

On the **5th day** of creation, God created the very first person, Adam. (*sixth day*) He placed him in the Garden of **Egypt**. (*Eden*)

In the center of the garden grew a tree with rich, ripe fruit. A single bite of this fruit would allow people to know the difference between **apples and oranges**. (*good and evil*)

God gave Adam clear instructions about this particular tree. He said, "You may eat fruit from any tree in the garden. But you must not eat the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you do, you will **probably die**." (*certainly, without a doubt, for sure die*)

Later, Adam shared God's directions with the very first woman God created, named Eve.

Often, God met with Adam and Eve, speaking and walking with them as a friend.

One day, as Adam and Eve were **planting more fruit trees**, (*passing through the middle of the garden*) Eve was startled by a voice. She saw a sleek serpent near one of the tree branches nearby.

The serpent spoke to Eve saying, "Did God REALLY say, "You must not eat fruit from any tree in the garden?" Eve answered, "Oh, no. We can eat fruit from the trees here. But God did say, "You must not eat from the **McDonald's** in the middle of the garden. Do not even touch it. If you do, you will die." (*Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil*)

The serpent told Eve, "You will certainly NOT die. God knows when you eat fruit from that tree, you will know things you have never known before. You will be able to tell the difference between **apples and oranges**,) just like God." (*good and evil*)

The serpent wanted **to convince Eve to get him a piece of forbidden fruit**. (*to think that God was keeping something good from them and that it wasn't fair for them not to be able to eat from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil*)

Eve reached out and took a piece of the fruit from the forbidden tree then she took a bite. She handed the fruit to Adam, who **threw it at the serpent**. (*took a big bite as well*)

About a week later, something changed. (*Immediately*)

As soon as they swallowed the fruit, they knew that things were different. They knew they'd just broken their friendship with God. They had a sudden urge to cover themselves up and hide from God. They sewed **grass** together to make clothes for themselves. (*fig leaves*)

When they heard the sound of God in the garden, Adam and Eve hid in the trees thinking that God wouldn't be able to find them. God, of course, knew they were hiding and called for them to come out.

God said, "Did you eat from the **bush** I told you not to eat from?" (*Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil*)

Adam blamed Eve. Eve blamed the serpent.

God's heart was saddened. He had made Adam and Eve to be His friends. To know and trust Him. Instead, they had broken **one of His many rules**. (*His only rule*) The rule was meant to keep them safe and in a perfect friendship with God.

God told them that they must leave the garden. "From now on, you will work hard for your food and **be greatly rewarded for it**. (*face great pain*) Someday, you will die and become like the dust you were made from."

Adam and Eve had chosen their own path instead of following God. That day sin entered into the world. It would take a miracle from God to make a way for people to be perfect friends with Him again.

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