and circle the food which they can eat? Put a line through the things they can't eat.



Snakes have all kinds of colors and designs. Can you draw a big snake below and make it have spots or stripes or different colors?

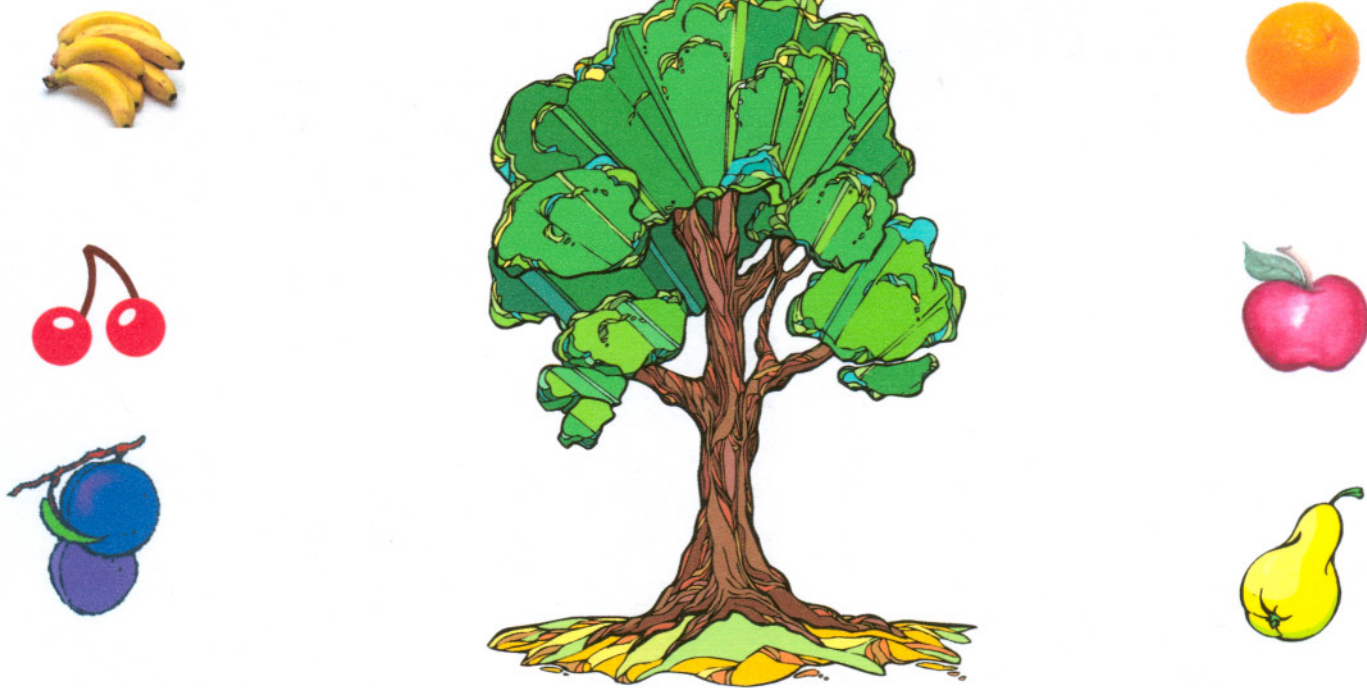


Can you answer these questions?

1. What did Adam and Eve eat ?
2. What was the name of the tree Adam and Eve were not to eat of?
3. What kind of animal was allowed to speak to Eve?
4. Who told the truth, the snake or God?
5. Does God hear us when we pray to Him?

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Which fruit do you like best? Draw a line from the fruit you like to the tree then draw Adam and Eve looking at the fruit



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Can you tell what each of these children are doing that would please God? There a child here that is doing something that is not pleasing to God, draw a circle around that one.

