Adam, Eve, And The Sneaky Snake KZ Lesson Sun Am 1/24/21

# Memory Verse: Matthew 6:13 (NKJV)

**13**And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Target Thought: Obedience is better than sacrifice.

Genesis 2:15-17 New King James Version (NKJV)

**15**Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. **16**And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; **17**but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

# Genesis 3:1-7 (NKJV)

**3**Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’?”

**2**And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; **3**but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ”

**4**Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. **5**For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

**6**So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. **7**Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

Imagine that your mother has placed two bowls out on the table. One bowl is filled with beautiful fruit, like apples, oranges, grapes, and bananas. The other bowl is filled with chocolate candy. Yum, Yum! After setting the bowls on the table, your mother says, "You can eat anything from the fruit bowl. Those things are good for you and will help you to build a strong, healthy body. But from the bowl of candy, you must not eat anything. Candy is not good for you and will surely make you fat and give you cavities in your teeth.

I'm sure that you probably know that the surest way to get someone to do something is to tell them they can't do it. It has been that way since the beginning of time. In fact, that is what our Bible lesson is about today.

In the beginning, after God had created everything, He placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden to take care of it. He said to them, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will surely die." God knew that their disobedience would bring about the curse.

Satan took on the form of a serpent. He slithered up to Eve one day and said to her, "I understand that God told you that you could eat from any tree in the garden. Is that true?"

"No, not all of the trees," Eve replied. "We can eat from all of the trees except the one in the middle of the garden. God told us that if we ate from that tree, we would die." Satan was trying to twist the truth so that he could trick them into disobeying God. Does satan try to trick people today?

The serpent said to Eve, "You won't die! God knows that the very moment you eat from that tree you will be just like God. You will know everything — even what is good and what is evil." God did not want them to know any evil, He wanted them to live in paradise with Him forever.

You know what Eve did, don't you? That's right! She ate some of the fruit from the tree that God had told them not to touch. She thought it was good, so she gave some to Adam and he ate it too. At that very moment, their eyes were opened and they realized that they were naked and they were ashamed. Before their disobedience they were not naked, they were clothed with the glory of God. So they sewed some fig leaves together to cover themselves. Remember good choices, good consequences, bad choices, bad consequences.

So, that is the story of how Adam and Ever were tricked by a sneaky snake. I'm sure you know the rest of the story. God banished them from the garden and they suffered for their disobedience for the rest of their lives.

You and I face temptation every day, but God wants what is best for us. He will help us to resist that temptation if we will read the Bible and do what it tells us to do.

Father, help us to follow your teaching and do what your Word tells us to do. We know that we will sometimes fail, so we ask you to forgive us and set us on the right path. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

1. Does satan try to trick people into disobedience today?
2. What did God not want Adam and Eve know?
3. Complete this sentence, Good \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, good \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Bad \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bad \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.