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Harmony Broken

Key References: Genesis 3; *Patriarchs and Prophets,* chap. 3, pp. 52-62; *The Bible Story* (1994), vol. 1, pp. 61-77; Our Beliefs, nos. 7, 8, 19













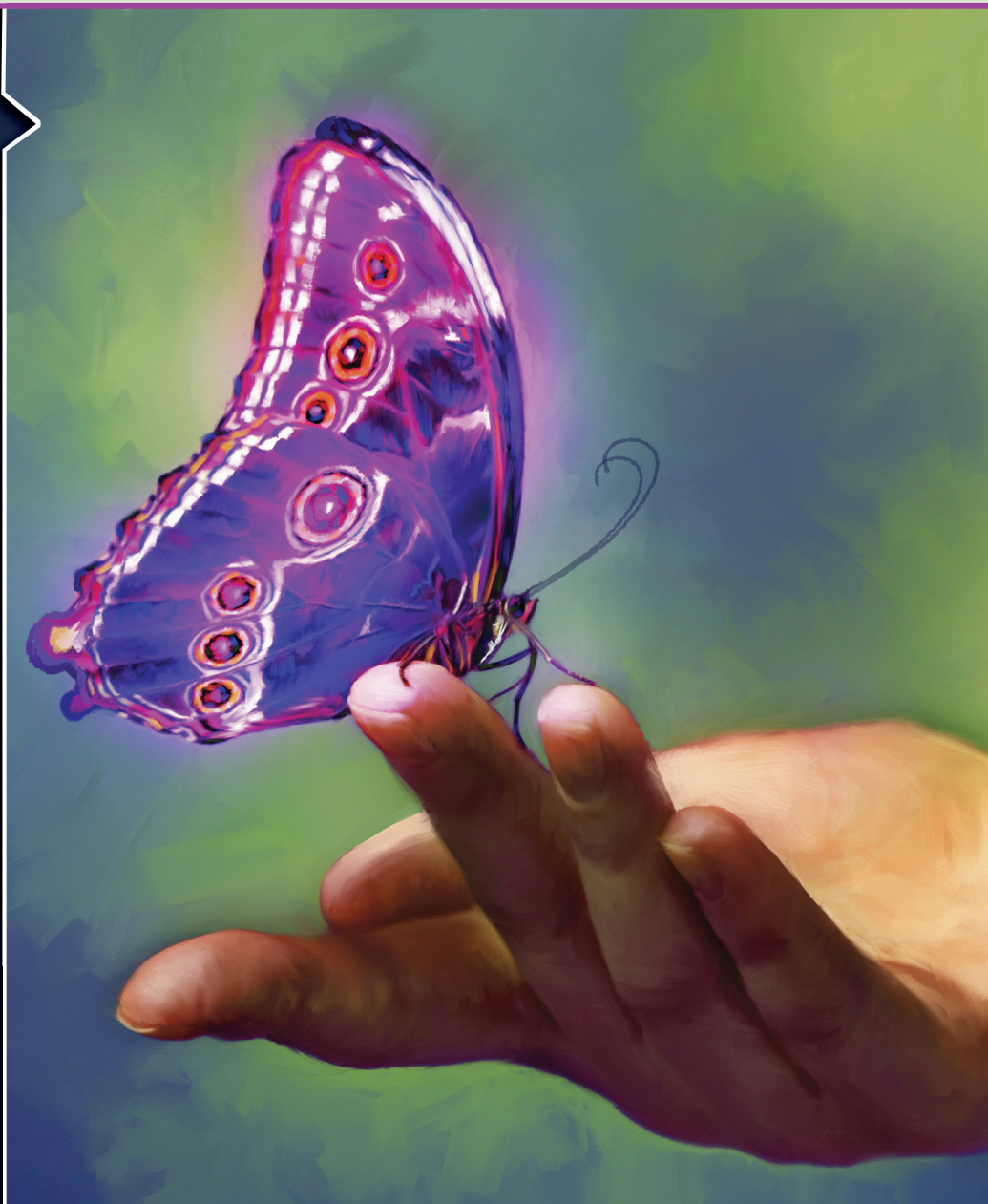

Sabbath

DO Do this week's activity on page 32.

power**text**

"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me" (Psalm 51:10).

power**Point**

We choose to worship God, who keeps us from falling.

Have you ever done something that turned out bad? Have you ever wished you could change something you did back to the way it was before? That's how Adam and Eve felt. Try to picture what may have happened on the day when they made the worst choice of their lives.

Eve felt the tiny feet of a butterfly when it landed on her hand, and she woke up. The tiny wings waved as if saying, "Wake up, you sleepyhead." Eve looked for Adam and found him standing nearby.

"What will we do today?" she asked.

"Today I want to work on the trellis for the outer wall of the garden," said Adam.

"I want to gather berries," Eve said.

"We can do . . . ," Adam said at the same time that Eve said, "We can do . . ." and in unison they finished, "both." They laughed. It was amazing how much alike they were.

Adam and Eve had learned so many things. The Creator had shown them the intricacies of the blades of grass under their feet. He had explained how they could smell the fragrance of the flowers, how they could see the colors of the birds, and how they could hear the sound of water across rocks. Yes, they had learned so many things, but they had so much more to learn. They knew they would never tire of exploring their new world.

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Sunday

READ Read Genesis 3:1-5 and this week's story, "Harmony Broken."

LEARN Memorize the power text, Psalm 51:10.

ASK Pray for the Holy Spirit to help you understand what God has done to solve the problems caused by Adam and Eve's first sin.

Monday

READ Read Genesis 3:6-15.

WRITE In your Bible journal, write in your own words the meaning of God's promise to Adam and Eve (verse 15).

MARK Underline the words in verse 15. What is your understanding of this promise?

PRAY Thank God for His promise to redeem us from the curse of sin.

Tuesday

READ Read Romans 5:12.

MARK Underline the words that show that sin entered the world through one man and that death came to all men. The sin of Adam and Eve caused sin and death to come to all their descendants. Everyone inherited this changed condition.

REFLECT Think about how sin has affected your life. For what things do you need to ask God's help?

PRAY Tell God how you feel about the whole sin problem that happened because of Adam and Eve's choice.



Each day angels from heaven answered their questions and told them stories. One story troubled them: the story of the rebellion in heaven. Angels told Adam and Eve the sad story of Lucifer, the brilliant one who had fought against God. They explained how he had traveled from world to world trying to gain new members for his war against God.

"God's enemy is also your enemy," the angels said. Adam and Eve were relieved to learn that the enemy could not approach them and could not follow them around. God had restricted him to the tree. Adam looked at Eve, and Eve looked at Adam. Now they understood why God had told them not to eat from the fruit of this tree. *How wonderful that the Creator had warned them.*

"Stay together," the angel said. "You will be stronger to resist the enemy if you are not alone."

Together they worked on the trellis. Eve held vines while Adam tied them together. Then Eve saw a berry bush and ran to it delighted. She plucked a berry and popped it into her mouth. Then she saw another bush and ran to it. Then she saw another and another. Finally she



stopped. "Adam, look at these," she said as she turned, but he wasn't there. A chill traveled up her backbone, but she thought, *It doesn't matter. Adam can work on the trellis while I find berries.*

Eve remembered the angel's words, "Stay together." *I'm smart enough to recognize the enemy if I see him,* she mused, *and besides, the tree is on the other side of the garden*. Eve continued her wandering until she found herself at the tree. This fruit is so beautiful. It looks delicious. I wonder why the Creator would not want us to eat it?

"Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" a tantalizing voice seemed to come out of nowhere as if reading her mind and answering her unspoken question. Eve looked around. No one was there, neither Adam, nor an angel. A serpent was in the branches of the tree, surrounded by clusters of fruit.

"We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," answered Eve, "but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

"You will not certainly die," sounded the smooth, tempting voice of the serpent. "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Eve looked at the fruit. She looked at the serpent. *Isn't this a most interesting creature God has made?* she wondered in amazement.

Eve sank her teeth into the pithy whiteness. *It is so sweet. This is delicious! I've got to tell Adam!* she thought.



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Wednesday

READ Read Matthew 15:19 and 1 Corinthians 15:22.

THINK Reflect on how Adam's sin brought death while Jesus' sacrifice offers eternal life for all who believe.

REMEMBER Recall a time you were shown mercy by someone instead of being penalized. What was your reaction? Remember to be like Jesus and show mercy to those who wrong you.

PRAY Ask God to help change you into someone more like Him.

Thursday

READ Read Galatians 5:24 and 2 Corinthians 5:17.

DISCUSS With an adult, talk about the meaning of these texts.

APPLY Those who belong to Jesus are like new people. In what areas of your life do you need God's help so that you can become a new person?

PRAY Thank God for giving us a way to overcome sin.

Friday

READ Read Genesis 1:26 and Psalm 51:10.

DISCUSS At family worship, talk about how God created us in His image and how He offers to re-create us into His image. What was God's solution to the problem of sin?

SHARE Tell someone what you have learned about how sin changed human nature and how God can change us into His likeness.

PRAY Thank God for Jesus, who restores in us God's image and helps us become more like Him.

Eve plucked some pieces of fruit and ran to find him. Adam heard Eve coming before he saw her. She sounded excited. Then he saw the fruit.

"Eve, what have you done?" he asked with a terrified look on his face after listening to her account. Adam realized the gravity of Eve's act. He knew that the consequences of her sin would lead to death. But he could not bear the thought of being separated from the one he loved so much. So he took a piece of fruit and ate it.

Both Adam and Eve realized that they had disobeyed the Creator's command, and for the first time in their lives they were afraid. They ran from the presence of God and looked for a hiding place among the bushes of the garden.

It wasn't long before they heard the familiar voice of the Creator calling them.

"Where are you?"

They felt terribly guilty.

"I heard You in the garden, and I was afraid," Adam replied.

"Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" God questioned.

Adam pointed to Eve. "She gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

"What is this you have done?" God questioned Eve.

"The serpent deceived me, and I ate," she replied.

Adam and Eve realized the change in themselves that sin had caused. Where they were once happy, they were now sad. Where they once had peace, they were now afraid. Where they once had thought only of the well-being of the other, they were now concerned with self. If only they could reverse their poor choice . . . but it was too late.

God looked at the serpent and said, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life."

Then the Creator turned to Eve, saying, "I will make your pains in childbearing very severe."

Finally God spoke to Adam and said, "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life."

The Creator looked sadly at Adam and Eve, who had joined the rebellion against God. Yet He did not leave them without hope. The sentence pronounced against Satan, the enemy, was a promise to Adam and Eve: "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel" (Genesis 3:15).

Satan had expected to have full control of Adam and Eve and their descendants. Instead he learned that they would have a way to resist him. By faith in the promised Redeemer they would one day return to the paradise they had lost. This thought gave Adam and Eve a glimmer of hope. Their hearts united in praise to the Creator for His rescue plan.



PUZZLE 3

"GOD HAS A PLAN" PUZZLE

Instructions: Decode a Bible verse and Ellen G. White quote by finding the letter sections where the specified letter and number intersect in the chart. Form words by writing the letter sections on the lines below. Spaces in the code indicate spaces between words.

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