

Genesis 3:1-8

BIBLICAL PASSAGE

Genesis 3:4-5

MEMORY VERSE

“You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” **Genesis 3:4-5**

Sheltered From the Storm

Do your kids ever drive you crazy? Do they disappoint you? The truth is that your kids suffer from the same ailment you do: sin.

Read Genesis 3:1-8.

In Adam, all die. Sobering thought, isn't it? From the most humble and holy to the most shallow and self-absorbed, all humanity bears the mark of its first representative, Adam. Satan attacked Eve by casting doubt on God's Word, by distorting God's Word, and by denying God's Word. This same enemy will attack your son or daughter. His ways have not changed. He will seek to distort and twist right and wholesome things in order to see to the downfall of yet another son of Adam and another daughter of Eve.

Many times, as parents, we do everything we can to try to shelter our kids from this evil. Don't hide your children from evil; rather, help them face it and develop a strategy to honor God in the face of Satan's tactics.

Here are some suggestions for prayer for your family this week. Take a few of them each night and bathe your kids in prayer. Let them know you're praying for them, too!

- Pray that they would understand that apart from Christ, they are separated from God.
- Pray that you would be faithful to model for them every day the serious nature of sin.
- Pray that God would help you prepare your children to do battle with Satan.

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL TIME

Connect . . .

Take turns trying to jump up and touch the ceiling. **Discuss:** Was it out of reach? Is God out of reach?

Explore . . .

Read Genesis 3:1-8; John 14:23-24. **Discuss:** How would you describe Satan's way of deceiving Eve?

Say: God is out of reach for us, but He reaches down to us. Christ has made forgiveness possible to a people who could not earn it. It is only by His effort on the cross that we can be forgiven.

Transform . . .

Discuss: What difference should it make in our Christian walk, as individuals and as a family, that we could have never done for ourselves what Christ did for us?

Pray together that God would impress on you the incredible nature of this gift. While we were helpless, foreign, enemies, and covenant breakers, Christ prevailed over sin and death for us!