

LESSON 2: ADAM AND EVE CHOOSE TO DISOBEY GOD

from Genesis 2:8 - 3:24

God made a beautiful garden called Eden. He put Adam and Eve in the garden to take care of the plants and the animals.

God told Adam and Eve that they could eat from all of the trees except for one tree in the middle of the garden. He told them that they would die if they ate the fruit of that one tree.

One day, the devil came to Eve and told her, "You will not die if you eat fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden. You will be like God if you eat it."

Eve saw that the fruit looked good. She believed the devil and ate some of the fruit. She gave some to Adam and he ate some too.

As soon as they ate the fruit, they were ashamed.

When God came to walk and talk in the garden that afternoon, Adam and Eve tried to hide from Him.

God asked Adam, "Where are you?"

Adam said, "When I heard your voice, we were afraid of You, so we hid."

God asked, "Did you eat from the tree that I told you not to eat from?"

Adam said, "Eve gave me the fruit, and I ate some."

God asked Eve, "What have you done?" Eve answered, "The devil tricked me, and I ate some of the fruit."

God said, "Now Adam and Eve know about good and evil." He sent Adam and Eve out of the garden. They needed to work hard and their lives were difficult.

Later, Adam and Eve had children. When they were old, Adam and Eve died, just as God had said it would happen.

1. What was the name of the beautiful garden where Adam and Eve lived?

2. What was the one rule that God gave Adam and Eve?

3. What two lies did the devil tell to Eve?

4. Did Adam and Eve obey God? _____

5. What did Adam and Eve do when God came to the garden that day?

6. Where did God send Adam and Eve?

7. Was life better or worse for Adam and Eve at the end of the story?

EXTRA QUESTIONS

8. How many rules did Adam and Eve have? _____

How many rules do you think that you have? _____

9. List three rules that your parents have for you.

10. Think about a time when you disobeyed one of your parents' rules.

Did you die? _____

The Bible tells us that ever since Adam and Eve disobeyed God, everyone who has ever lived (except Jesus) has disobeyed at least one of God's rules.

Do all people die? _____

11. Look at an icon of the resurrection that we see at Pascha. (This icon is next to page 1315 in the Orthodox Study Bible, and page 418 in the New Testament/Psalms edition.) Jesus is pulling an old man and an old woman out of their graves. Guess who they are.

The end of today's story, when Adam and Eve died, isn't the end of their story! When Jesus came back from the dead at Pascha, He brought Adam and Eve with Him to live with Him in Heaven!

12. Find and read 1 Corinthians 15:22. Fill in the blanks.

"For as in Adam all _____, even so in Christ, all shall be made _____."