

## Digging Deeper

### Temptation's Pattern?

- When we allow ourselves to be drawn away from God, the underlying motive is one of three things.
- We either choose to seek after something that looks attractive on the surface, like Eve seeing the fruit to be lovely, Or we give in to the enticements of basic desires (she pictured the fruit as tasting good).
- Or we let pride get the upper hand, as Eve did in wanting the fruit because it would make her wise.
- The New Testament refers to these three motivating forces as “the desire of the eye, the desire of the body, and the pride of life” (1 John 2:16)
- We must understand that all sin can be traced back to our failure to put proper controls on these three areas of our life.
- How does understanding how temptation works help us to overcome it?

## Family Activity

- Items needed: paper, markers, tape. Give each one a sheet of paper. Invite everyone to draw on the paper with the markers, then guide them to rip it into 3 or 4 pieces.
- SAY\*God created the world, and everything was good. Then, the serpent tricked Eve into eating the fruit, and Adam ate, too. Sin entered the world, and Adam and Eve's sin separated them from God. Everything was broken, like your artwork. God knew that every person would sin, so he planned to send Jesus to pay for that sin by dying on the cross and rising from the dead. Help everyone tape their paper back together.
- SAY\*God sent Jesus so that we could be forgiven. He came to fix all the brokenness that was caused by sin. Jesus doesn't just tape us all back together, though, He makes us new – as if we've never sinned!

# Devotional Guide

*For Individuals and Families (Issue #2)*

## THE JOURNEY DERAILED

God put Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, a beautiful place where they could live and take care of the things God had created. In the garden, they enjoyed a perfect relationship with God and each other. God told Adam and Eve they could eat anything in the garden except the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. God told them that if they ate from this tree, they would die.

One day Satan slipped into the Garden of Eden taking on the form of a serpent. The serpent spoke to Eve. The serpent told Eve that God was trying to keep her from being like God – the eternal One. Eve believed the serpent. She took a piece of fruit and ate it. Then she gave a piece of fruit to Adam, and he took a bite, too. When Adam and Eve ate the fruit, they disobeyed God, and sin entered the world. Their choice broke their relationship with God.

By their action Adam and Eve set in motion the process of sin that has polluted human existence ever since. Sin is a violation of what God commands. What Adam and Eve soon learned is that Satan had deceived them. While eating the forbidden fruit did open their eyes to new realities, they did not gain godlike power at all. What they experienced more than anything else was shame. Sin and shame make it impossible to feel comfortable in God's presence. The next time God came to the garden, Adam and Eve hid from Him (Genesis 3:8-10).

**Journey Through the Bible**  
**Journey to a Better Family**

**Mile Marker**  
**Genesis 3**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Discussing Sin...

- **READ ALOUD** Genesis 3:6-7, "So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings."
- What consequences of sin do we face today? (We are separated from God, and we need a Savior; Genesis 3:22-24; 1 Timothy 1:15)
- What is sin? Sin is breaking God's law, and sin separates people from God.
- Are we able to keep all God's commands? (Romans 3:23)
- Read 2 Corinthians 5:10.
- Discuss: Who is responsible for their sins today? (Hint: use 2 Corinthians 5:10 to find the answer)

**With open Bibles, search for the answers:**

\*Where did Adam and Eve live before they sinned? (Gen. 2:8)

\*What one command did God give Adam and Eve? (2:16-17)

\*What did the serpent tell Eve about the fruit? (3:4-5)

\*What were the consequences of Adam and Eve's sin? (3:16-24)

\*How did God show mercy to Adam and Eve before He sent them away? (3:21)

\*What two things did God station at the entrance of the Garden of Eden? (3:22-24)

## GOALS THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY

- Review/Discuss notes from Bible class.

### MONDAY

- Read **THE BIG STORY** from page #1
- With open Bibles, search for the answers to the questions on page #2

### TUESDAY

- Complete "Discussing Sin" from page #2

### WEDNESDAY

- Review/Discuss notes from Bible class.

### THURSDAY

- Read and work on **MEMORY VERSES** below

### FRIDAY

- Use **DIGGING DEEPER** from page #4 as a guide for discussion.

### SATURDAY

- Complete **FAMILY ACTIVITY** from page #4

## MEMORY VERSES

- Romans 3:23, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
- 1 Timothy 1:15, "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief."
- Matthew 19:4-5, "And he answered and said, 'Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?'"