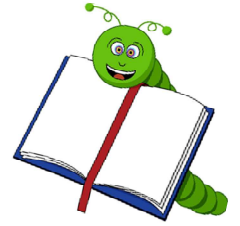


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Tree in the Middle of the Garden

The story today is an audio story which means that you need to listen carefully to find out what happens.

The first part of the story reminds us about the story of creation. Each time you hear a gong see if you know what is going to be mentioned next. The story then continues after the day that God rested, to tell you about two people, Adam and Eve, and what happened one day when they found themselves beside the tree in the middle of the garden of Eden.

Use the link below to hear the story [press the download arrow to begin]. It can also be found in Genesis Chapter 2: verses 4 – 25 and the whole of Chapter 3. It is also in the Spark Story Bible in two chapters, Adam and Eve and the First Sin.

<https://www.storynory.com/creation-and-adam-and-eve/>

In the picture below I wonder why there are Do Not Open signs on the present bag, the sweets and the box?



Which picture makes you curious as to what might be inside and what would make you look in and for that matter, not look inside?

Adam and Eve were looking at the beautiful fruit, often believed to be an apple, from the tree in the middle of the garden. They thought it looked lovely and were tempted by it. It seemed so good especially when the serpent tricked them into taking a bite. The problem was that God had given them the wonderful Garden of Eden and had said that they could enjoy everything in the garden but the tree in the middle of the garden was not to be touched.

God had said that the tree, often known as the Tree of Knowledge, would introduce bad into the world as well as good and God wanted Adam and Eve to experience only good. If they touched the tree the garden would not just be filled with good, but with good and bad.

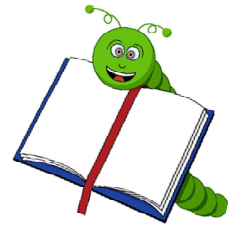


I wonder if Adam and Eve were too curious about the tree or they did not think God would mind very much so they ignored God's instructions. What do you think?



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God was angry that Adam and Eve had not listened to what he had said and explained they would need to take the consequences. They had brought a world that would have both good and bad in it and they had to live in that world. Before they ate the forbidden fruit, Adam and Eve had everything they needed. Once they had taken a bite of the apple, they would need to live in a world where they would have to use their hands and heads to grow food and make everything they needed. They had brought a world where there not only good things would happen.



I wonder if Adam and Eve appreciated their lives more or less when God told them to go from the garden? Would they regret the world was not just good anymore or be pleased with their efforts when they had to work to achieve the things they needed?

God however did not desert Adam and Eve because at the end of the story when Adam and Eve left the Garden of Eden God made them clothes to travel in. God also protected other people from being able to find the tree that had caused so much trouble by sending guardians to keep people safe from any trees that God felt would be dangerous.

It is good to know that God's love is still there even when we are tempted, when things go wrong and we make mistakes.

Why not have a go at some cooking to help you remember the story?

The first recipe below on you tube is a pizza bread snake where you can use your favourite fillings

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=AfL2uW4QQUY>

The second recipe is also on you tube and is an apple salad recipe

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=X5CNJhGsdQU>



The final recipe is also an apple one but with mini marshmallows. It is an apple dessert recipe

<https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/delicious-apple-salad/print/>

Prayer

Loving God

Help us to make good decisions about the things we do.

Thank you for being with us if there are consequences when we get things wrong.

Help us to put things right.

Amen

