

Eve Eats in the Garden

Adam and Eve were the first people to ever live. For a while they were the only people living on earth and they lived in a place called the Garden of Eden. The Garden of Eden was a perfect place where they lived with God. They had nothing to hide from God and the weather was perfect, so they didn't even need clothes. The garden had everything they needed, and everything was wonderful. God only had one rule. The rule was to not eat, or even touch the fruit growing on the tree in the middle of the garden. This tree was called "The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil" which means "the tree of knowing the difference between right and wrong". God told Adam and Eve that if they ate the fruit from that tree, they would die, but if they followed that one rule, everything would be okay.

One day, Eve was walking in the garden and along came a serpent, which is kind of like a snake. The serpent said to Eve, "Can you eat the fruit from all the trees in the garden?"

Eve said, "We can eat from all the trees except the tree in the middle of the garden. If we eat from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, we will die."

"You will not die if you eat the fruit from that tree," said the serpent. "You will become like God. You will know things like God knows things. That's why He doesn't want you to eat the fruit."

Eve looked at the fruit, it looked delicious. She decided to go for it. She pulled it off the tree and took a bite. Then she took it to Adam, and he took a bite. They didn't die, but their eyes were opened, and they realized they were naked. They panicked. They took fig leaves from the trees and sewed them together to make clothes to cover themselves. Then they heard God in the garden. They knew He would be upset so they hid. God called for them.

"We are here," said Adam.

"Why are you hiding?" asked God.

"Because we are naked," Adam replied.

"Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat of The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil?" asked God.

"The woman gave me the fruit and I ate it." Adam blamed Eve.

"The serpent tricked me, and I ate it," said Eve, blaming the serpent.

God then took the skin from animals and made clothes for Adam and Eve to wear but He was very disappointed that they had disobeyed Him. They had sinned and God cannot be in the same place with sin. Their sin separated them from God, and it had to be punished. God didn't just punish Adam and Eve and the serpent, He punished all of their kind. Because of what the serpent had done, all serpents would now have to crawl around on their bellies and be a hated creature. Because of what Eve had done, all women would now have to suffer and hurt when they have babies. Because of what Adam had done, all men would now have to work hard to grow food and hunt meat so they and their families could eat. Because of what they all had done, they were all kicked out of the wonderful, perfect, Garden of Eden. They could no longer live forever in God's perfect place. They had to leave, work hard to raise their family, and then one day they would die. Adam and Eve sadly left the garden to start life on their own very sorry for what they had done. God placed special kinds of angels at the entrance with fire swords so they couldn't get back in even if they tried.