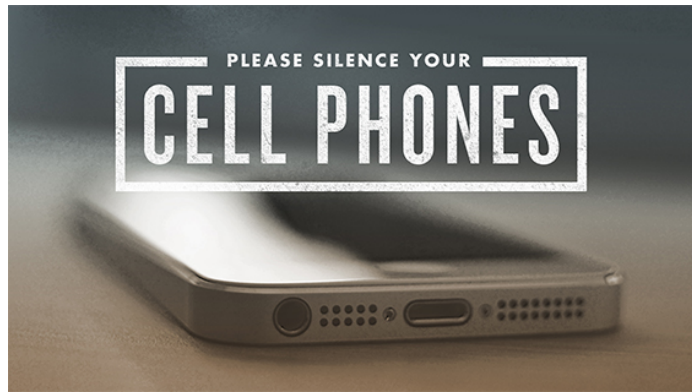




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Genesis Lesson

Genesis 3:1-14

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Temptation Disobedience Shame Judgement Hope

The Fall of Man

- Sin begins when we question God's Word and goodness (Genesis 3:1-7)
- Sin causes us to hide and blame (Genesis 3:8-13)
- Sin brings consequences, but God promises hope (Genesis 3:14-19)

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The "serpent" described elsewhere in the Bible:

"the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world." -Rev. 12:9

devil = diabolos = accuser, slanderer

satan = adversary, opponent

father of all lies = John 8:44

prince of this world = John 12:31

Beelzebub = Luke 11:15

the tempter = Matthew 4:3

Satan's story

- God created the heavenly host, and the angels rejoiced over His creation (Job 38:4-7; Colossians 1:16). One spiritual being later identified with Satan/Lucifer.
- Consumed by pride and desire to exalt himself, he fell under judgment. (Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:12-17; 1 Timothy 3:6)
- Other angels also sinned and joined his rebellion. (2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6; Revelation 12:4, 7-9)
- Appeared as serpent and deceived Eve and drew humanity into disobedience and death (Genesis 3:1-15; Rev 12:9)

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Satan's story

- Since that time, he acts as humanity's accuser, adversary, deceiver, and tempter (Job 1-2; Zechariah 3:1-2; Matthew 4:1-11; Revelation 12:10)
- Satan is not God's equal. His power is limited and subject to God's authority (Job 1:10-12; Luke 22:31-32)
- Jesus came to destroy his works, resisted his temptations, cast out his minions, and broke the power of death through the cross and resurrection (Luke 10:17-20; John 12:31; Colossians 2:15; Hebrews 2:14, 1 John 3:8)

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Satan's story

- Through Christ's victory, Satan's defeat became certain, though he continues to deceive, accuse, and seek people to devour (1 Peter 5:8-9; Revelation 12:12)
- At the end of the age, Christ will completely CRUSH him, and he will be cast into the lake of fire, where his rebellion will end forever! (Romans 16:20; Revelation 20:7-10)

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Satan's story

- The devil is real.
- Satan and his demons can influence and sometimes even indwell other beings (John 13:27; Luke 22:3; Mark 5)
- He can't read our minds, but he can watch our patterns and choices.
- He can't strike at God, so he goes after those who are dearest to God and strikes at them.

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"Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves. . ."

– 2 Cor. 11:14-15

Satan's words	God's Word
Indeed, has God said, "You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?" Genesis 3:1	And the Lord commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die." Genesis 2:16-17

God's Word	Satan's words	Eve's words
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How dangerous is it to add to God's Word?

- Proverbs 30:5 "Every word of God is tested; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him. Do not add to His words or He will reprove you, and you will be proved a liar."
- Deuteronomy 4:2 "You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you."

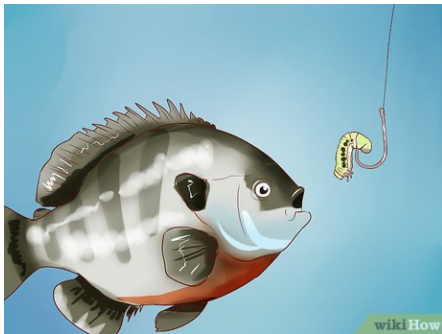
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Adam & Eve
with
standing serpent



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Adam and Eve
and the Garden of
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Temptation shows the immediate pleasure but conceals the eventual cost.

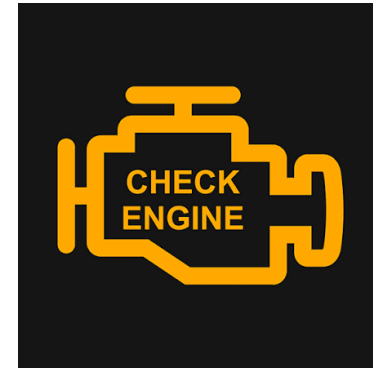
Applications

- Know God's Word so you can recognize when it is being distorted.
- Remember that God's boundaries are for our good.
- Sin has consequences. What consequence is this temptation hiding?

Genesis 3:8-13

■ Sin causes us to hide and blame

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Applications

- Come to God and confess your sin honestly and without excuses (instead of hiding from Him!)
- Replace “This is what they made me do” with “This is what I chose to do.”
- Seek reconciliation when your sin has hurt someone else.

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Genesis 3:14-19

■ Sin brings consequences, but God promises hope.

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Serpent's Seed	Enmity Ongoing conflict	Woman's Seed
Offspring or those who align with Satan. <i>Jn 8:44; 1 Jn 3:10</i>		Her offspring; the wording narrows to "He" <i>Gal 3:16, 19; Rev 12:1-5, 12</i>
Bruise him on the heel		Bruise/crush on the head
Inflicts a real wound, but doesn't win the final victory		Delivers the decisive blow and is victorious ²⁵

And He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.

Revelation 21:4

And there shall no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His bondservants shall serve Him.

Revelation 22:3

Applications

- **Do not assume forgiveness removes earthly consequences.**
- **Place your hope in Jesus, the promised Savior who defeated sin, Satan, and death.**
- **Remember that sin doesn't have the final word...God does!**