WEEK 5

Adam and Eve Choose



Big Idea: God is loving. He took my consequences.

Memory Verse

***"For the wages [cost] of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 6:23).**

Word of the Week

"Consequence" - A consequence is something that happens because of a choice we make. Often good actions lead to good consequences, and bad actions lead to bad consequences.

This week's lesson

is based on **Genesis 2:16**; **3:17**; and *Patriarchs and Prophets*, pp. 52-70.

Sunday

Two Trees, Two Choices

Every day Adam and Eve smiled and laughed together. They loved their home in the Garden of Eden. They had the important and fun job of being the gardeners. Together they planted seeds and shaped the vines. In the cool evenings they would walk and talk with God. Life couldn't be more perfect.

But one evening, as they walked together, God told Adam and Eve a very important story. He told them about an angel called Lucifer. This angel had wanted to be more important than God. He had tricked other angels with his lies. His name was now Satan. God warned Adam and Eve that Satan would want to trick them into disobeying God too.

God also pointed out two special trees in the garden. A "help yourself" tree and a "don't touch it" tree. The "help yourself" tree was called the tree of life. It looked amazing! It grew over the beautiful river and had 12 different delicious fruits! Yum! If they ate this fruit, they would live forever. What a special tree.

Then God's voice became very serious as He told Adam and Eve about the "don't touch it" tree. It was called the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It also had yummy-looking fruit, but what did God say about it? Read **Genesis 2:16, 17**.



Adam and Eve nodded their heads and listened closely to God's warnings and rules. God is loving, so He let them choose to follow Him or disobey.

I Wonder

» What are some things your parents have told you to stay away from?

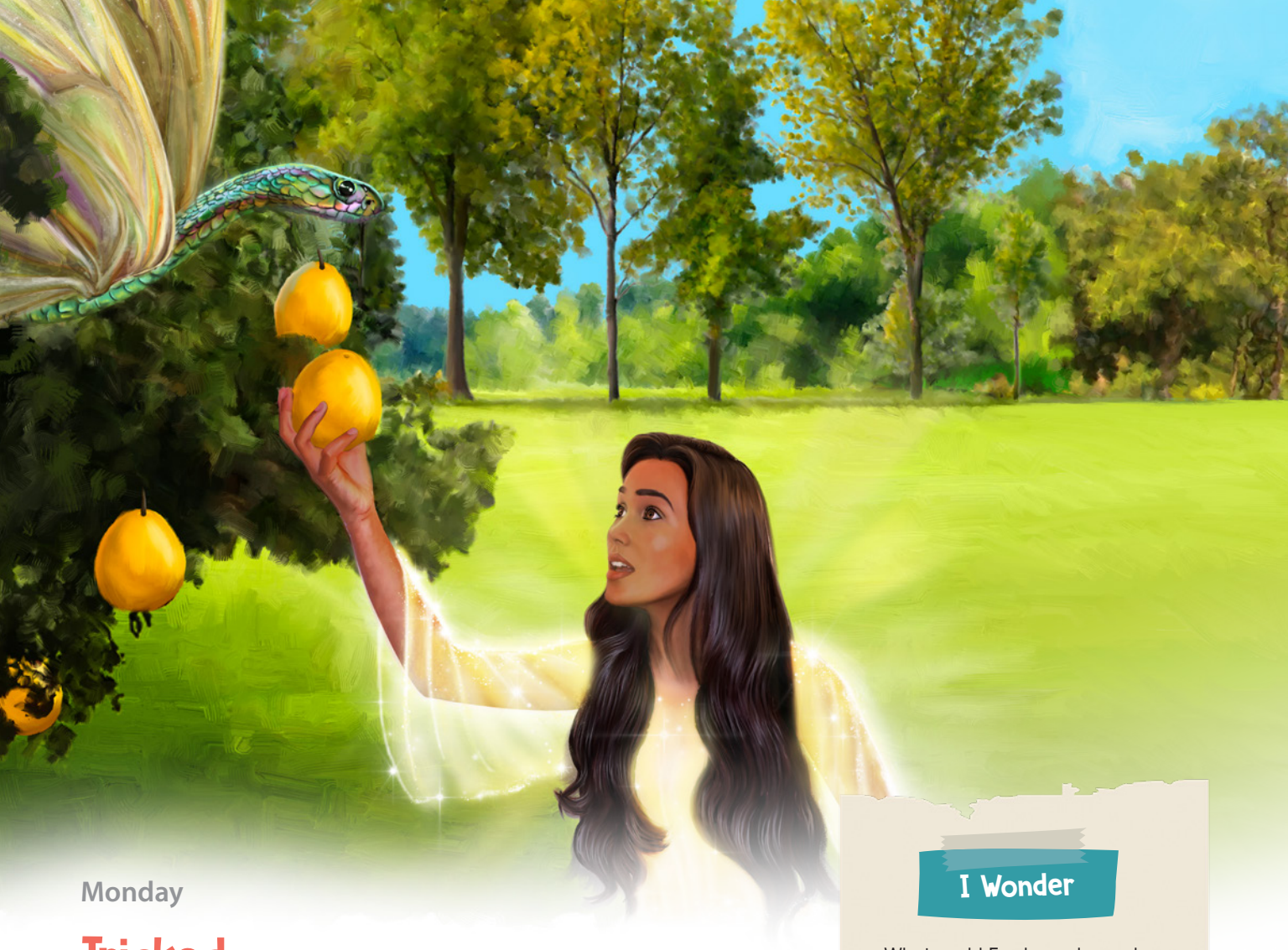
» What would be the consequences if you disobeyed?

Prayer Idea

Thank God for teaching us, in the Bible, the difference between right and wrong.

Do

Make up a song about obeying (using the tune of a song you know) or sing the chorus of the song "Trust and Obey."



Monday

Tricked

Little insects and happy green frogs sang together beneath tall trees. Eve smiled as she walked along. What a beautiful day it was! Suddenly Eve stopped. Her eyes opened wide. Right in front of her was the "don't touch it" tree, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. *Wow! The fruit is so beautiful*, Eve thought to herself (Genesis 3:6).

A smooth voice came from inside the tree: "Did God really say that you must not eat fruit from any tree in the garden?" (Genesis 3:1, ICB).

Eve looked closer. She saw a serpent with sparkly golden wings. What a surprise! Serpents don't talk! But this one did.

"We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," Eve replied. "But God told us, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden. You must not even touch it, or you will die' " (Genesis 3:2, 3, ICB).

What did the serpent say next? Read **Genesis 3:4**.

What a big lie! God had very clearly warned Adam and Eve that if they ate from this tree they would die. But the serpent said they wouldn't die. He called God a liar! Do you think you might know who this lying serpent was? Yes, Satan!

Would Adam and Eve believe Satan and eat the fruit, or would they obey their loving Creator and Friend?

I Wonder

» What could Eve have done when she felt tempted?

» What is something you could do the next time you feel tempted to do something wrong?

Prayer Idea

Ask God to help you choose to obey His ways every day.

Do

Make a red stop sign. Ask a parent to help you with the shape and words. Write on it: "STOP, THINK, PRAY, and MAKE a good choice."

Memory Verse

Tuesday

Making Choices

Eve looked at the tree. She looked at the beautiful fruit. She made a choice. Reaching out her hand, "she took some of its fruit and ate it" (Genesis 3:6, ICB). Crunch. Oh, no!

Soon Eve stood in front of Adam, holding the fruit proudly in her hands. Adam's eyes opened wide in shock. *That was fruit from the "don't touch it" tree! Why was Eve holding it?* Eve gave the fruit to Adam and told him that she had eaten it and was fine. There was nothing to worry about.

What did Adam do? Read **Genesis 3:6**.

Instantly "the eyes of both of them were opened" (Genesis 3:7). They saw things differently. They looked at each other in surprise. Their robes of light had faded away! They were suddenly naked, cold . . . and scared!

Quickly Adam and Eve stitched fig leaves together to try to cover themselves up. They felt terrible!

God had seen the whole thing. He knew they had eaten the fruit, and it made Him so sad. He knew they were now experiencing the sad consequences of sin. But God wanted to give them another choice. He loved them so much.

I Wonder

» What choice did Eve make with the fruit?

» What choice did Adam make with the fruit?

» What choice do you think God hoped they would make now?

Prayer Idea

Thank God that His love never changes, even when we make big mistakes.

Memory Verse

Parent Faith Talk

Share how you have personally experienced God's great love and forgiveness.



Wednesday

Hiding From God

What was that noise? Adam and Eve froze and listened. It was God. He was coming in the cool of the day, as He always did! Normally Adam and Eve were excited to see God, but not this time. Their hearts pounded hard, and they ran away fast.

Hiding in the dark shadows, they heard God's loving voice calling out, "Where are you?" (Genesis 3:9). Of course, God knew exactly where they were, but He wanted them to choose to come to Him to talk about their big problem and fears.

Scared and embarrassed, Adam and Eve finally came out of their hiding place with their heads bent low.

Standing in front of God, Adam spoke with a quiet voice, "I heard You walking in the garden. I was afraid because I was naked. So I hid" (Genesis 3:10, ICB).

God looked at both of them with tender care. He said, "Did you eat fruit from that tree? I commanded you not to eat from that tree" (Genesis 3:11, ICB).

What did they say to God? Read **Genesis 3:12, 13**.

Were they saying they were sorry? No! They were too busy pointing the finger and blaming others for their bad choices.

I Wonder

» How do you feel when you do the wrong thing? Do you hide, or tell the person caring for you right away?

» It can be hard to say you're sorry instead of blaming someone else. Who can help you?

Prayer Idea

Thank God that you can always tell Him about your problems and fears.

Do

Play a game of hide-and-seek with a friend or family member. Think about how our loving God went looking for Adam and Eve to help them.

Memory Verse

Thursday

A Sad World

Adam and Eve looked at the ground. They hadn't told God the truth. They hadn't said they were sorry!

God sadly explained the consequences of their sin. Sin caused pain, sadness, and death. They would one day die. So would the plants and animals.

Then God led Adam and Eve to the entrance of the garden and told them they must leave. God placed angels with flashing, fiery swords at the entrance. God had to make sure people could no longer eat from the tree of life, otherwise they would live forever in sadness and pain.

Oh, how different Adam and Eve's lives were now! Weeds and prickles began to grow among the grass and vegetables. The flowers drooped, the leaves fell. The fruit never again tasted as sweet and juicy. Adam and Eve would get sick, feel pain, and grow old. That is a lot of sad consequences. If only they had chosen to follow God's ways.

But their loving God would still be very close. His great love would do everything to save them. The Bible tells us "For the wages (cost) of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

I Wonder

» What do you think Adam and Eve missed the most after leaving the Garden of Eden?

Prayer Idea

Thank God that although "the wages of sin is death . . . the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

Do

Go for a nature walk and collect things that remind you of sin in the world (e.g., dead leaves, prickles). Place these things on the ground in the shape of a heart. Thank God that His love never changes.

Memory Verse



Friday

The Best Promise

The world was in a huge mess! Adam and Eve had eaten the fruit and disobeyed God. Now sin and death spread everywhere. But God and His Son loved the world too much to leave us to die. As soon as Adam and Eve disobeyed, God and Jesus had a plan.

What was that plan? Read **John 3:16**.

This is the best news ever! Jesus loved sinful people so much that He came into the world as a little baby. He grew up and then died to save us. One day He'll come back to this world to take those who love Him to be with Him forever in heaven and the earth made new. The Bible says, "How wide and how long and how deep [His] love is" (Ephesians 3:18, ICB).

God loved Adam and Eve when they chose to obey and when they didn't. They had to live with the consequences, but He'd always love them and be there to help them every day. Jesus loves you that much too. Even if you were the only person in the whole world, Jesus would have come and died to save *just you*.



I Wonder

» What's the best news ever found in this lesson?

» Whom can you tell?

Prayer Idea

Thank Jesus for His loving plan to save you.

Do

With help from an adult, write your memory verse (Romans 6:23) on a piece of paper. Wrap it up in wrapping paper, or tie a ribbon around it, as you would a present. Give it to someone to remind them of God's gift of love and His forgiveness.

Memory Verse

Family Journal

» Who made choices in this lesson? What were they? What happened because of these choices?

» Draw a picture of the sad consequences of sin for our world.

» Below this picture, draw another simple picture of what Jesus did to save us from this sad consequence. Thank Him together.

For You, Parents

"Christ was treated as we deserve, that we might be treated as He deserves. He was condemned for our sins, in which He had no share, that we might be justified by His righteousness, in which we had no share. He suffered the death which was ours, that we might receive the life which was His" (Ellen G. White, *The Desire of Ages*, p. 25).

Love No Matter the Cost

Molly raced out to the yard with a happy shout. The 7-year-old, from Florida in the United States, loved playing outside.

As Molly started to play, her grandmother followed behind her. And so did Haus, her big German shepherd dog. Wherever Molly went, Haus went too. Haus loved Molly. He was always close behind her, keeping her safe.

Suddenly Haus heard a rattling noise. His ears pricked up as he noticed something slithering in the grass. It was a rattlesnake!

Faster than lightning, Haus ran toward the deadly snake. The brave dog stood between the snake and Molly. The snake bit Haus. But Haus would not back away. He would protect Molly no matter what!

Finally Molly's furry friend won—he saved Molly! But he had been bitten three times by the deadly rattlesnake. Haus was very hurt. Quickly Molly's family raced him to the vet.

The vet worked hard to save Haus' life. The dog needed a lot of care, and it cost a lot of money. People from all over the country heard about Molly's brave dog. Haus was a hero! They wanted to help—so together they paid the vet bills. Everyone was so happy to see how much this dog loved Molly.

Finally Haus came home. It was a miracle! Molly was so excited to welcome home her brave dog. He had been willing to die to save her.

Jesus is a lot like Haus. His heart is full and overflowing with love for you. Jesus' love is so big that He was willing to have a big battle with a serpent named Satan. He even died so you could live. What a wonderful, loving Savior!

