

Adam and Eve: The Voice in the Garden

Truth, responsibility, and a promise

Ages about 7-11 | Video 6:09 | Group lesson about 25-35 minutes

Central truth Adam and Eve distrust God and hide, yet God continues caring for them and promises victory over evil fulfilled in Jesus.

Learning goals Children will recall temptation, hiding, and blame; distinguish inherited original sin from personal responsibility; and practice truthful repair.

Gather Video access, one handout per child, pencils or crayons, and a Bible.

Watch online [Open this video on Servus Dei](#)

Before watching | 2 minutes

Ask: What can make it hard to admit a mistake? Watch how the serpent distorts God's goodness and how God calls the couple from hiding.

Watch and notice

Notice the good garden, both choosing disobedience, hiding and blame, God's continued care, and the promise leading to Jesus.

Talk together | 6-8 minutes

1. How did the serpent tempt Eve?

It made her doubt God's goodness and encouraged disobedience.

2. Who made the wrong choice?

Both Adam and Eve chose to eat; the story does not blame only Eve.

3. Did God stop caring for them?

No. He called them, provided clothing, and gave a promise that evil would not have the final word.

4. What can we do after a wrong choice?

Tell the truth, seek forgiveness, repair what we can, and ask a trusted adult for help.

Then respond and pray Allow 6-8 minutes for a handout or the activity on page 2; finish with the closing prayer.

Lead the response

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Short family lesson Watch the video, choose one recall question and one application question, then pray. About 12-18 minutes; the handout is optional.

Choose a handout

Draw & Tell Draw God's continued care in the story, then a truthful step toward repair.

Read & Write Recall temptation and care, then plan responsibility without blaming others.

Adapt by readiness

Ages 7-8: use a harmless pretend mistake and practice telling the truth.

Ages 9-11: explain original sin as a wounded condition distinct from personal guilt.

Come out of hiding | Optional 4 minutes

Use a pretend example: a borrowed book is damaged. Make three cards: tell the truth, ask for help, and repair what is possible. Arrange a safe plan without asking children to disclose private sins or reenacting temptation.

Look for understanding Children name both people's responsibility and God's mercy without claiming babies personally chose Adam's sin.

Closing prayer God, when we choose wrongly, help us tell the truth and ask forgiveness. Thank you for your mercy and for Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

At home Read part of Genesis 3 with an adult and practice a truthful repair sentence using a pretend example.

Handout answer notes Temptation: God's goodness/command. Mercy: calling them, clothing, promise. Repair: truthful admission, apology, adult help, possible repair.

Teach with care

Read Genesis 2-3 and the Catechism's explanation of original sin. Keep shame and death language gentle; children are not personally guilty of Adam and Eve's choice. The video paraphrases Genesis 2-3 and dramatizes details, then explains Catholic teaching about original sin and salvation in Christ. Original sin is inherited as a condition, not personal guilt for Adam's act. The text does not name the fruit as an apple. Illness is not evidence of an individual's wrongdoing.

Words to explain Temptation: an invitation toward a wrong choice. Original sin: our inherited wounded condition and loss of original holiness, not personal blame for Adam's act. Mercy: God's loving help and forgiveness.

Sources for the leader

Story source: [Servus Dei video and English subtitle](#)

Scripture: [The garden: Genesis 2 - USCCB](#)

Scripture: [The Fall and promise: Genesis 3 - USCCB](#)

Catholic teaching: [The Fall and original sin - Catechism](#)

We can tell the truth

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God did not stop caring for Adam and Eve after their wrong choice.

Name _____

Adult helper Read aloud. Invite drawing, pointing, or spoken answers. Writing is optional.

1 Draw one way God continued caring for them in the story.



2 Draw someone seeking help to make a mistake right.



Tell What does mercy look like? How can a trusted adult help with repair?

Pray God, help me tell the truth, seek forgiveness, and begin again. Amen.

At home Share your picture and one thing you learned about God or following Jesus.

Beyond hiding and blame

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Recall the choice, God's care, and a truthful next step.

Name _____

1 Recall temptation

What did the serpent encourage Eve to doubt?

The serpent made her doubt ...

2 Recall mercy

Name one way God still cared for Adam and Eve.

God ...

3 Practice responsibility

What could someone say after damaging a borrowed book?

They could say ...

Pray God, help me tell the truth, seek forgiveness, and begin again. Amen.

Go deeper Why does blaming someone else fail to repair our own wrong choice?