



The Very First Garden

What went wrong? Will God fix it?

Story #2 | Ages 4–10 | Genesis 3

Paradise!

Adam and Eve lived in the most beautiful garden in the whole world! Flowers everywhere! Waterfalls splashing! Tigers that purred like kittens!

Best of all, **God walked with them** in the cool evening breeze. They were safe. Happy. Loved.

GOD SAYS:

"You may eat fruit from ANY tree in the garden... except one."

God pointed to the Tree of Knowing Good and Bad.

GOD SAYS:

"If you eat from that tree, you will have to leave paradise."

One rule. That was all. And it was for their *protection*.

"The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it." — Genesis 2:15

Count the Blessings!

Point to 5 beautiful things God gave Adam and Eve in the garden. Can you name them?



Did God Really Say...?

One day, a **snake** slithered up to Eve. But this wasn't a friendly garden snake. He was *sneaky*.

SNAKE HISSES:

"Did God **really** say you can't eat from ANY tree?"

Eve answered, "We can eat from all the trees except that one in the middle. If we touch it, we'll die."

SNAKE HISSES:

"You won't die! You'll be as wise as God!"

Eve looked at the fruit. It *did* look delicious. And she wanted to be wise...

Crunch. She ate it.

Adam was right there with her. Instead of saying "Stop!", he took a bite too.

Tiny Truth

The snake made God sound *mean* when God was actually being *protective*. Sometimes wrong choices look yummy or fun — but they hide hurts inside.



Sound It Out!

Hiss like the sneaky snake: "Sssssssss!"

Now whisper like God's gentle voice: "Trust Me, I love you."

Which voice feels safer?

😓 Something Broke

As soon as they ate the fruit, everything

changed.

They didn't feel happy anymore. They felt...

😨 **Scared**

😳 **Ashamed**

😓 **Like hiding**

They quickly sewed scratchy fig leaves together to cover themselves.

Then they heard **God walking** in the garden.

🌟 **GOD SAYS:**

"Where are you?"

Adam whispered from behind a bush, "I heard you... and I was **afraid.**"

God asked, "Did you eat the fruit I told you not to eat?"

Adam blamed Eve. Eve blamed the snake. No one said, "I'm sorry."

"Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked." — Genesis 3:7



💡 Tiny Truth

Wrong choices make us want to **hide**. But God still comes to find us, even when we're scared.

🙈 Have You Ever...?

Have you ever hidden after doing something wrong? God's voice calls to us like He called to Adam: "**Where are you?**" He always wants us to come back to Him!

✨ The Promise

God had sad consequences to give:

The snake would crawl on his belly forever 🐍

Work would be hard and tiring 💧

Adam and Eve had to leave the perfect garden



BUT...

God turned to the snake and said something **amazing**:

✨ GOD SAYS:

"A child of the woman will crush your head — and you will only strike His heel."

That was **God's Promise**! One day, Someone special would come to CRUSH the snake's power and FIX everything that went wrong!

"He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel." — Genesis 3:15

Before they left, God made them warm, soft **clothes from animal skins** — much better than itchy leaves! He covered their shame because He loved them.

✨ The Secret Code of Genesis 3:15

This was the very first whisper of JESUS! Satan would bite Jesus' heel (the cross hurt!). But Jesus would CRUSH Satan's head (resurrection WINS!). God always had a plan to fix what we break.



💡 Tiny Truth

We cannot fix our own "oopsies." But God **can** — and He promised He **would**. Jesus is the Fixer of everything broken!

"Promise Snake" Paper Chain

1. Cut strips of colored paper (one labeled JESUS).
2. Glue into chain links — make the snake shape!
3. At the tail end, write "Sin."
4. At the head, write "JESUS WINS!" in gold.
5. Hang it up to remember: **God's promise crushes the snake!**

Discussion: What looks like it could win — a tiny heel or a snake's fang? God's ways are surprising!

"Covered with Love" Craft

1. Trace child's hand on brown paper (the "animal skin").
2. Cut out and staple to make a tiny coat shape.
3. Decorate with stickers, stamps, sparkles.
4. Write inside: "God covers my oopsies with LOVE."

Memory Verse Song (Tune: "Happy Birthday"):

*"God made a promise,
Jesus will come,
Crush all the darkness,
His Kingdom has WON!"*

Family Discussion Time

1. What was the one rule God gave in the garden? Why do you think He gave it?
2. Have you ever done something wrong because something "looked fun" but it wasn't? What happened?
3. Why did Adam and Eve hide from God? Do we ever hide from people when we feel bad?
4. What did God promise in Genesis 3:15? Who is the "child of the woman" who crushes the snake?
5. How did Jesus "crush the snake's head" at the cross and resurrection? Why does that fix everything?
6. God made clothes for Adam and Eve. How does God "cover" our shame today? (Hint: Romans 3:23-24!)

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God Always Keeps His Promises!

When we break things, God doesn't break His love.

He promised a Rescuer... and **Jesus came.** ✨

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The Big Boat

Noah trusts God when everyone else forgets.

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