

# My Time with God / Session 3

## Day 1

Read Genesis 2:8-14.

- What does it feel like to know you are protected and loved?
- At your current age, are all of your real needs met?
- Beyond needs, think about things that you have been given that make your life good.

God provided a perfect place for Adam and Eve. His provision gave them everything they needed and they wanted for nothing. Just like them, we need to be thankful and recognize how well we have it. Maybe you can thank God, and your parents, for all of life's blessings.

## Day 2

Read Genesis 2:15-17.

- List some limitations that have been given to you.
- Do you think that these are there out of anger or love?
- How well do you respond to boundaries and limitations?

God permitted full freedom with healthy boundaries. He knew that Adam would know evil for the first time if he ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. This was done out of love. Think about the boundaries that you have had placed in your life. Recognize that these are there for your safety.

## Day 3

Read Genesis 3:1-7.

- What are the consequences of misrepresenting what someone else says?
- Have you ever been hurt by someone twisting your words?
- What were the consequences of Satan's twisting of God's words?

Satan's twist on God's words brought lots of trouble. It led to Eve, and then Adam, suffering great consequences. Maybe you have twisted the words of authorities in your life. Twisting words only brings trouble. Ask God to help you speak plainly and truthfully.

## Day 4

Read Genesis 3:8-13.

- Why do we tend to blame others for our wrong actions?
- What good did it do either Adam or Eve to blame someone other than themselves?
- What would have been a better course of action for each of them?

Guilt is something no one enjoys, but everyone must face up to their own actions and take responsibility. Adam blamed Eve, and even God for giving her to him. Eve blamed the serpent. All three of them suffered consequences. Today, ask God to give you the strength to be responsible for your own actions.

## Day 5

Read Genesis 3:14-19.

- Recall the consequences of the serpent's actions, Eve's actions, and Adam's actions.
- List some consequences you have faced because of some of your actions.
- What would life have been like if you had chosen to do some things differently?

Every action has a consequence. Sin's consequences change relationships with others and with God. Spend time examining your heart, your relationship with others, and your relationship with God. There may be some apologies in order this week. Ask God to help you make things right.

## Day 6

Read Genesis 3:20-21.

- Have you ever felt like you were abandoned?
- Even in the worst of times, God still has a plan for you. Recall a time when you realized this fact after going through tough times.
- How does it feel to know that God loves you even when you rebel against Him?

Eve had children with Adam. Eventually, her lineage provided Jesus. Her name, meaning "mother of all the living," hints at this fact. God continued to provide for Adam and Eve, giving them clothing to help them deal with their shame. No matter where we are and what we do, God still loves us.

## Day 7

Read Genesis 3:22-24.

- What do you imagine the Garden of Eden to be like?
- What do you imagine about heaven?
- How do you feel about your friends who are lost and are not currently headed toward heaven?

The loss of innocence cost Adam and Eve their paradise. Once they knew evil, they lost purity. We are born with that bent toward doing selfish, evil things. Jesus Christ is the only way to re-enter paradise in eternity. Do you know someone who doesn't know Him? Pray to God, asking Him to give you an opportunity to share the love of Christ with him or her.