A Bible Story



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Disobedience in the Garden

A story about a sad decision, its consequences, and God's care.



A Deceptive Question

The serpent was very crafty. He approached Eve and asked, “Did God really say that you must not eat from any tree in the garden?” even though that was not what God had said.



Eve Remembered the Instruction

Eve answered that they could eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. Only the tree in the middle was forbidden; they were not to eat its fruit or touch it, or they would die.



The Serpent Contradicted God

Then the serpent said, “You shall not surely die.” He said that if they ate, their eyes would be opened and they would know good and evil. He wanted Eve to distrust God.



Eve Made a Decision

Eve saw that the fruit looked good to eat, beautiful, and desirable for gaining wisdom. Instead of trusting God, she took some of the fruit.



Adam Ate Too

Eve ate the fruit and then gave some to Adam, who was with her. Adam ate too. Both had chosen to disobey God's instruction.



They Felt Ashamed

Suddenly they realized they were naked and felt ashamed. They joined fig leaves together and made coverings. The peace they had enjoyed was broken.



They Hid

When they heard God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, Adam and Eve were afraid and hid among the trees. Before, they had rejoiced in His presence; now they were afraid.



God Called Adam

God called, “Where are you?” Adam answered that he was afraid because he was naked, so he hid. God asked whether he had eaten from the forbidden tree.



They Did Not Accept Responsibility

Adam blamed Eve, and Eve explained that the serpent had deceived her. Each told what had happened, but neither began by simply admitting his or her own decision.



There Would Be Consequences

God announced that the serpent would be humbled and that a descendant of the woman would defeat it. There would also be pain, hard work, and difficulty. The ground would produce thorns, and one day Adam and Eve would return to dust. Even then, God was already giving them a promise of hope.



God Gave Them Clothing

Adam called his wife Eve because she would become the mother of all people. God made coats of skins for Adam and Eve and clothed them. Even in that sad moment, He cared for them.



They Left the Garden

So they would not eat from the tree of life and live forever in that condition, God sent them out of Eden. There they would work the ground from which Adam had been formed.



The Way Was Guarded

God placed cherubim east of the garden and a flaming sword that moved to guard the way to the tree of life. Adam and Eve began a new life outside Eden, upheld by the hope God had given them.