

The Subtle Serpent

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Based off of the account in Genesis chapter 3

Now satan (the devil) wanted to trick Adam and Eve into disobeying God. All he had to do was get them to eat from the tree that God had told them not to eat from. So he decided to work as a serpent, or, snake.



One day, the serpent found Eve and asked:



Did God say that you can eat from every tree in the garden?



Yes, we may eat of any fruit tree in the garden... except of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. God told us that if we do, we will die.



You will not die! God just knows that if you eat from the tree, your eyes will be opened and you will be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Eve thought about what the serpent said, and was tempted to eat the fruit. It looked very delicious and beautiful... and if she ate it, she would become wise.



Eve took a bite of the fruit, and then gave it to her husband Adam.

Suddenly, they realized they were naked, so they made themselves clothes out of leaves to hide their shame. Then, they heard God calling them.



Adam and Eve tried to hide in the bushes while God called for them, but they could not hide from God.

I heard Your voice in the garden, and was afraid because I was naked, and I hid.

Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree I commanded you to not eat of?

It's the woman that you gave me! *she* gave me the fruit to eat!

What have you done?

It was the serpent! He tricked me into eating it!

And so God said to the serpent:

Because you have done this, you are cursed above all the animals.

You will travel on your belly in the dust all of your life.

And I will cause people to hate you, and they will hurt you...



...and you will hurt them.

And for the woman, you will have great pain giving birth, and your husband shall rule over you.



And you, Adam... since you listened to your wife and ate the fruit I told you not to eat, I will curse the ground and you will have to work hard all the days of your life just to survive, until the day you die and turn back into dust. For you are made from the dust, and will return to the dust.

But God still showed love to Adam and Eve and clothed them with coats of skins.



Because they sinned by disobeying God, Adam and Eve had to leave the Garden of Eden into a cursed land. Cherubims with fiery swords were set in the garden to guard the Tree of Life, which man was now not to eat, but was destined to die for their sins. But, God had a plan to make a way for people to escape death and come back Home to Him...