

LESSON 2

Sin and Redemption

Vocabulary

- **Creation** – Everything God brought into being; the universe
- **Sin** – The decision to break God’s law; turning away from God
- **The Fall** – Humanity’s turn from God toward sin and death; the results of the first sin
- **Redeem** – To buy back what was lost

2-A Creation and the Fall

Scripture tells the story of its Author, God Himself. The Bible explains how God revealed Himself to the world—most importantly, through the person of Jesus Christ. Everything in Scripture points us to Jesus in some way.

- ▶ Read **Genesis 1:26–31** and complete the following.
 - ◉ After God finishes creating the rest of the world and all the animals, who does God make? (v. 26)
 - ◉ God makes Adam and Eve in His own image, as _____ and _____. (v. 27)
 - ◉ What does God bless them to do? (v. 28)
 - ◉ God gives them all of **creation** to enjoy, and He knows that everything He made is very _____. (v. 31) Adam, Eve, and God live in peace and happiness together for a time, but this does not last.
- ▶ Read **Genesis 2:16–17**. What does God say would happen if Adam ate fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?



► Before long, Satan appears as a serpent and tempts Eve to eat the fruit. Read [Genesis 3:1-8](#) and complete the following table.

Verse 1	The tricky serpent asks the woman if _____ really said she should not eat from every tree in the garden.
Verses 2-3	Eve says that she can eat from every tree except the one in the middle of the garden. She says that if she eats the fruit or even touches it, she will _____.
Verses 4-5	The serpent tells her that she will not _____. He says that God doesn't want Adam and Eve to understand good and evil.
Verse 6	So Eve looks at the fruit and chooses to eat it. She then gives some of the fruit to _____, and he eats it, as well.
Verses 7-8	Adam and Eve are ashamed, and they cover themselves with clothing made of _____. They hide when the Lord God comes to talk with them.

Adam and Eve chose to break God's rule. Instead of trusting God's word, they listened to Satan's lies. Instead of enjoying God's gifts, they wanted the one thing they shouldn't have. Because of this decision, they would face the terrible consequences of **sin**. We call this moment **the Fall**, when people first turned away from God.

2-B The Results of Sin

Adam and Eve did not just hurt themselves. Every person throughout history has suffered because of sin—from Adam and Eve’s first children all the way down to us today. In Genesis 3 and 4, we read about some of these awful results.

- Read **Genesis 3:6-13** and mark the correct ending to the following sentences.

When God walks through the garden, Adam and Eve . . .		
rush to meet Him, happy that He has come to speak with them.	hide behind some trees, out of guilt and fear.	prove to Him that they are just as smart and powerful as He is.

When God asks Adam if he ate fruit from the forbidden tree, Adam . . .		
explains that the fruit helped him become a better husband.	says that he’s sorry for disobeying God’s command.	blames the woman God gave him.

When God asks Eve to explain what she did, Eve . . .		
blames the serpent for lying to her.	says that she’s happier now that she understands ideas like good and evil.	says that she’s sorry for ignoring God’s warning about the fruit.

- Look ahead to **Genesis 3:16-24**. Here God explains to Adam and Eve the results of their sin. In the table below, match the verses to the results they describe.

Verse 16	Verses 17-18	Verse 19	Verses 23-24
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Verses	Results of Sin
	People could no longer live in the Garden of Eden.
	Adam would need to work very hard to grow plants or crops.
	Eve would bear children only through pain and suffering. Men and women would try to control each other.
	People would die and return to dust one day.

▶ Because of their sin, Adam and Eve felt things they never had before. Based on what you've read, how do you think they felt as they talked with God?

- ◉ Feelings toward God:
- ◉ Feelings toward each other:

▶ Read the story of Cain and Abel in **Genesis 4:1-12**.

- ◉ Cain doesn't make the right kind of offering to God, and God refuses it. How does Cain feel about that? (v. 5)

- ◉ So God tells Cain to control himself and guard against sin (vv. 6-7). But what does Cain do instead? (v. 8)



▶ But this doesn't end Adam and Eve's story. According to **Genesis 4:25**, Adam and Eve have another son named _____ . His children would learn to pray to God.

2-C The Hope of Redemption

Even though God cast Adam and Eve out of the Garden, He had a plan to bring people back to Himself. Humanity was trapped in sin, and no one could do enough good things to earn a way back into the Garden. So God planned to **redeem** His children. He would pay the price of their sin so they could know Him and walk with Him again.

▶ Turn back to **Genesis 3:15**. Here God curses the serpent that lied to Eve.

- ◉ The snake and the woman would be enemies. Their _____ would also be enemies. Someone would injure the serpent's head, and the serpent would only bruise Him on His _____ .

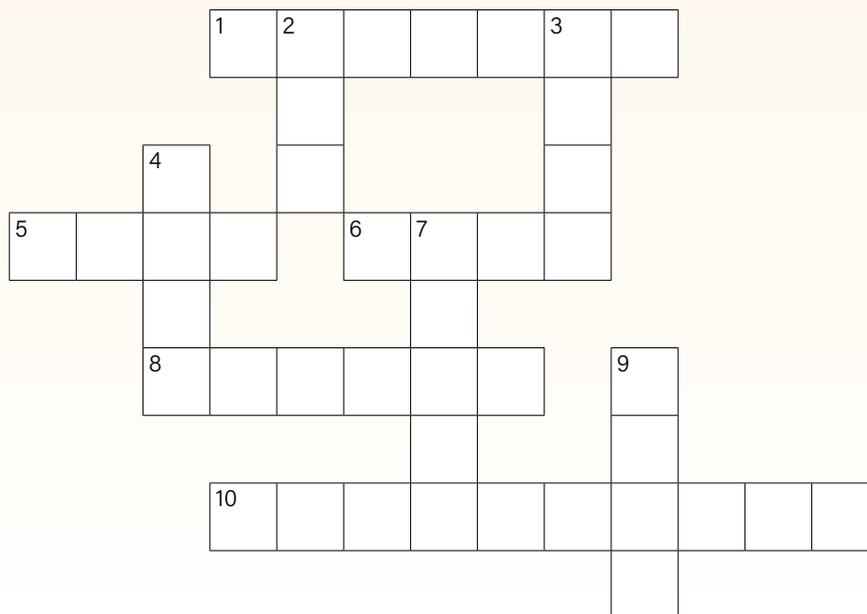
At first, Genesis 3:15 sounds like a promise that a lot of people won't like snakes. But this is not about snakes and people—this is a prophecy about Satan and Jesus.

One day, Jesus Christ would be born to a human mother and grow up to destroy Satan's power. Satan might be allowed to hurt Him a bit, but the serpent would not win.

People from Genesis 1-10

► Look up each verse below and write the name of the person described.

Across	Down
<p>1. Genesis 3:1 The creature who lied to the first woman</p> <p>5. Genesis 2:7, 20 The first man, made by God from dust</p> <p>6. Genesis 4:25-26 Adam and Eve's third son, whose children followed God</p> <p>8. Genesis 10:8-9 A mighty hunter who built many cities after the Great Flood</p> <p>10. Genesis 5:27 A man who lived 969 years—longer than anyone else in history</p>	<p>2. Genesis 3:20 The first woman and therefore the mother of everyone born since</p> <p>3. Genesis 6:13 The man God told to build an ark and help save people and animals from the Great Flood</p> <p>4. Genesis 4:1, 8 The first son and the first murderer</p> <p>7. Genesis 5:24 A man that walked with God before being taken away</p> <p>9. Genesis 4:2 A shepherd and the second son of Adam and Eve</p>



Possessing the Land

If you have trusted Jesus to forgive you for your sins, you don't need to be controlled by anger, guilt, or fear. God has redeemed you back to Himself. If you do something bad, you can run to God, ask His forgiveness, and live like His child again.

- ▶ Is there ever a good reason to blame others for something we've done wrong? Yes No
- ▶ Is there ever a good reason to hurt others with our anger? Yes No
- ▶ What should you do when someone tells you that you've done something bad?
 - ◉ If I believe that I've done wrong, I should

- ◉ If I don't believe I've done something wrong, I should