

THE THREAD | BEGINNINGS

Lesson 3: Sin And The Fall

Dear Parents,

Hello again! We just wrapped up another lesson in our teaching students the big-picture story of the Bible through our study called *The Thread: Discovering The Thread of the Gospel Through the Big-Picture Story of the Bible*. I've loved the conversations that have been happening in our group so far. This week was the third of 13 lessons looking at *Beginnings*. The lesson was entitled "Sin and the Fall." Even when Adam and Eve sinned against God, His response to them foreshadowed the fact that God already had set in place a "rescue plan" for them—Sending His Son, Jesus, to die on the Cross. What does that tell us about God's love? Every teenager (human) is going to have areas of rebellion and sin where they struggle, but God offers them grace and forgiveness, and God's grace can motivate them to pursue righteousness in that area.

Lesson Overview: Up to this point, everything has gone really well in the Garden. There's reason to believe that Adam and Eve have been living a peaceful existence with each other and with God. After all, sin had not entered into the world yet. But that would all change with a word from the serpent. This lesson is all about helping your teenager understand where sin entered the big-picture story of Scripture. But they will also see the different perspectives that Jesus and Adam represent in the narrative of the Bible and God's mission to redeem the effects of sin.

What We Want Your Teenager To Learn: Understand where in the story of humans rebelled against the Creator and how Jesus (grace) represents the opposite of Adam (condemnation).

What We Want Your Teenager To Do With What They've Learned: Consider what it means to practically live out grace and righteousness in their world.

Scripture Passages We Studied: Genesis 2:15-17; Genesis 3:1-24; Romans 5:18-21

Please Take A Few Minutes This Week To Read These Passages.

NEXT STEPS...

During the next week, as you engage in conversations with your teenager, remember that one way that will help them to understand and apply what they have learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- You talked about the first rebellion against God—when Adam and Eve disobeyed God. What do you think made them distrust God and believe that He didn't want what was best for them?
- OK, so Adam and Eve made one bad decision. Why was it such a big deal?
- What was God's response to what Adam and Eve did? (Bonus: If they don't bring it up themselves, ask them about what they talked about in Romans 5:18-21 concerning God's grace.)

Thank you for all you do. As a parent, you are the primary spiritual influence in the life of your teenager, and they desperately need you. I'm praying for you! If you have any questions or if I can help with anything, please don't hesitate to let me know.