

READ IT

This Rotation's Bible story is
The First Sin
from Genesis 3:1-24

We all need God's love and grace.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Serpent
- Tree
- Adam
- Eve
- God

The word "sin" does not occur in this story. But we recognize it! The first time the word appears in the NRSV translation of the Bible is in Genesis 4.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 14-19

Spark Bible pages 4-5

Family Prayer

Thank you, God, for always loving us. Help us to make good decisions. AMEN.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 How do you know God always loves and forgives you?
- 2 When have you done something you knew was wrong?
- 3 Have you ever asked anyone for forgiveness? Was it easy or hard to do?
- 4 Tell each other about times in the past when you got in trouble.



Eye Spark

When you see a yummy fruit, thank God for creating it and loving you.



Ear Spark

Whenever you hear someone call you by name, remember how God called Adam and Eve.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Although we don't know which tasty fruit Adam and Eve ate off the tree in the middle of the garden, it is often pictured in art as an apple. Make an apple pie to enjoy together. Talk about this story as you eat it.

For younger kids

Wash some fruit so it is ready to eat whenever someone in your family wants a piece.

For older kids

Search the internet, go to the library, or to an art museum to find some paintings of this story. What part of the story does the picture tell? How would you paint it?

TRY IT

Art

Play a picture game with your family. Use words like apple, Adam, Eve, snake, garden, etc. Have one person draw and everyone else guess what they are drawing! Talk about how each picture relates to the story.

Computer Lab

Print off some apple coloring pages. Talk about what the apple means in the story. Use lots of different ways to decorate them: light a red candle and drip wax on the apple, spray food coloring water on it, use glue and glitter, and incorporate any other ideas your family has.

Creative Drama

As a family, create a modern-day version of this story. Pick characters and an important rule. Decide how to convince someone to break the rule. Choose consequences. Remember that God forgives. Find fun props around the house and act out your modern-day story!

Video

Dig through your family's video collection and find a movie about someone messing up. Watch the video together. After the video, talk about who messed up. Then, discuss something that YOU have done wrong. Remember God's love and forgiveness.

Bible Skills and Games

Quiz your family about the details of The First Sin. See who knows the answers to these questions: Who ate the apple first? (*Eve*) Did the snake have God's permission to try to trick Eve? (*No*) Does God forgive us every time we sin? (*Yes*)

Cooking

Find some great fruit recipes. It doesn't have to be apples. Work together to make a peach cobbler or use dried apples and bananas in a trail mix. Talk about Eve and the forbidden fruit. Remember that God forgives us when we sin.

Music

Play some quiet music. As a family, stretch your bodies. Lie on the ground, touch your toes, stretch your back and sides, roll your shoulders. Every time you stretch a muscle, ask God to forgive you. By the time you relax again, you are forgiven!

Science

Buy a plant for each member of your family. Spend time together learning about each variety, watering, feeding, and caring for the plants. Wonder about God's creativity in creating each kind.