

# IN THE BEGINNING

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## HIGHLIGHT — GENESIS 3:1-7, HCSB

*1 Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the wild animals that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You can’t eat from any tree in the garden?’”*

*2 The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit from the trees in the garden. 3 But about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden, God said, ‘You must not eat it or touch it, or you will die.’” 4 “No! You will not die,” the serpent said to the woman. 5 “In fact, God knows that when you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” 6 Then the woman saw that the tree was good for food and delightful to look at, and that it was desirable for obtaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.*

**MEMORY VERSES:** GENESIS 1:27; HEBREWS 11:7

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## EXPLAIN

Use the image of the bloody t-shirt and consider the following questions.





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## APPLY

Have you ever gotten blood on your shirt? How did it get there?

Did the blood spread? Explain.

Did your mom or dad tell you to switch clothes? Why do you think your parent wanted you to get out of the bloody clothing?

***When Adam and Eve ate of the fruit from the tree they were not supposed to, their lives were corrupted. Just like blood on your clothes ruins your outfit for the rest of the day, so the stains of sin alter your entire life. You see, sin doesn't just affect one area of your life—it bleeds into other aspects of your life as well.***

How did Eve's decision to eat the fruit make it easier for Adam to eat of the same fruit?

To what were Adam and Eve's eyes opened after they sinned?

Have you ever committed a sin that led to other sins? Explain.

Share a story about something you've done that was against your parents' wishes and that your parents never found out about. Do you carry any guilt or shame about that experience? Why or why not?

If you were Adam or Eve, do you think you would have done what they did? Why or why not?

Have you ever had to confront someone you love about something they did wrong? How did you go about approaching that person? How did they respond? What advice would you give members of our group about confronting others in this way?

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## RESPOND

Conclude with prayer, asking for God's forgiveness and thanking Him for His grace and mercy. Thank God that His grace through Jesus' death and resurrection covers the ongoing curse of Adam and Eve's sin. Ask Him for His strength to stand strong in the face of temptation, and also to make any attempts at reconciliation students need to pursue.