

Adam and Eve

Genesis 2:15-3:15

The Lord God put the man in the Garden of Eden to take care of it and to look after it. But the Lord told him, “You may eat fruit from any tree in the garden, except the one that has the power to let you know the difference between right and wrong. If you eat any fruit from that tree, you will die before the day is over!”

The Lord God said, “It isn’t good for the man to live alone. I need to make a suitable partner for him.” So the Lord took some soil and made animals and birds. He brought them to the man to see what names he would give each of them. Then the man named the tame animals and the birds and the wild animals. That’s how they got their names.

None of these was the right kind of partner for the man. So the Lord God made him fall into a deep sleep, and he took out one of the man’s ribs. Then after closing the man’s side, the Lord made a woman out of the rib.

The Lord God brought her to the man, and the man exclaimed,

“Here is someone like me!
She is part of my body,
my own flesh and bones.
She came from me, a man.
So I will name her Woman!”

That’s why a man will leave his own father and mother. He marries a woman, and the two of them become like one person.

Although the man and his wife were both naked, they were not ashamed.

The snake was sneakier than any of the other wild animals that the Lord God had made. One day it came to the woman and asked, “Did God tell you not to eat fruit from any tree in the garden?”

The woman answered, “God said we could eat fruit from any tree in the garden, except the one in the middle. He told us not to eat fruit from that tree or

Storyteller: Lift Adam and Eve and hold them in the palm of each hand,... After God created heaven and earth, God made people: men and women, in the image of God.

Set down the dolls and spread out the garden. Put plants around the edges. God made a garden at Eden. Put the tree in the middle of the garden with the apple in it.

Lord God put the man in the Garden of Eden to take care of it and to look after it. *Put Adam in the garden.* But the Lord told him, “You may eat fruit from any tree in the garden, except the one in the middle of the garden.”

The Lord God said, “It isn’t good for the man to live alone. I need to make a suitable partner for him.” So the Lord brought animals to the man to see what names he would give each of them. *Bring the animals one at a time to Adam.* Then the man named animals. That’s how they got their names. But none of these was the right kind of partner for the man.

So God made the man fall into a deep sleep, and he took out one of the man’s ribs, and made a woman out of the rib.

Put Eve in the garden next to Adam. When God brought her to the man, and the man exclaimed, “Here is someone like me!

She is part of my body,
my own flesh and bones.
She came from me, a man.
So I will name her Woman!” *Put Adam and Eve in the garden.*

The snake was sneakier than any of the other wild animals that the Lord God had made. *Add the snake to the garden, near Eve.*

One day it came to the woman and asked, “Did God tell you not to eat fruit from any tree in the garden?”

The woman answered, “God said we could eat fruit from any

Story Materials

- Adam and Eve dolls
- animals
- apple
- Tree
- Garden underlay from crucifixion story

even to touch it. If we do, we will die.”

“No, you won’t!” the snake replied. “God understands what will happen on the day you eat fruit from that tree. You will see what you have done, and you will know the difference between right and wrong, just as God does.”

The woman stared at the fruit. It looked beautiful and tasty. She wanted the wisdom that it would give her, and she ate some of the fruit. Her husband was there with her, so she gave some to him, and he ate it too. Right away they saw what they had done, and they realized they were naked. Then they sewed fig leaves together to make something to cover themselves. Late in the afternoon a breeze began to blow, and the man and woman heard the Lord God walking in the garden. They were frightened and hid behind some trees.

The Lord called out to the man and asked, “Where are you?”

The man answered, “I was naked, and when I heard you walking through the garden, I was frightened and hid!”

“How did you know you were naked?” God asked. “Did you eat any fruit from that tree in the middle of the garden?”

“It was the woman you put here with me,” the man said. “She gave me some of the fruit, and I ate it.”

The Lord God then asked the woman, “What have you done?”

“The snake tricked me,” she answered. “And I ate some of that fruit.”

So the Lord God said to the snake:

“Because of what you have done,
you will be the only animal
to suffer this curse—
For as long as you live,
you will crawl on your stomach
and eat dirt.
You and this woman
will hate each other;
your descendants and hers
will always be enemies.
One of hers will strike you
on the head,
and you will strike him
on the heel.”

tree in the garden, except the one in the middle. He told us not to eat fruit from that tree or even to touch it. If we do, we will die.”

“No, you won’t!” the snake replied. “When you eat it you will know the difference between right and wrong, just as God does.”

The woman stared at the fruit. It looked beautiful and tasty. *Lift the fruit out of the tree and hold it near Eve.* She ate some of the fruit. She gave some to her husband, and he ate it too. *Hold the fruit near Adam* Right away they saw what they had done, and they realized they were naked. Then they sewed fig leaves together to make something to cover themselves. Late in the afternoon the man and woman heard the Lord God walking in the garden. They were frightened and hid behind some trees.

The Lord called out to the man and asked, “Where are you?”

Pick up Adam. The man answered, “I was naked, and when I heard you walking through the garden, I was frightened and hid!”

“How did you know you were naked?” God asked. “Did you eat any fruit from that tree in the middle of the garden?”

“It was the woman you put here with me,” the man said. “She gave me some of the fruit, and I ate it.” *Put Adam down outside the garden.*

Pick up Eve. The Lord God then asked the woman, “What have you done?”

“The snake tricked me,” she answered. “And I ate some of that fruit.” *Put Eve down outside the garden.*

Pick up the Snake: So the Lord God said to the snake:

“Because of what you have done,
you will be the only animal
to suffer this curse—

For as long as you live,
you will crawl on your stomach
and eat dirt. *Put down the snake outside the garden.*