

Materials I Need:

Legend:



= Option 1, Appropriate for 1st – 2nd Grade



= Option 2, Appropriate for 3rd – 6th Grade

Memory Work:

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He will crush your head, and you will strike His heel.” Genesis 3:15

Aim Questions:

1. What did the serpent say to Eve to tempt her to eat the fruit?
2. How did Adam and Eve respond when God confronted them with their sin?
3. What did God tell Cain before he killed Abel?
4. What did God do to Adam, Eve and Cain as punishment?
5. How is your sin like Adam’s sin? How is it different?
6. Explain the difference between blaming others for our sin and taking responsibility for our sin.



Hook:



Temptation (Activity). Have the students draw a picture of someone being tempted to do something wrong. Have the students share with the class what is happening in their pictures. Did the people in their pictures give in to their temptations? Today we will look at how the first man and woman were tempted and gave in to sin.




Instructions (Activity). Bring a game or several games to class today. Try to bring games that need clear instructions to play. Remove the instructions from the game and have the kids try and determine how to play the game. After a short while ask the students how they enjoyed playing their games. What is needed to play the game? God gave us instructions for life, the Bible. God gave Adam instructions for what he could eat in the Garden of Eden. What were the instructions God gave Adam in Genesis 2:17? Today let’s look and see what happened when God’s instructions were not followed.




A Pop Quiz to Begin (Worksheet). Answer “T” for true and “F” for false. (Answers: T, F, T, F, T, T, F, T, F, F, F, T, F.) 1GEN02.GF1



Fashion Forum (Discussion). Make a list on the board of the various articles of clothing being worn today by the students (pants, shirt, skirt, dress, socks, shoes, etc.). Ask students if they have ever wondered why we always wear clothes (except in private). Why is it improper to go around with our bodies uncovered? List some reasons why we wear clothes (warmth, protection, self expression, modesty). As today’s Bible Adventure begins, Adam and Eve are naked, and they don’t feel any need to be covered. When and why does this change?

 **Wad of Weeds (Object Lesson).** Bring several different weeds from your yard. See if students can identify some of them. What problems do they cause? Were weeds a part of God's perfect creation? Were there weeds in the Garden of Eden? When did weeds become a problem? (It would be very interesting to have a farmer lead this discussion. He might share something about the effort it takes to overcome the effects of weeds on his crops.)

 **Hide and Seek (Game).** Play a version of hide and seek by hiding pictures of Adam and Eve, **1GEN02.GF2 Pgs. 1 & 2.** Have students search for Adam and Eve as God did. Even when we are well hidden, does God know where we are? When we left Adam and Eve last week, they were enjoying God's fellowship in the Garden of Eden. In today's Bible Adventure, Adam and Eve will try to hide from God. Why do you suppose they would do this? Is it possible to hide from God? Read Psalm 139:7-12.



Book:

Presentation Ideas -

 **Adam and Eve Kicked out of the Garden of Eden (Illustration/Overhead).** Genesis 3:21-24, **1GEN02.GF3.**

 **Cain Kills Abel (Illustration/Overhead).** Genesis 4:8, **1GEN02.GF4.**

Bible Adventure -

There seems to be a popular view in the world today that man is basically good. What's your opinion of that viewpoint? Is it valid? Do the headlines in today's paper support it? I think you'll agree that this idea doesn't hold much water. Listen to the six o'clock news any evening and hear stories about fighting, murder, greed and corruption, and see what you think. The Bible has a lot to say about the heart of man. Jeremiah wrote that the heart of man is "deceitful and desperately wicked." How did we get that way? What happened to that part of creation that God pronounced "very good"? We'll find some answers today as we look at chapters 3-5 of the book of Genesis.

Remember that God had placed Adam and Eve in a beautiful garden in order to enjoy and care for it. God told Adam he could eat the fruit of every tree in the garden save one--he was not to eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. We heard in our last Bible Adventure about the unlimited creativity of God, so we can imagine there were more trees to eat from than we could imagine, and yet even in those first days, on what did man zero in? Not on the hundreds of good things he *could* have, but the one thing God said he could not have. Satan appeared to Eve in the form of a snake. He was cunning, or crafty, and understood Eve's heart and its longings. The first thing he did was to plant seeds of doubt in Eve's mind about the goodness of God. Listen to his words, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'" Now, Eve knew perfectly well what God had said. In fact, she told Satan that God had given them the freedom to eat the fruit of any tree in garden, with the exception of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Eve believed that if she even touched it, she would die. But Satan knew the weakness that was in Eve. First he hinted that God was being a little selfish for keeping that one tree to Himself. Then, when Eve told him that they were forbidden to eat of that one tree, he tried another lie. "You will not surely die," he said, "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Eve was just like any one of us when we're forbidden to touch the cookies, just warm from the oven. We can't think of anything else--we want the one thing we can't have. He made Eve forget about all God had given her and made her long for that forbidden cookie. Eve was fooled into thinking that disobeying God was a way to become like God. What Satan was really telling her to do was to become her own god and make her own decisions. Eve was no longer content to let God have the place of absolute authority and power. She took fruit from the tree and ate it.

Not only did Eve eat the fruit herself, she offered it to Adam. Now Adam had a choice to make. Instead of obeying God, he went along with Eve, and he also ate. The result was immediate shame and guilt. Adam and Eve had started the spread of sin to the whole of mankind. Since that time, all men have followed their example.

What happened to Adam and Eve then? Well, they tried to hide from God as they heard Him approaching in the garden. God knew that something was wrong. He knew His children had been disobedient. He asked if they had eaten from the tree. Adam tried to blame Eve for his sin and to even blame God. After all, He was the one who had given this woman to Adam. Eve blamed the serpent for her sin.

God cursed Satan and here, in the beginning chapters of the Bible, is the very first promise of the Messiah to come, Jesus Christ. Read Genesis 3:15 : “He (Eve’s offspring) will crush your head, and you will strike His heel.” Isn’t that fantastic? Here, at the introduction of the horror of sin into God’s perfect world, is the promise that the Son of God would one day put Satan’s work to an end.

As we follow on with the story of Adam and Eve, we find that God banished them from the garden. He cursed the soil, saying that Adam would have to work hard to make things grow. Eve would have pain as she bore babies. Most devastating of all, their close relationship with God was broken, and they experienced spiritual death.

Adam and Eve later had two sons, Cain and Abel. Cain became a farmer, and Abel kept flocks of animals. After some time the sons both brought offerings before the Lord. Cain brought some of the crop he had grown. Abel brought the best of his flock to offer--the fat portions. God looked with favor on Abel’s offering, but not on Cain’s. Instead of correcting his sin and listening to God’s warning, Cain was so jealous that he invited Abel to go out into the fields with him, and there he attacked and killed him. But God knew what he had done. God’s response leaves little doubt that he holds each one of us responsible for our own actions and attitudes. God sent Cain away, to be a wanderer on the earth. The ground that he had worked to produce crops would no longer produce anything for him.

There are many ways to deal with sin; the worst possible one is the one we’ve seen today in this Genesis account. Blaming someone else for our sin is like denying it exists or that it’s our problem. Blame makes our hearts hard and unwilling to take responsibility for our sin. The history of Adam and Eve is our history. We inherited death from them as a result of sin. None of us is able to live a perfect life before God. When Jesus walked this earth, one of the powerful messages He brought was that we are sinners in need of rescuing. Who would you rather believe? The people who tell you it’s someone else’s fault when you sin, or the King of all creation, who shoots it straight and true? Admit your sin, then cry out to the One who stands ready to rescue *you!*



Look:



Man’s Nature (Worksheet). Fill in the sentence with the correct word and then find the answer hidden in the picture. [Answers: 1. Fruit 2. Serpent (Snake) 3. Thorns or thistles 4. Flaming sword 5. Cain (candy cane) 6. Earth 7. Seven 8. 930], **1GEN02.GF5.**




Word, Clue, Answer (Worksheet). Using the clues, unscramble the word to get your answer. (Answers: Serpent, Naked, Cherubim, Angry, Wanderer, Methuselah, Adam, Lamech), **1GEN02.GF6.**




God’s Curse (Worksheet). To find out what the Lord said to the serpent, fill in the blanks by using the key at the bottom of the page, **1GEN02.GF7.**




Fallen Fashion (Craft/Discussion).  Have students color the pictures of Adam and Eve on **1GEN02.GF8 Pgs. 2 & 3.** Color the clothing made of leaves and skins **1GEN02.GF8 Pg. 1.** Cut out, and use tacky putty to dress and undress Adam and Eve. Why did Adam and Eve feel the need to make clothes for themselves?




Who Said? (Worksheet). Who made each of these statements? Write the correct name on the first blank. On the second blank, identify the type of statement as follows: “W” - warning from God, “T” - temptation, “E” - excuse, “C” - curse or punishment. The first one is done for you, **1GEN02.GF9.**


 **Draw God's Curse on Satan (Worksheet).** Just after man sinned for the first time, God gave the first prophecy of a Savior. In each of these two frames, draw a snake and a foot in a way that will illustrate this prophecy. The foot represents Jesus Christ and the snake is Satan. (Although these will be simple drawings, there are many pronouns in Gen. 3:15. Students will need help understanding what they need to draw.) Have students explain what their pictures mean, **1GEN02.GF10.**

 **Forbidden Fruit (Craft).** At each table, provide a bowl of Fruit Loops cereal, coloring crayons and glue. Instruct students they are not to eat the Fruit Loops but rather to glue them as fruit on the "Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil." Ask students if they were tempted to eat of the "forbidden fruit." Use this as a springboard for discussion on temptations in our lives, **1GEN02.GF11.**






Took:


 **Man & Sin (Discussion).** Who were the first man and woman? What was the first sin? Who did Adam blame when he ate the fruit? Who did Eve blame when she ate the fruit? Can we live our lives without ever sinning? Do you try and blame someone else when you have done something wrong? What should you do? Explain the difference between blaming others for our sin and taking responsibility for our sin.

 **Weeding Out Sin (Activity/Discussion).** Take students on a "nature walk" outside the church. Tell them that for the next five minutes they are on "weed patrol" and are to bring back as many dandelions as they can. Reward the student bringing back the most weeds with a small treat. **DEBRIEF:** Did Adam and Eve have to pull weeds in the Garden of Eden? What did God tell them would happen as a result of their sin? We must labor hard because of the effects of Adam and Eve's punishment. Farmers go to extensive work to cultivate the soil and keep it weed-free so that healthy crops can grow. What about our hearts? Sin can be a weed in our heart where God is trying to cultivate the fruit of the Holy Spirit. How can we weed out sin in our hearts? Discuss how daily confession of sin is necessary in order to produce healthy fruit.

 **The Fall Affects Us All (Worksheet).**  Fill in your family tree as indicated. Discuss what Romans 5:12 says about us. What has God done to solve our problem? **1GEN02.GF12**

 **Family Tree (Worksheet).**  Today students were introduced to the beginning of everyone's family tree. Explain to the class that we are all descendants of Adam and Eve. Have students take home **1GEN02.GF13** to complete and decorate with their families. Encourage them to ask questions about their ancestors. Did any of them love Jesus? Encourage students to pray for those living ancestors who don't know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

 **ABC Button Banner (Craft).** Have students make a button banner on which to pin their ABC Buttons for the book of Genesis. A take home kit will be provided for each child when he or she earns the first button. Kits include banner felt, dowel, cording, and instructions with suggestions for individual decoration. These are available upon request.

 **ABC Buttons (Memory Work).** Give students the Genesis ABC stats on **1GEN01.GF11** in order to earn their buttons. Buttons are awarded to those successfully memorizing the significant action, Bible verse and character statistics for each lesson throughout the book of Genesis. The ABC's for Genesis 3-5 are:

- A. Sin
- B. Genesis 3:15
- C. Adam, Eve, Cain and Abel



Creation Sound Off (Song). Sing the following verses to the tune of a military sound off. Teacher starts, and class does the echo. When they are more familiar with it, have volunteers lead. Add more verses as you go, having the class echo your words.

God made the world, and it was good,

(Echo)

Like no other one could.

(Echo)

Six days was all it took,

(Echo)

Not how it says in other books.

(Echo)

(chorus)

chorus:

Praise Him!

One, Two!

Praise Him!

Three, Four!

Praise Him!

Five, Six!

Lord of all, Creator God,

(Echo)

We didn't come from a slimy wad.

(Echo)

Lovingly created and made,

(Echo)

Not evolved as some say.

(Echo)

(chorus)

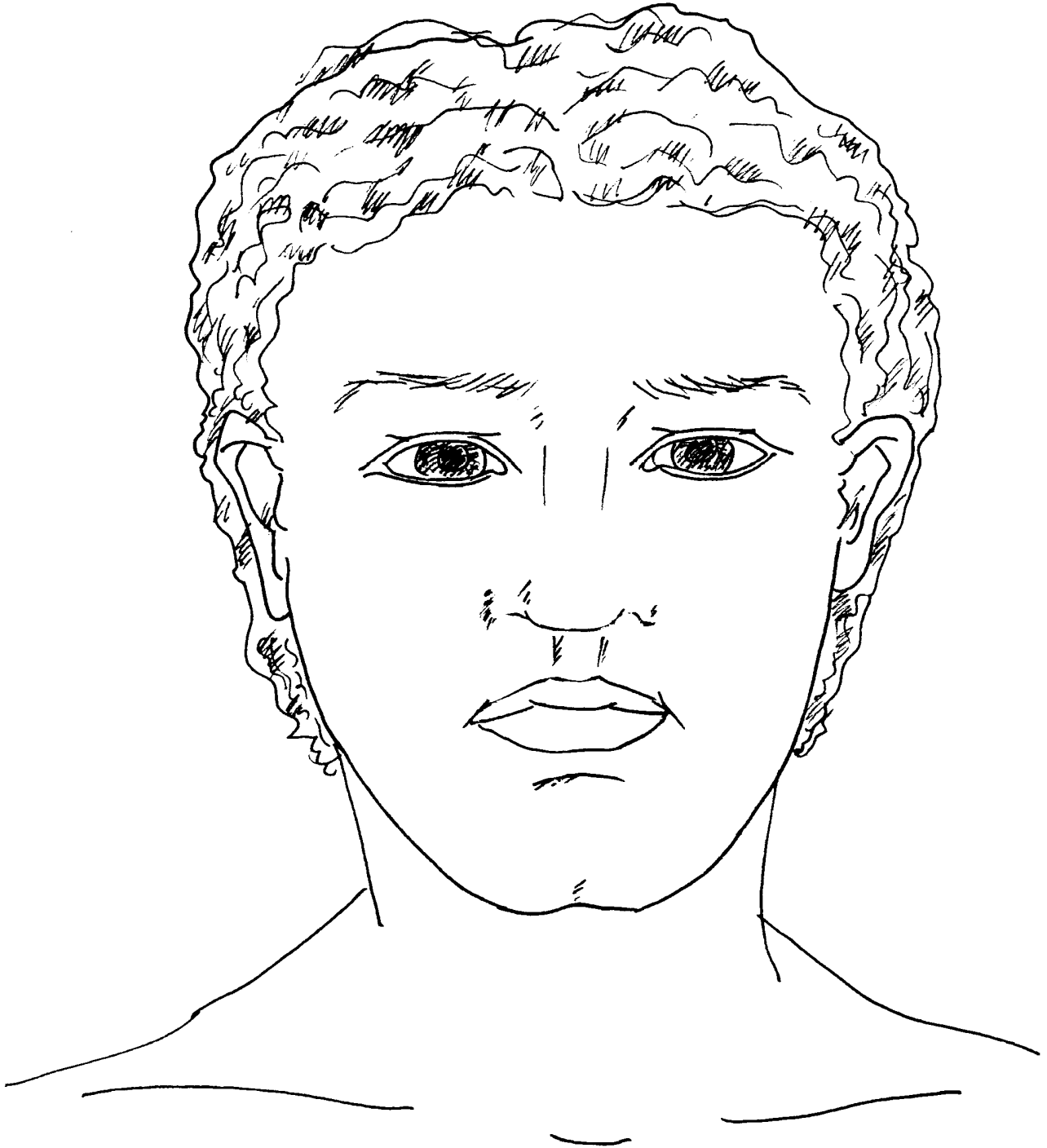
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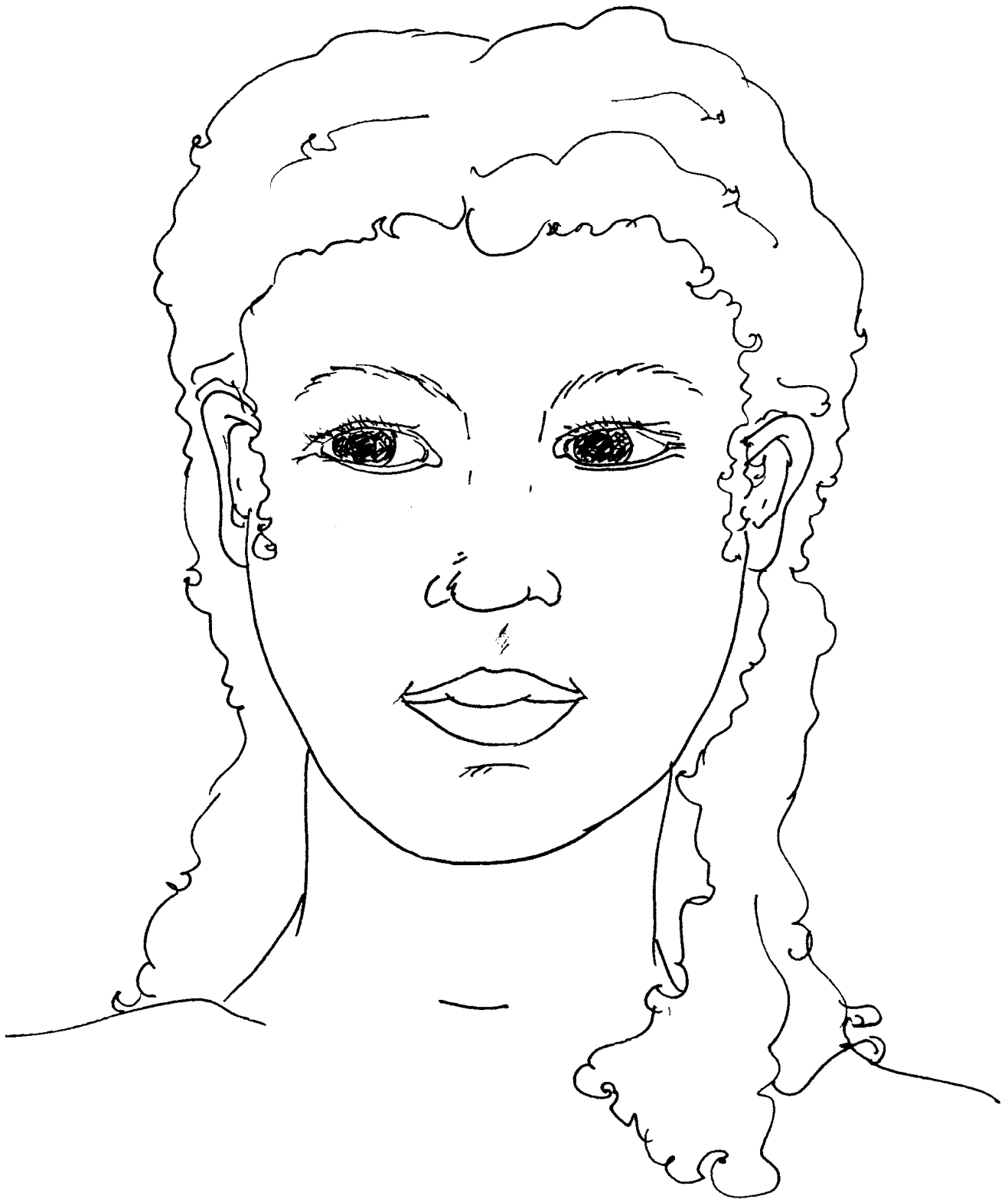
Answer "T" for true and "F" for false.

- ___ God called the light "day."
- ___ God separated the waters on the first day.
- ___ Dry ground appeared on the same day God made the plants.
- ___ The sun was shining when the plants were created.
- ___ Fish and birds were created on the fifth day.
- ___ God made man in His own image.
- ___ God made man on the seventh day.
- ___ God put the man in the Garden of Eden.
- ___ God said Adam could not eat from any tree in the garden.
- ___ God said Adam could not touch the Tree of Knowledge.
- ___ God told Adam and Eve not to eat any apples.
- ___ It was not good for man to be alone.
- ___ God made Eve from the dust.

Adam



Eve



Adam & Eve Kicked Out of the Garden of Eden



Cain Kills Abel



MAN'S NATURE

Fill in the sentence with the correct word, and then find the answer hidden in the picture.

1. Adam blamed Eve for giving him _____.
2. Eve blamed the _____ for her sin of eating from the tree.
3. God cursed the ground and said the earth would produce _____.
4. After God drove man out of the Garden of Eden, He placed cherubim and a _____ flashing back and forth to guard the way to the Tree of Life.
5. _____ was the older brother of Abel.
6. As punishment for killing Cain, the Lord told Abel that he would be a restless wanderer of the _____.
7. The Lord said, "If anyone kills Cain, he will suffer vengeance _____ times over."
8. Altogether Adam lived _____ years.



WORD	CLUE	ANSWER
TSEPENR	Who told Eve she would not die if she ate the fruit of the tree?	
KDEAN	Adam was afraid and hid from God because he knew he was _____.	
MCHBIREU	God placed this on the east side of the Garden of Eden.	
RAYGN	Cain became ____ when God did not look upon his offering with favor.	
DREAENR	Because Cain killed Abel, he was to become a restless _____.	
MHAETLEHUS	This man was Noah's grandfather and lived to be 969 years old.	
MDAA	This man lived to be 930 years old.	
MLCAHE	This man became the father of Noah when he was 182 years old.	

Using the clues, unscramble the word to get the answers.

God's Curse

To find out what the Lord said to the serpent, fill in the blanks by using the key at the bottom of the page.

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⌘ = and ◆ = he ℳ = your ■ = you ☉ = will ☎ = his ⌘ = strike □ =
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☎ = head Ⓜ = put ☎ = offspring ♀ = woman 👣 = heel ⌚ = hers

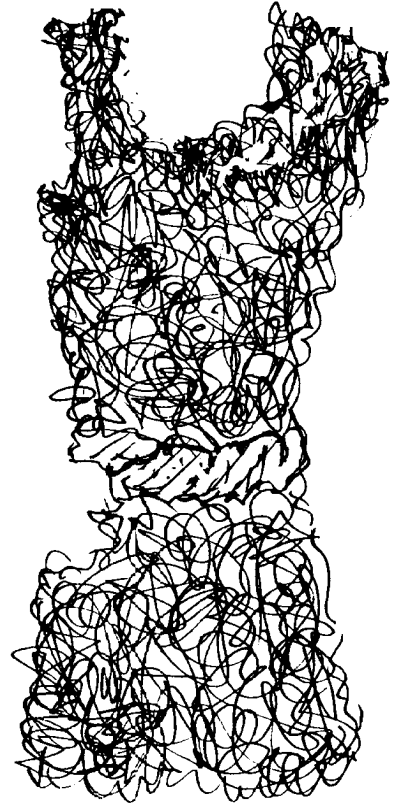
Fallen Fashion

Color the pictures of Adam and Eve on 1GEN02.GF8

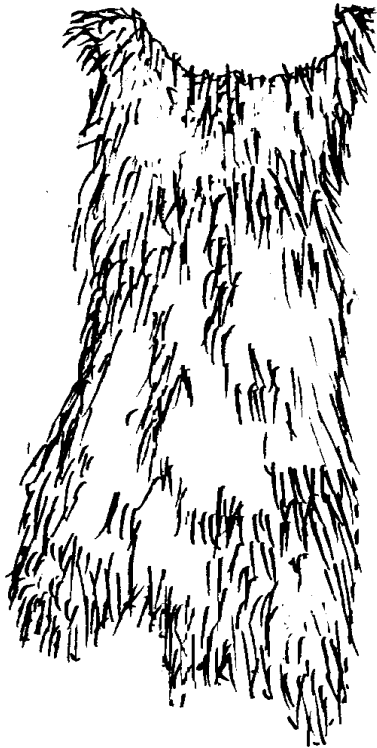
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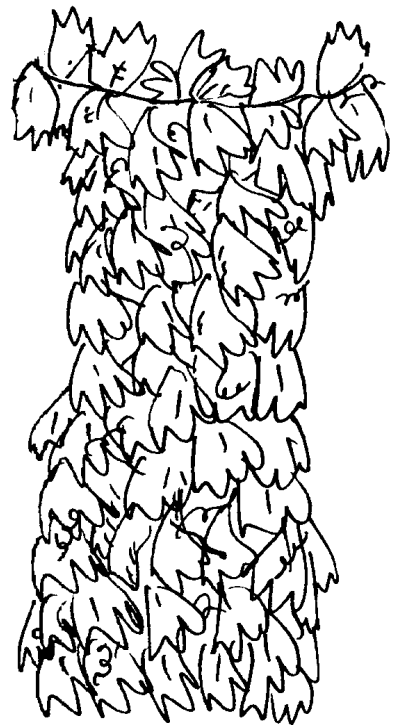
Adam's Fig Leaves



Adam's Skins



Eve's Skins



Eve's Fig Leaves





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God W "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

_____ _____ "You will not surely die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

_____ _____ "The woman you put here with me - she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

_____ _____ "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

_____ _____ "You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He will crush your head, and you will strike His heel."

_____ _____ "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing... Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."

_____ _____ "Cursed is the ground because of you... It will produce thorns and thistles for you...for dust you are and to dust you shall return."

_____ _____ "If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."

_____ _____ "Am I my brother's keeper?"

_____ _____ "When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth."

BONUS: To whom was each curse addressed?

1GEN02.GF9

Draw God's Curse on Satan

Just after man sinned for the first time, God gave the first prophecy of a Savior. In each of these two frames, draw a snake and a foot in a way that will illustrate this prophecy. The foot stands for Jesus Christ, and the snake is Satan.

Now, what do your pictures mean?



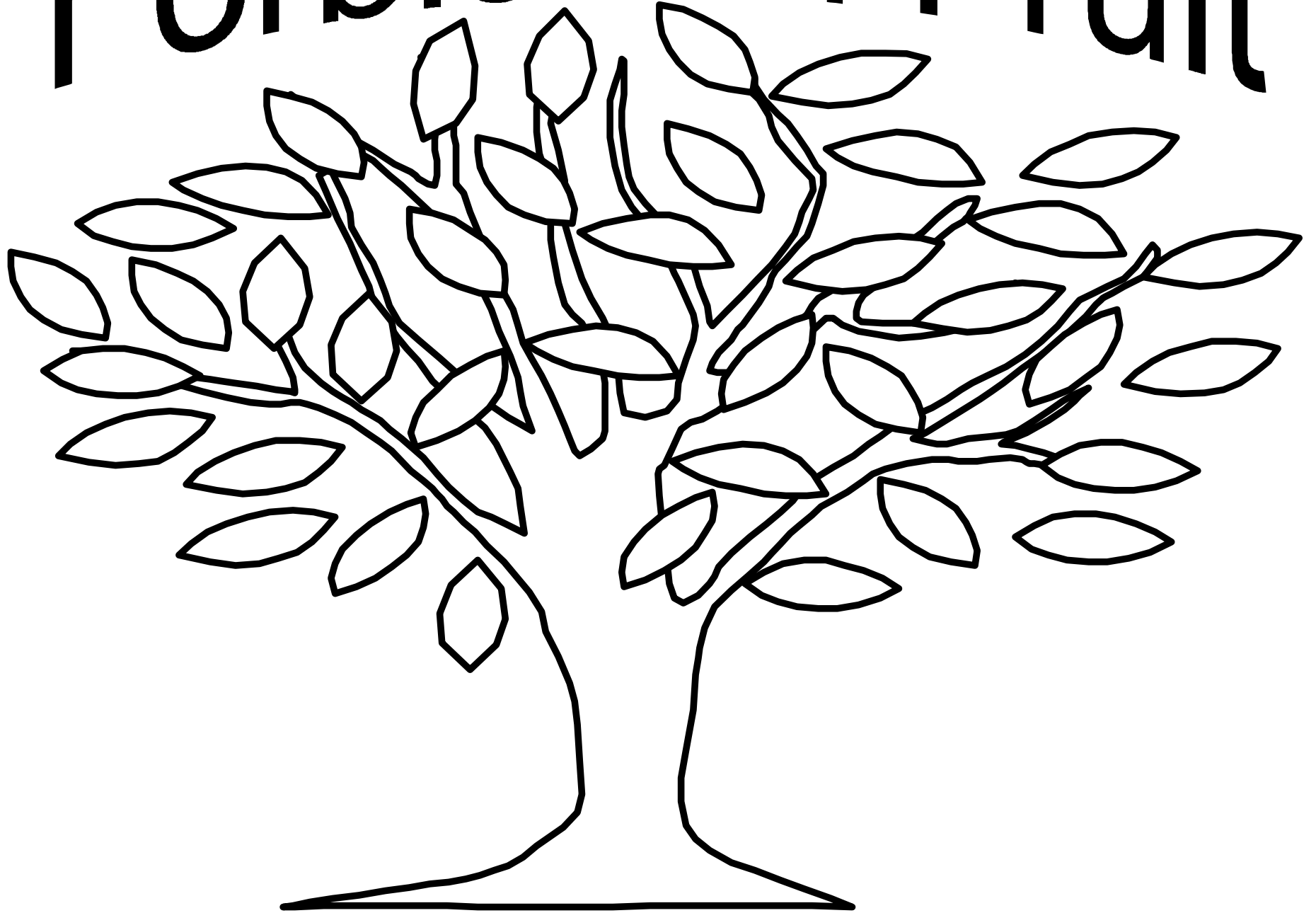
“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers...”

“...He (Jesus) will crush your head,”

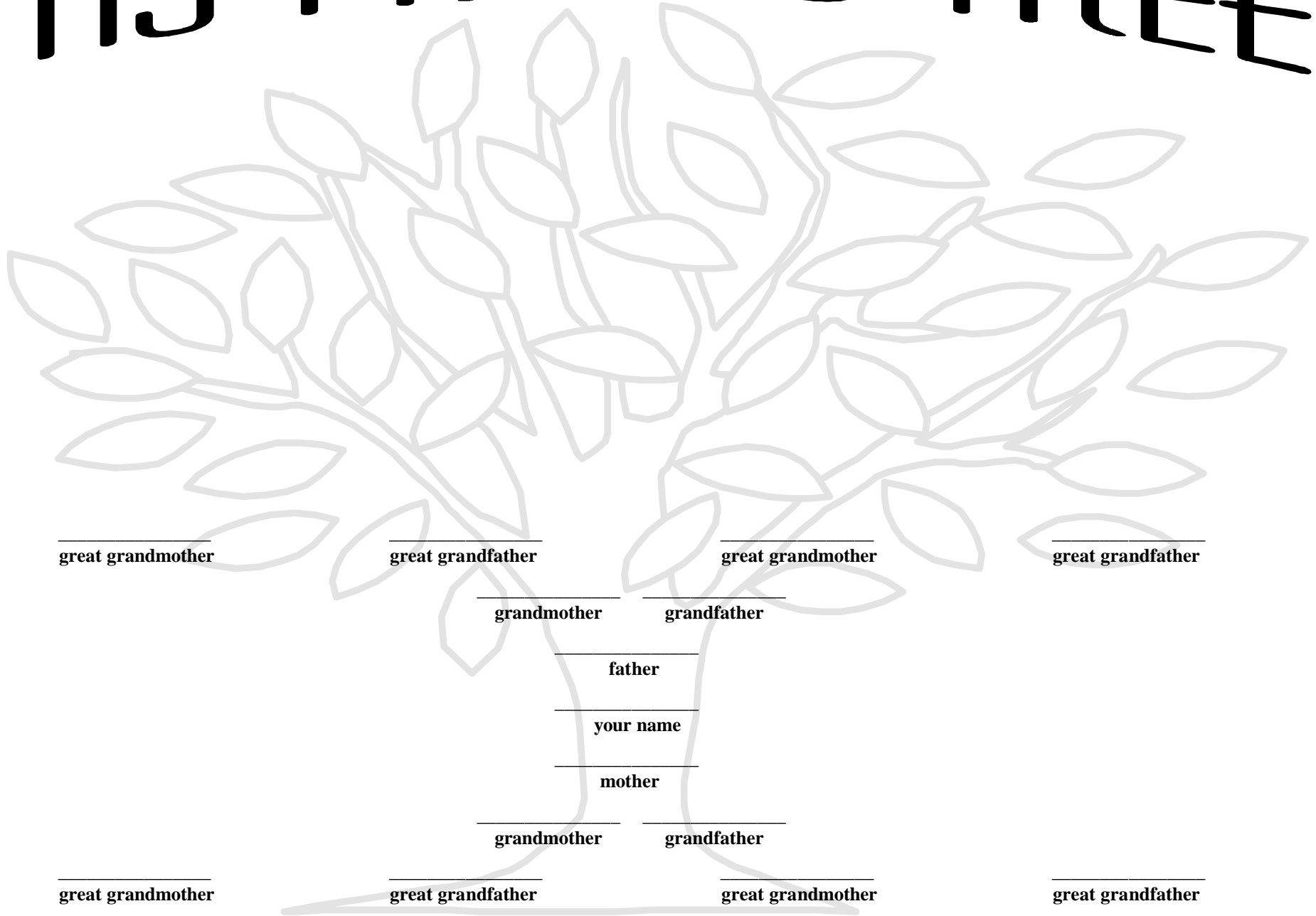
“...and you (Satan) will strike his heel.”

Genesis 3:15

Forbidden Fruit



MY FAMILY TREE



great grandmother

great grandfather

great grandmother

great grandfather

grandmother

grandfather

father

your name

mother

grandmother

grandfather

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great grandfather

The Fall Affects Us All



“Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned...”
Romans 5:12

Fill in your family tree as indicated. What does this verse say about you? What has God done to solve your problem?