

God created the first man and woman and He named them Adam and Eve. They were created in the image of God and without sin. They lived in a perfect world and their relationship with God was holy. Adam and Eve were given the responsibility of free will and eventually chose to disobey God. The disobedience of Adam and Eve is called the original sin, which resulted in spiritual death and separation from God for mankind.

- Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth..."
- Gen 1:31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed *it was* very good.
- Gen 2:15-17 Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 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."
- Gen 2:22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.
- Gen 2:25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.
- Gen 3:1 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'?"
- Gen 3:4-5 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 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."
- Gen 3:6-7 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. 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.
- Gen 3:13 And the LORD God said to the woman, "What *is* this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."
- Gen 3:14 So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You *are* cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life.
- Gen 3:16-17 To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire *shall be* for your husband, And he shall rule over you." Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed *is* the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat *of* it All the days of your life.
- Gen 3:22-23 Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"— therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken.

**Discussion Item 1:** *Where does your sinful nature come from?*

**Discussion Item 2:** *Why does your sinful nature separate you from God at birth?*

**Life Application:** *Identify why you are incapable of living a life without sin and why you need Christ Jesus and His gift of salvation.*

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**Helpful Definition:**

Curse – Evil pronounced or invoked upon another, solemnly, or in passion; subjection to, or sentence of, divine condemnation. (Webster)

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**Notes:**

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**Proverb 20:9-11** Who can say, “I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin”?  
Diverse weights *and* diverse measures, They *are* both alike, an abomination to the LORD.  
Even a child is known by his deeds, Whether what he does *is* pure and right.

**Psalms 130:3-4** If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But *there is* forgiveness with You, That You may be feared.