

The First Sin

Our lesson for today is about the very first sin. The story is in Genesis chapter 3. Genesis is the first book of the Bible. That means it's in the Old Testament.

Read Genesis 3:1-24. Discuss the following questions:

- How do you think Adam, Eve, and the Serpent feel in this story? What was his or her goal? Why did they do what they did?
- The world was created perfectly. But suddenly the serpent appeared on the scene to disrupt its beauty. He is not called the Devil at this time, but what does Revelation 12:9 say he did which confirms his identity?
- The Devil tempts us by lying to us or luring us with things. In Genesis 2:16-17, what did Satan say in order to create doubt in Adam and Eve? What lie did he tell? What pleasure did he promise?
- Adam and Eve sinned and guilt overwhelmed them. How did they attempt to escape the consequences?
- Adam and Eve were unable to escape God. Then they started blaming others. Whom did Adam point at? And then who did Eve blame?
- God could have destroyed them. He did curse Satan who had started it all, but, at the same time, he promised Adam and Eve that someone would destroy Satan. Who was the "seed of the woman"? What would he do to Satan?
- Sometimes a person who has done something wrong will insist, "I'm not at fault. The Devil made me do it." How would you react to that dodge?

Activity

You will need a paper towel and a washable marker for this activity.

Everyone makes mistakes. Everyone sins. All of us -- including me, your parents, your teachers -- mess up and sin because of what we say and do and think. Take some time now and write down a way that you have sinned this week. You can fold it up so no one else can see it.

Then, place your paper towel into the water. Using your finger, stir it around. Watch as the writing washes away.

God washes away our sins, just like the water washed away your mistakes. When we mess up, God forgives us and sets us free from our sins. We always have second chances with God.