

EVE IS DECEIVED

Scripture: Genesis 3

Materials Needed:

Visuals of creation/Adam and Eve
Blindfold
Bag with something mushy/gross in it

Objectives: As a result of this lesson, I want my students

To Know—Although God told Adam he would die if he ate from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, and Eve knew God had said this, she was deceived by Satan’s lie when she saw what she liked, and wanted it, and chose to eat from the tree. When she gave it to Adam, although he knew it was wrong, he ate too, and together they brought sin and death into the human race.

To Realize—One is deceived by Satan’s lies over God’s truth when they see what they like, want it and choose to act on it, and the results are always destructive because Satan’s aim is to destroy what God loves.

To Respond by—evaluating whether they are being deceived by Satan, and if so, turning from what they see/want/are acting on and choose God’s truth instead.

Setting up the Story:

2 Student volunteers. Coach one ahead of time to tell their friend not to take what I give them in the bag. Blindfold the person who is reaching into the bag. Try to get them to take what is in the bag by telling them their friend knows it is a candy bar and wants it for themselves. See if friend will reach in for the “candy bar”—but have it be mushy/gross stuff instead.

Scripture

Telling the story:

- I. God Tells Adam Not to Eat from Tree
 - A. Six Days=Good!
 - B. Created Man
 1. male/ female
 2. very good!
 - C. Rules:
 1. Can eat from

As you tell the story:

Have you ever wondered, “Why would God create a tree, put it right in the middle of the Garden and then put a ‘Do Not Touch’ sign on it?!”
Love must be chosen! God had overwhelming love for Adam and Eve. They were His children. He had made this whole incredible earth: and then He GAVE it to them! And He made a special Garden that was all their own. And it was all free! There was only one thing that God wanted back: He wanted them to love Him more than anything else. What if

- every tree
- 2. one tree,
don't eat
- 3. law of love

D. Consequences: You will die

II. Eve is Deceived

A. Satan Lies

- 1. Has God said, "Don't eat from any tree"?
- 2. "Can't eat it or touch it= we'll die."
- 3. You won't die!
- 4. God knows: you will be wise like Him

B. Eve saw: it was good to look at

C. Eve wanted: to be wise

D. Eve decided: to eat the fruit and give to Adam

they only loved Him because He gave them everything? Would that be truly loving Him? What if He commanded them to love Him and said, "I am very powerful and if you don't love me, I'm going to beat you up." Would they love Him then?

How would God know if they truly just loved Him? If they had the choice to love Him or not love Him, and they **CHOSE** Him, then He would have what He most wanted from A/E.

So He tells Adam what will happen if he eats from this tree: "You will die"

Now wait a minute! What's in this for Satan? Why does he even care whether or not A/E don't love God? It's not like he cares about them!

He hates God and wants to hurt the thing that God loves most! Every parent knows that if they had a choice to have something done to them or done to their kids—they would choose to have it done to them and not have their kids harmed. Satan can't "hurt" God—God is too powerful. So he is going for God's son: Adam. And how is he going to get to Adam? Through what Adam loves: Eve.

Eve really thought:

I like what I see.

I know what is good for me.

I will choose my way to get what I want.

There is a word for this: Pride.

And because there was pride, Eve was deceived.

E. Adam ate	Adam knew that what he was doing was wrong.
III. Sin and Death for Whole Human Race A. Sin B. Death=Separation	Show apple: we can't "see" things the way they really are. We can't "see" God: He is invisible. That wasn't always the case! This spiritual blindness is permanent for humans! Eve and Adam permanently blinded the human race. And what does the human race now see? Only what is in our physical world.

Concluding the Story:

And how does Satan come to continue to deceive? Well, usually he targets children. Young children have been given a gift from God that is called a sensitive conscience. Satan uses lies, and these three things:

I like what I see

I know what is good for me

I will choose my way to get what I want

In order to deceive. In order to bring about a person's destruction and separate them from the people who love them—especially from a God who loves them. As we start this school year, I do not know where you are spiritually right now. But I want you to evaluate yourself and ask yourself, "Am I falling for Satan's deception?" Am I indulging my mind with the things I see? Do I regularly assume that I know what is best for me? Am I choosing my way to get what I want?

If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, you are in danger. Do you know why? I'll tell you tomorrow.