

Reading: Genesis Chapter 2 & 3

In our last lesson we learn't how God made Adam from the dust of the ground and God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became alive. God saw that Adam was alone and put him to sleep and took one of his ribs and from this rib God made a woman, whose name was Eve, to be a wife and a companion to Adam. And God saw that everything was very good.

God gave Adam and Eve a beautiful garden to live in called the Garden of Eden, in which God had planted flowers and fruit trees of every kind, the sunshine to give them warmth, and the animals to tend to. No doubt they had visits from the angels, to teach them about God.

Now God gave Adam and Eve one rule, that they must not eat of the tree in the middle of the garden, the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. If they did, they would die.

One day Eve was visited by an animal who was cleverer than the rest, he could talk. It was called a "Serpent". The serpent cleverly told Eve that they would not die if they ate the fruit of the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Eve listened to the serpent, and ate of the fruit and gave it to Adam to eat, and then they both were afraid and hid. When God was walking in the garden in the cool of the evening, Adam and Eve hid themselves from God. When God asked what they had done, Adam blamed Eve for eating the fruit but Eve blamed the serpent.

God punished Adam and Eve and turned them out of the garden; the ground brought forth thorns and thistles, the animals became wild; Adam had to work much harder to make their food grow; they knew they would grow old and die. Angels with a flaming sword were put at the gate of the garden so that they could not go in.

THE RESULT: When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they were no longer good, and they felt uncomfortable and hid. God was angry and sad and He had to punish them. Compare this with a child who is happy and knows he pleased his mother, but as soon as he does wrong his mother will be sad and angry and punish him. So we have to remember that just as this child's mother was sad, also God in heaven, who sees all things, is sad too, when we do wrong.

Point to remember: To show that God wishes us to be obedient and is grieved and sad when we do wrong.