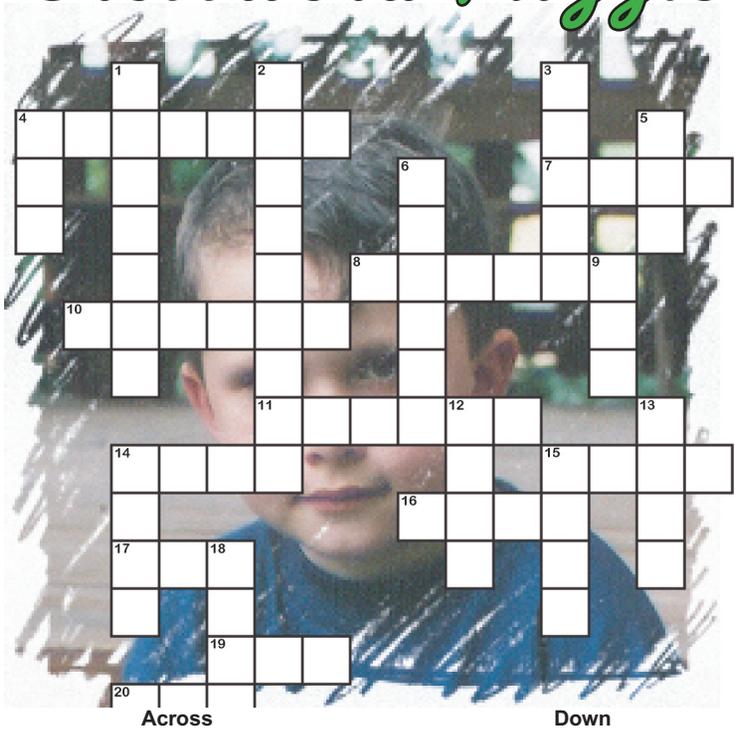


# Crossword Puzzle



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| <p>4. Eve spoke to the crafty _____.</p> <p>7. The first man.</p> <p>8. Thus, man _____ and fell...</p> <p>10. Man became a damaged _____.</p> <p>11. The _____ of Eden.</p> <p>14. Eve believed Satan's word that she would become _____.</p> <p>15. Man has a _____ will.</p> <p>16. God gave Eve to be Adam's _____.</p> <p>17. Satan injected an open _____ into Eve's thoughts.</p> <p>19. Adam's wife.</p> <p>20. Thus, _____ sinned and fell...</p> | <p>1. Eve had been _____ by the subtle serpent.</p> <p>2. The _____ of good and evil.</p> <p>3. Man became a _____ to sin.</p> <p>4. Man became a slave to _____.</p> <p>5. Eve's desire led her to _____.</p> <p>6. Eve was Adam's companion and _____, and his wife.</p> <p>9. God told them that if they ate of the wrong tree, they would _____.</p> <p>12. The knowledge of good and _____.</p> <p>13. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil was a _____ to Adam and Eve.</p> <p>14. God created man with a free _____.</p> <p>15. Thus, man sinned and _____.</p> <p>18. The Garden of _____.</p> |
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**Parent's Initials:**



## The Truth and Experience of God's Salvation - Lesson Three -

### The Fall of Man

#### I. Overview.

**N**ot long after God created man and placed him in the Garden of Eden, in front of the tree of life, man was deceived and fell. God had spoken a clear warning to man concerning the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, telling him not to eat of that tree. God also told man that if he did eat of that forbidden tree, he would suffer death. But Satan spoke lying words to man and deceived him.



*We do not know what the fruit of of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil looked like, but we do know how to obey God's word.*

Man fell because he was deceived by the serpent to believe a lie rather than trust the faithful word of God. Eventually, whom he believed, he obeyed. He believed the serpent and obeyed the serpent. In this way man sinned against his God and became fallen. He could no longer stand unashamed before God. He could no longer express God, for he had disobeyed God's word and damaged his own human vessel, making it unfit.

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#### II. Memory Verse.

**“But each one is tempted when he is drawn away and enticed by his own lusts. Then lust, having conceived, gives birth to sin...”**

(James 1:14-15a)

### III. Lesson.

Adam had every reason to trust in God his Creator. God had created him and placed him in a wonderful garden. God had given him all the fruits of the garden to eat, put all the animals under his authority and care, and made the most beautiful companion and friend to be his wife. Surely God loved Adam and his wife, Eve, and desired only what was best for them.

#### God's Warning to Man

In His wisdom, God allowed one thing to be in the Garden of Eden that was not good for man: the tree of knowledge of good and evil. God faithfully warned both Adam and Eve not to eat of that tree. He told them that if they ate the fruit of that tree, they would die. Although they were warned, they still had their free will. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil was a kind of test to Adam and Eve.



*Adam and Eve were created with a free will. God wants us to choose to love and obey Him.*

#### Satan's Deception and Man's Fall

Satan knew that God loved man and had declared that man would have dominion over all the earth. For this reason he decided to destroy man. Since he could not overcome man directly, because man had been given God's dominion, he decided to trick man. First, he came to the weaker one, to Eve. He began his smooth talk with an apparently innocent question. Eve should not have answered him. She should have gone to her husband. Once Eve entered into conversation with the crafty serpent, she was finished. He then injected

an open lie into her thoughts, contradicting God's warning. Eve believed Satan's lie rather than God's word of truth. She began to doubt God's love and truthfulness.

Eve had been tricked by the subtle serpent. She used her free will to make the wrong choice, to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. She no longer believed God's word, that she would die. She believed Satan's word, that she would become like God and would be wise! Her desire then led her to eat of the forbidden fruit. She then gave the fruit to Adam and though he was not deceived, he also ate. Thus, man sinned and fell from his position of dignity and dominion. He was now a damaged vessel and a slave to sin.

#### *--- Questions for Discussion ---*

1. Why did man fall ?  
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2. What did God tell Adam and Eve would happen if they ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?  
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3. How did Satan get man to disobey God?  
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4. What happened to man through disobedience?  
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