



Library

- "Then God said, 'Let us make human beings in our image and likeness. And let them rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky. Let them rule over the tame animals, over all the earth and over all the small crawling animals on the earth'" (Genesis 1:26).
- "Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is right for him'" (Genesis 2:18).
- "The man answered, 'I heard you walking in the garden. I was afraid because I was naked. So I hid'" (Genesis 3:10).
- "So the Lord God forced the man out of the Garden of Eden" (Genesis 3:23).
- "All people have sinned and are not good enough for God's glory" (Romans 3:23).



My Friend Ellen Wrote

"The fall of man filled all heaven with sorrow. . . . Angels ceased their songs of praise. Throughout the heavenly courts there was mourning for the ruin that sin had wrought" (Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 63).

Can you imagine a silent heaven? When Adam and Eve sinned, even the angels felt sad. But we can make the angels sing again when we love God and love others. Think about that. When you do something kind, when you forgive a person who has been mean to you, when you share God's love with a neighbor, you are filling the courts of heaven with song. Wow!

Penny for Your Thoughts

What are some ways you can make the angels sing again?

Bible Adventures for Young Readers

LESSON 7



I Can Read Text

"Even the darkness is not dark to you. The night is as light as the day." —Psalm 139:12

My Story

Terri opened her eyes and blinked. What was going on? She could hear a dog barking in the distance. She could smell the freshly cut grass lying on the lawn outside her bedroom window. But she couldn't see anything.

She blinked a couple more times. Nope. Only darkness. That's when she heard footsteps out in the hallway. "I'm blind!" she cried out as tears stung her eyes. "I can't see anything."

The footsteps stopped, then hurried toward her door. "No, no, no," she heard her father say as he burst into her room. "You're not blind, Terri. The electricity has gone off in the neighborhood and it's cloudy outside so you can't see any moon or stars. I'm heading downstairs to look for the flashlight." Her father paused. "Will you be OK until I get back?"

God is the Light of the world. When God created Adam and Eve, He gave them an opportunity to be a light to the world too. But something bad happened. **Look up the following texts in the LIBRARY and fill in the missing words in the statements below.**

Genesis 1:26

Human beings were made in God's _____. (five letters beginning with i)

Human beings were to rule over (care for) the _____ of the sea, and the _____ in the sky. Also over the tame _____ and over all the small _____ on earth.

Genesis 2:18

God created Eve because He said that it was not good for Adam to be _____. Eve was created to be a _____ for Adam.

Genesis 3:10

After Adam and Eve ate fruit from a tree from which God told them not to eat, they heard God walking in the Garden. They were _____ and ran away and _____.

Genesis 3:23

Because Adam and Eve chose to live life in sin instead of in the light of God's love, God _____ the man (and woman) out of the _____.

Romans 3:23

How many people in this world have sinned? _____. Adam and Eve opened the door to sin and chased away the light of God's love. But there's good news. We'll discover that good news just a little later in our Bible Adventure.



My Prayer

Thank You, Jesus, for the light of Your love. Help me to not be afraid of Satan's darkness and always invite Your light of joy and hope into my life. Amen.

Terri nodded in the darkness. "Are you sure I'm not blind?"

"You'll be fine." Dad chuckled. "Just stay in bed until I get back."

After her father left the room, Terri sat totally still, listening to his footsteps stumble down the hallway and creak carefully down the stairs. Not being able to see anything wasn't much fun. It was kind of scary and made her feel lost—even in her own bedroom.

That's when she remembered something her dad had read to her during morning worship a week or so before. King David had written about how God is with us even when we're sitting in darkness. Well, here she was, sitting in darkness.

Dad had said that living in sin is like being in darkness because you don't have any hope or real joy. He called sin a "dark life." "Then," Dad had said, "God brings the light of His love into your life, and you suddenly have hope and joy again."

Terri saw the hallway begin to glow as Dad's footsteps thumped up the wooden stairs. The glow grew brighter and brighter as her father hurried toward her room. "See," he announced when he reached her door. "You're not blind. There just wasn't any light."

Terri smiled broadly and hugged her father as he sat down beside her on the bed. "Do you know what you just did?" she asked.

Father nodded. "Yes. I found our flashlight in the dark and learned that it might be a good idea for me to keep it beside my bed so that the next time the lights go out, I won't have to go searching for it."

Terri giggled. "No. You did what God does. You made my dark room light again. Isn't that what King David said?"

Dad grinned broadly. "Yes it is. And you know what you did?" "What?"

"You showed me that you were listening during worship last week."

The two sat in the darkness and watched as Dad shone the bright beam of the flashlight around the room. For Terri, darkness would never be scary again because she knew that God, like her dad, was nearby, ready to shine the light of love and chase away the shadows.



Fun Facts

FLASHLIGHTS:

- The flashlight was invented in the 1890s.
- Early portable electric lights were called "flash lights" since they would not give a long steady stream of light.*

