

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, we want **YOU to be the one to introduce** this part of The Big God Story to them.

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GOD IS REDEEMER

The Fall and Restoration

Genesis 2—3

Adam and Eve chose to sin by disobeying God and eating forbidden fruit. Though mankind's relationship with God was severed, we have the promise of redemption and restoration through Jesus Christ.

JUST FOR FUN

Find a garden setting. Sit under a tree or go to a nearby park. **Read Genesis 3:1–13.** After you've read, ask your children if they understand what sin is. Explain that anytime we choose to disobey God, we're sinning. Adam and Eve disobeyed God when they ate the fruit He told them not to eat. God doesn't want us to ever try to hide our sins from Him like Adam and Eve tried to do. He wants us to talk to Him about our sins and ask for forgiveness. He wants to forgive us.

REMEMBER VERSE

*You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory
and honor and power, for you created all things.*

Revelation 4:11a

DID YOU KNOW?

- God told Adam and Eve they were free to eat the fruit from any tree in the garden except one—the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.
- The serpent convinced Eve to eat the forbidden fruit. Adam then followed by eating of the fruit when she offered it to him.
- Though Adam and Eve's sin separated them from a relationship with God, He established the plan for salvation and redemption.

DEVELOPMENT

Young children think literally. When speaking to your child about sin and salvation, beware of using phrases such as “accept Jesus into your heart,” which could lead to confusion about the gospel message. Instead, talk about asking God for His forgiveness and inviting Him to lead your life.

TEACHABLE MOMENTS

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss the following together:

- **What did the serpent tell Eve?**
- **What did Adam and Eve do after they ate the fruit?**
- **What happened when Adam and Eve chose to disobey God?**

BLESSING

A blessing can be a spoken prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words of encouragement and guidance over your child. For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** @ HomeFrontMag.com.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), **may you know that God knows everything about you, and He always loves you. May you know God as your Redeemer.**