

30 Second Thought



Name three hard or sad things that are going in your life or you see going in the world.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

The list might be pretty long! All the corona virus/COVID 19 things might come to mind. Maybe it's you not getting along with a brother or sister or parent. Wildfires are blazing on the west coast and hurricanes are blowing in the Gulf Coast. Someone is diagnosed with a disease or has to have surgery. If only we could go back to living in the Garden of Eden where life was perfect! What happened and can we get back to that perfect world?

Read

Read Genesis 3 either to yourself or you can read it with your family. Looking for a Bible? Ask your parents, or use a Bible app like the YouVersion Bible app, or go online to www.biblegateway.com.



Review What You Read

1. Remember! What was the one command that God gave to Adam and Eve? (Go back to Genesis 2:16,17)
2. What lie did the devil tell Eve?
3. Why should Adam and Eve never even considered believing the lies of the devil?

Answers

1. You must not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil or you will die. Describe the "home" of the Garden of Eden that God had made for Adam and Eve.
2. You will be like if you eat of the tree! It's really good for you.
3. God had only and always given them good things. They had every reason to believe God and not to believe the devil.

4. Who did Adam blame when God asked what had happened?

5. Who did Eve blame when God asked her what had happened?

6. Think of the way you react when someone ruins something that you worked really hard to make. What might you expect God to do to Adam and Eve who had ruined his perfect creation?

7. Instead of immediately punishing Adam and Eve, God made a promise to them. That promise is found in Genesis 3:15. What did God say someone from Eve's family would one day do to the devil?

8. What kind of hard and sad things did God say would happen to Eve?

9. What kind of hard and sad things did God say would happen to Adam?

10. Why did God not want Adam and Eve to live in the Garden of Eden any longer?

Answers

4. Adam blamed Eve and kind of God for giving Eve to him

5. Eve blamed the devil

6. Destroy them

7. Crush his head. God

promised to send someone to undo what the devil had done.

That person is Jesus who by his death on the cross pays for people to live with him in heaven and not with the devil in hell.

8. Having babies would be painful. Adam and Eve wouldn't always get along. They would be jealous of each other.

9. Work is going to be frustrating and hard. One day his body would return to the ground.

10. If they ate of the Tree of Life, they would live forever in this sinful world of pain, suffering and sadness.

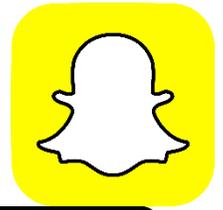
His Word in Your Life

The devil is still a really good liar. After all, he's had a lot of years of practice! What lies might the devil use in the following situations to get you to sin?

You see that someone just posted something really mean about you on Snapchat.

The internet filter isn't working and you realize you can go to any place on the internet.

You know that you have Catechism memory work to learn, but your favorite TV show just came on.



Life in this world can be very difficult and scary at times. Christians don't just get to skip all the hard things. However, Christians go through the hard things with these amazing promises of God!

Romans 8:28 *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

Romans 8:35,38,39 *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*



How could you use these promises to encourage someone who is going through something hard in their life?

One last thought! How has God given us something even better than Garden of Eden? Look at what Jesus promises you in Revelation 21:4 *'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'*

Catechism Connection



Read through the *What Does This Mean?* to the Second Article in your Catechism. It can be found on page 5 or top of page 148. Underline the parts that tell us what Jesus came to crush the devil's head.

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