



# The First Sin

One day Eve visited the middle of the garden called "Eden." She saw a snake slithering around a tree. The devil was hiding in the snake. He said to Eve, "Did God really tell you not to eat any fruit in this garden?"

"No," Eve said. "God said we may eat all kinds of fruit but not the fruit from this tree in the middle of the garden. If we even touch it, we will die."

The snake hissed, "You won't die! God knows that if you eat from this tree, you will become like God."

The fruit looked yummy. And Eve did want to be like God. So she ate the fruit and gave some to Adam, her husband. Adam and Eve did not obey God. This was the first sin.

When Adam and Eve thought about the bad thing they did, they got scared.

They hid in the bushes. Then they heard God coming through the garden. God found them and asked, "Why are you hiding? Did you eat that fruit?"

Adam said, "It's not my fault. Eve gave me the fruit." Eve said, "It's not my fault. The snake tricked me."

God was sad, but He still loved Adam and Eve. He gave them warm clothes and then made a promise. "One day I will send My Son. He will suffer and die, but He will destroy the devil's power. He will be the Savior of all people."

Adam and Eve were sad because they could not visit the garden again. But they knew that God still loved them, and they waited for God's Son, the Savior, to come.

## God forgives.



*Parents:* Help your child understand the word *sin* by talking about mistakes your child makes and admitting your own errors. Explain that these are sins like Adam and Eve's sin. Then give your child a hug and assure him or her of your love and forgiveness. Together pray, thanking God for His love and forgiveness for you and your family.