



THE SABBATH CIRCLES HOME SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Unit Theme: Exploring the Stories of the
Old Testament

Today's story: Adam and Eve leave the Garden

Key Verse: “Adam said, ‘I heard the sound of you in the garden and I was afraid because I was naked and I hid myself.’” Genesis 3:10

Questions to go deeper into the story:

- What did the serpent say to Eve about the fruit of one tree in the garden God had told them not to touch?
- Why did the serpent talk to Eve and not Adam?
- Go back and read Genesis 2:15-17 to find out who God had told about the forbidden tree. Does this help you answer the first two questions? Why or why not?
- What was the sin committed in this story that got Adam and Eve kicked out of the garden?

Activity possibilities:

- Check out the coloring picture on the back of this insert.
- What do you think the forbidden tree looked like? In artwork going back thousands of years it is almost always pictured as an apple tree but this is nowhere in the text. Take some time and consider the trees all around you. Which one suggests the “forbidden tree” to you? Why? Sketch the tree or take a photo. Then use it as a focal point to talk with God about your own sins.
- Find a large leaf that has fallen to the ground, preferably one in decent shape. Flatten it out under a book. Then, place a piece of paper over the leaf and using the side of a crayon, make a leaf rubbing. As you are working, imagine how you would respond if you encountered God on a walk in the woods.



In other cultures and religious traditions around the world, the snake or serpent is revered, not branded as evil and responsible for sin's entrance into the world. Check out this YouTube video to hear a little about how other religions see snakes:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bpo_ZCSoloY

Do your own snake research! Is a snake the same thing as a serpent? What about vipers? Google “snakes” and see what you can learn or go to the library and check the reference section for books on snakes. Is it possible snakes have been getting a bad rap for millennia because of one story?

Remember, Rev. Ruth is always available to answer your questions anytime! Call, text, or email her or stop by the Savoy any Thursday afternoon from 2-4pm!!