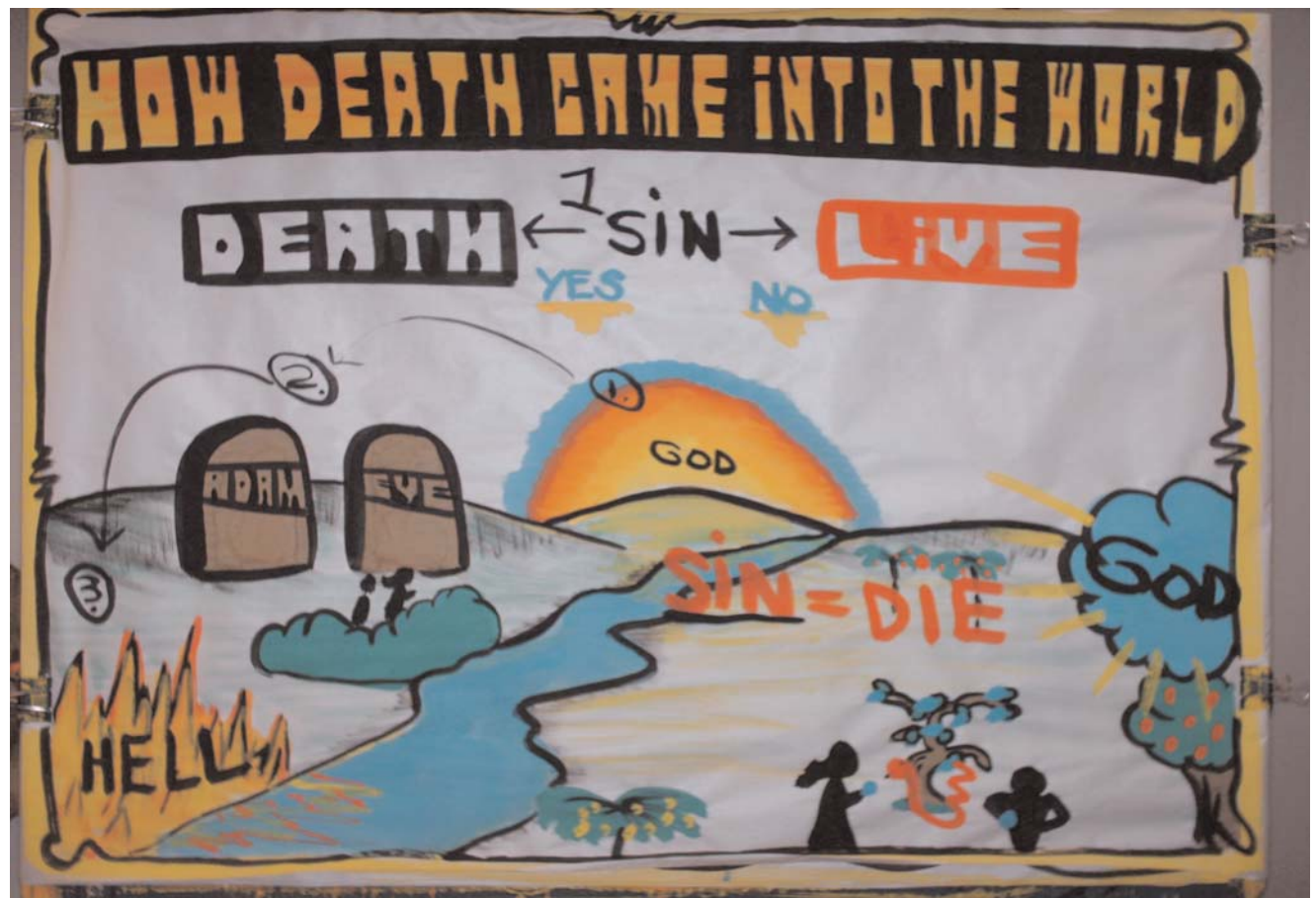


# ADAM & EVE DISOBEY

BEFORE



AFTER



## Day 3: Adam and Eve Disobey God

### *Genesis 3*

#### Open Air Campaigners Outline

**Introduction:** Children, have you ever wondered...

- Why bad things happen?
- Why people do bad things?
- And, why there is death in the world?

Today, we are going to teach you from God's Holy Word how all these things came into the world and how they affect our lives today.

*1. Draw in the title: "How Death Came into the World"*

If you remember from yesterday, God created everything in six literal days. God could have created everything in six minutes, or six seconds, but He created everything in six literal twenty-four hour days. The Bible tells us that just as God created everything in six days, we should work six days and rest one day a week (Exodus 20:11). For God created everything in six days, and then rested, or stopped all his work on the seventh day, because it was complete.

God created Adam from the ground, and Eve from the rib of Adam...

*2. Draw in Adam and Eve.*

**B.**

Adam and Eve were married and lived on earth in a very special place called the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:8-9). God told Adam to take care of this garden and work in it (Genesis 2:15). I'm sure it must have been like paradise on earth. The best part of all was that God was with them.

*3. Draw in the word "God" in the blue cloud.*

In the beginning, when God first created Adam and Eve, there was nothing between God and man. God was totally pleased with Adam and Eve, and Adam and Eve were happy to be with God. Adam and Eve had done nothing wrong against God. And so, there was perfect fellowship between the Creator and the two human beings He made; Adam and Eve.

In the Garden of Eden, God told Adam that they could eat from the trees in Garden.

*4. Draw in the red fruit on the apple tree.*

In the garden they could eat all the fruits and vegetables they wanted. Remember, there would have been no McDonald's in the Garden of Eden. Can anyone tell me why? (Wait for a response) The reason why is McDonald's sells hamburgers. And what are hamburgers? Yes, they are dead cows. Kinda of a gross thought. But anyway, there was no death in world, therefore, Adam would not of thought of killing a cow for meat.

In the center of garden were two very special trees. One tree was called the Tree of Life.

*5. Draw in the yellow fruit on the Tree of Life.*

And the other tree was called the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil (Genesis: 2:9).

*6. Draw in the blue fruit on the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.*

It was only from this tree that God said Adam could not eat from. And then God gave Adam a very strict warning: If he were to eat from this tree, there would be a very serious punishment: death. (Genesis 2:17) So, after Eve was created, Adam must have told Eve of this warning.

Sometime after Adam and Eve were created, they decided to go by the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. As they approached the tree, there was someone there waiting for them.

**C.**

*7. Draw in a red serpent around the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.*

There was a creature there that looked like a serpent or a snake. We know that animals can't talk, but when Adam and Eve approached the tree, the serpent said to Eve, "Did God really say you must not eat from any tree in the garden?" Genesis 3:1 Eve should have ran away from the serpent. Why? Because serpents or animals don't talk! But instead Eve allowed herself to get into a conversation with this animal. But this was no ordinary animal, it was the devil or Satan, inside the serpent to disguise himself in order to trick Eve. (Revelation 12:9) The devil is a fallen angel. Angels were created by God and live in heaven. Some of these spirit creatures, again called angels, chose to disobey God.

Because of their sin, God kicked them out of heaven, and now they are on the earth (Isaiah 14, Ezekiel 28, Matthew 25).

D.

The devil knew that if he could get Eve to take the fruit and eat it, they would be disobeying God. And if they disobeyed God, they would be punished and die. This kind of evil thinking is who the devil is. The Bible says the devil comes to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10).

E.

So, the devil came up with a lie to trick Eve by using a half truth, and a half lie. First, the devil said they won't die if they eat from the tree. What do you think kids? True or false? Remember, the devil is the father of lies, and always tries to trick people into disobeying God (John 8:44). God on the other-hand can't lie (Titus 1:2). The devil gives Eve a lie, but then follows it up with a statement that is true, "...you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Genesis 3:5 If Adam and Eve sin, they would no longer be good, but now sinful before God. At that point they would understand good and evil because of their sin. So, the devil was messing around with Eve's mind, trying to trick and confuse her.

So, Adam and Eve have a serious choice in front of them. Who should they listen to again? (Wait for a response) God! That's right. So, here is their choice: The devil is tempting them to disobey God. The word God calls disobeying Him is the word sin.

*8. Draw in the word "Sin" at the top of the lesson.*

If Adam and Eve look at the devil and say no to his lie...

*9. Draw in the word "NO".*

They will continue to live on and have perfect fellowship with God...

*10. Draw in the word "Life"*

Kids, obedience brings life. But the opposite brings punishment. If Adam and Eve say, "yes" to the devil's lie...

*11. Draw in the word "Yes".*

They will be disobeying God and sinning. And God clearly told them that if they sinned against Him, they would die...

*12. Draw in the word "Death."*

F.

Well, Adam and Eve are going to make the worst decision any human being has ever made. Eve believed the devil's lie and took from the tree

and ate some, and then gave some to her husband Adam, and he ate some (Genesis 3:6).

G.

Did Adam and Eve drop dead right away? No. Instead they immediately felt totally ashamed and guilty for what they had done. They did now understand good and evil, just like the devil said they would, but in a very negative way, not a positive way.

H.

So, Adam and Eve ran and hid among the trees and bushes.

*13. Draw in the tree and Adam and Eve hiding among the bushes.*

Children, you may know what this feels like. Have ever done something wrong, and then after it was all over, you felt guilty for what you had done? I hope so. Adam and Eve suddenly felt guilty because of their sin and were ashamed that they had no clothes on.

Some people have asked the question, “Why did Adam and Eve not die right away?” That’s a good question. When we say death, people usually only think of it as someone dying physically and being buried. Here’s an object lesson that might help you understand:

**Object lesson:** Either have a broken off branch with you, or, stop at this point, run over to tree (or any size) and break off a branch. Hold up the branch to the children and say, “Is this branch dead or alive?” (The children will have different answers) Children, this tree branch is now dead. Why? Because it is cut off from its source of life. The branch looks good, its still green, but once I drop this on the ground, in a matter of days it will wither and turn brown showing that it’s dying. This is a great visual to help us understand what happened to Adam and Eve and what is happening in our lives as well.

The tree branch was cut off from its source of life, and the moment it was, it was in the process of dying. The moment Adam and Eve sinned, their source of life, God, was cut off from them.

*14. Draw in small letters the word “God” in the sunset over the mountain.*

*15. Draw the black arrow from the big God to the little God.*

Adam and Eve’s relationship changed with God. Instead of God being close to them and being their friend. Now God was upset with them, and could not have the same relationship He once had with them. Their sin cut off God as the source of all life and goodness. Instead of God being their friend, now He was going to be their judge.

Adam and Eve did not die right away, but the Bible says they eventually died.

*16. Draw in the Words "Adam" and "Eve" on the tombstones.*

Adam and Eve were no longer going to live forever. Just like the tree branch getting old and dying, that is exactly what happened to Adam and Eve. Sin entered into their bodies and they slowly began to get old and eventually die. God made their body to live forever, but because God must punish all sin, the payment for their sin was they would physically die.

What about their soul? Remember how God created Adam both physically and spiritually? God gave Adam a body and a soul. Where would Adam's soul go?

After the devil sinned against God, God made a terrible place called the Lake of Fire which would someday be for the devil and all the other fallen angels (Matthew 25:41). Because Adam and Eve's body will someday die, the soul would be without a place to go. It would not be with God in heaven. The Bible teaches us that once the body dies, if a person has sinned like Adam and Eve, their soul will one day be in the Lake of Fire (Luke 16, Hebrews 9:27). God says people who have sinned without being forgiven will go to hell when they die, and eventually in the final judgment they will be cast into the Lake of Fire forever (Revelation 20).

*17. Draw in the word "Hell" in the picture of the fire.*

This decision of Adam and Eve cost them severely. But, it was also the worst decision that any human has ever made. Why?

Adam and Eve were the very first Mommy and Daddy. They are the first two parents. This means we are related to them, and we are related to each other. There is only one race, the human race. Every person in the whole world goes back to the first parents, Adam and Eve (Acts 17:26). Because Adam and Eve sinned, now every person from Adam and Eve will be born sinners (Romans 5:12,18). This means, kids, that when we were born, we were not like Adam and Eve when they were first created. Adam and Eve were born good, and then sinned. We are born in sin, and then sin because we are sinners by birth. Meaning, no one had to teach you to lie, steal, or be mean to another child. There is something in us called sin that gives us the desire to be bad. Let me explain:

How many of you have ever told a lie? Raise your hands (Wait for them to all raise their hands. If someone doesn't raise their hand, say, "How come you are not raising your hand, I think your lying right now." Smile as you say this.) If you would be honest kids, you would admit you have lied more than one time. Probably many, many times.

Here is another one...

How many of you have disobeyed your mother (Wait for them to raise their hands)? Disobeying your mother is like when she asked you to do something and you didn't do it. If you have been punished by your mother, you know you have not always obeyed her.

Here is another one...

How many of you have ever been mean to another kid, like someone at school or your brother or sister (Wait for them to raise their hands)?

Here's the point kids, Adam and Eve only disobeyed God one time and they were given the punishment of death. He have all admitted here that we have sinned once, twice and even three or more times.

Adam and Eve sinned once, and they got the punishment of death. Kids, it's not easy to say this, but we are going to get the same punishment as Adam and Eve. So what happened to Adam and Eve is going to happen to you...

*18. Draw in the word "You" in the yellow box.*

First, because you and I have sinned, not only once, but many times...

*19. Draw in the number 1. By the little God in the sunset.*

God is not our friend, but distant from us. We need a relationship with God, but don't have one because of our sin.

Isaiah 59:2 "But your iniquities have separated you from your God".

So, in this life, because of our sin, God is not near us but far away. That is why people often say they feel lonely or they feel like "something is missing."

Secondly...

*20. Draw in the number 2. By the tombstones.*

Because of our sin and rebellion against God, God says we will physically die.

Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death...”

Adam and Eve and the children they would have (us), were meant to live forever on the beautiful earth that God had created in the beginning. Now, there is suffering and evil. And people die, which is one of the hardest things a person can go through.

Third and Last...

*21. Draw in the number 3. by the fire.*

Because of your sin against God, your soul will be in hell forever. Again, hell is described as a place of fire where you will want to get out, but can't. You will be able to feel pain but will have no one to help you. You will be alone in torment forever (Luke 16).

So, kids, because of your sin you are separated from God, your body will die, and your soul will be forever in the Lake of Fire.

This is very serious. Sinning against God is the worst thing we can do. But here is some good news. Even though we deserve all these things, and most people do go to hell because of their sin, (Matthew 7:13,14) God has provided a way of escape so we won't have to go to hell. God does not take pleasure in the souls of human beings going to hell, but wants to save people from their sins because God Himself is love (1 John 4:8).

Come back tomorrow you will begin to discover how God can forgive you of your sins...

**Close in prayer:** Dear God, I pray you will help these children understand they have sinned against you and deserve your punishment. Please convict them of their sins, and open their hearts to see their need for forgiveness. Bring them back tomorrow I pray... Amen.

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