

## DAY THREE - THE FALL OF MAN

*To do today: Color ornament #3, read the following story and choose which activities you would like to do.*

### *The Sin of God's People*

The Paradise in which Adam and Eve lived had everything to make them happy. There were birds and flowers and trees of all kinds. One day God said to Adam: "Of every tree of Paradise you shall eat. But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat. For if you do eat of it, you shall die the death." Now, one time when Eve was walking in the garden looking at the lovely fruit God had given them, the devil in the form of a serpent spoke to her from one of the trees and said: "Why did God command that you should not eat of every tree of Paradise?" Eve answered: "We do eat of the fruit of the trees that are in Paradise. But of the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of Paradise, God has commanded us that we should not eat, lest perhaps we die." But the serpent said: "No, you shall not die the death, but your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as God, knowing good and evil." Eve believed the serpent. She took of the fruit and ate, and also gave her husband to eat. Then the eyes of their souls were opened so that they could know good and evil, and they knew that they had done wrong.

### *God's Wonderful Promise*

When Adam and Eve saw what they had done, they were ashamed and sad and they hid themselves among the trees. God called Adam and said to him: "Where are you?" Adam answered: "I heard Your voice in Paradise, I was afraid, and I hid myself." Then Adam told God that it was the woman who gave him the fruit to eat, and God said to Eve: "Why have you done this?" She answered: "The serpent deceived me and I did eat." And the Lord told the serpent that because he did this, he would be cursed among all the cattle and beasts of the earth: and would creep on his breast and eat earth all the days of his life. And He spoke these words to the serpent: "I will put enmities between thee and the woman, and thy seed and her seed: she shall crush thy head, and thou shalt lie in wait for her heel." And to Adam He said: "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree which I commanded you not to eat, the earth is cursed in your work: you shall sweat with labor and toil all the days of your life. It shall bring forth thistles to you: and you shall eat the plants of the earth. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the earth out of which you were taken: for dust you are and into dust you shall return.

Then God sent Adam and Eve out of the beautiful Paradise and put an angel with a flaming sword at the gate, so that they could never again come back. Poor Adam and Eve! They went away very sad, but they knew that God did not punish them forever. When He said the words: "I shall put enmities between thee and the woman" He meant to tell them that some day He would send a Redeemer who would open for them the gates of heaven which were now closed on account of their sin. That was a wonderful promise. Adam and Eve always remembered it. They often spoke about it to their children and told them never to forget that some day God would keep His promise and send them a Redeemer.

***Now answer the following questions:***

1.) Why did Eve eat of the forbidden fruit?

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2.) What did the serpent tell Eve?

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3.) Did the serpent's words come true?

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4.) How did Adam and Eve feel after they had eaten of the fruit?

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5.) How did God punish the serpent?

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6.) How did God punish Adam and Eve?

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8.) Was heaven closed forever after the sin of Adam and Eve?

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9.) With what words did God promise a Redeemer?

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*Other stories you might like to read if time permits:*

From: Anecdotes and Examples by Rev. Francis Spirago

A variety of stories start on pg. 49 and go through 55.

*Coordinating Bible Verses:* Genesis 3: 1-7 and 23-24

**More things for you to do:**

- 1.) Imagine that you are Adam or Eve and that their children are all around you asking for a story. Tell them about the beautiful garden you used to live in, about the tree in the middle of Paradise, and what happened after you ate the fruit. Let them ask you questions. Be sure to tell them especially about God's promise to send a Redeemer and to remind them that they and their children should always remember that promise and watch for the coming of the Redeemer.
- 2.) Draw or cut out the Tree of Knowledge with the serpent wound about it. Tell the story.
- 3.) Study by heart the promise of a Redeemer God made in Paradise to Adam and Eve.
- 4.) Write in your character book: When I am tempted to do wrong, I will pray, "Jesus, help me!"
- 5.) Write a little story about some children who were disobedient and were very sorry after they saw what happened.

**Good things for you to read:**

"The Garden of Paradise," A Child's Garden of Religion Stories, Matimore, page 9.

"Tried and Found Faithful," Ideal Catholic Reader, Book IV, page 164.

"The Carrier Pigeons," Ideal Catholic Reader, Book IV, page 201.

"The First Rain," American Cardinal Reader, Book IV, page 171.

**Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the box below:**

<b>Adam</b>	<b>Eve</b>	<b>heaven</b>	<b>Redeemer</b>	<b>serpent</b>	<b>God</b>	<b>Paradise</b>	<b>tree</b>	<b>fruit</b>
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- a.) The first man and woman were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- b.) They lived in a place called \_\_\_\_\_.
- c.) God told them they should not eat of the fruit of one \_\_\_\_\_ which stood in the middle of Paradise.
- d.) Eve took \_\_\_\_\_ from the forbidden tree and ate it.
- e.) The \_\_\_\_\_ tempted Eve to take the fruit.
- f.) \_\_\_\_\_ punished Adam and Eve by sending them out of Paradise.
- g.) The sin of Adam and Eve closed not only Paradise but also \_\_\_\_\_.
- h.) God promised to send Adam and Eve a \_\_\_\_\_.