In the Beginning...Jesus

Lesson 4
The Fall, the Curse, and the Promise

Themes:

- God created man and woman in His image and likeness.
- The man and woman were to love, trust, and obey God as their good, loving Sovereign Ruler.
- The man and woman wanted to be independent from God and disobeyed His command—that is sin.
- God is right to punish sin with death.
- God had a plan for solving the problem of sin and death.

Scripture:

Genesis 1:1-27; 2:18-23; 3:1-19, 24

Memory Verse:

Isaiah 53:4 (and review verse 3)

Today's Clues:

DISOBEDIENCE—DEATH, HEEL AND SERPENT'S HEAD

Home and Heart:

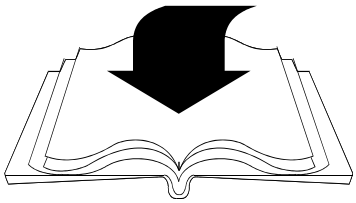
Review Genesis 3:1-19. Why is disobedience to God such a big deal? It was only one little sin! Why couldn't God say, "So you made a mistake. I'll ignore it, and we'll pretend it never happened"? Read Psalm 119:89, 160. When God gives a command, is it right and true? If He were to go back and change it, could He be trusted? Why not? Why is this important to know? To go back on His word would make God a liar. God is right, and everything He says is true—He is righteous! Read Habakkuk 1:13a. Explain that God is holy—completely separate from sin and wrong. He will not look on disobedience and say, "That's okay." Do you feel your own sin has separated you from a perfect relationship with God?

Point out that death was not the only punishment of the man's disobedience. How does what happened in the garden of Eden affect your life? Do you see the "after" effects of sin? Read Romans 1:21-22. How did the man and woman fail to honor God? How did they fail to give thanks to Him? What do the words "futile" and "foolish" mean? What do you think a "darkened heart" is? Read verse 23. What does it mean to "exchange" something? Do you think you have a darkened heart? Read and discuss Romans 3:23.

One of today's clues was in Genesis 3:15, a heel and a serpent. What might this clue hint at? How might this clue relate to Jesus and His death on the cross? Now that we have the whole Bible, do we know how God solved the problem of sin and death, which began in the garden?



DISCOVER MORE



Genesis

This week, read Genesis 3 again. Fill in the missing letters to complete the words found in chapter 3. The meaning of each word is given to the right of the boxes to help you. The first one is done for you.

M	a	n	→ God's first image bearer

					→ Man's helper

							→ The creature who tempted the woman

						→ To be tricky and cunning

							→ Something that gives joy

						→ Found on trees

								→ To be tricked or lied to

						→ Hatred and hostility

						→ To experience punishment and judgment

									→ Children, grandchildren,...

				→ Hurt

								→ Prickly plants

					→ A result of working very hard