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Go around and let everyone answer...

Describe an early memory of a time that you, or someone else, put the blame on another person for something wrong that was done.

DIG

Read GENESIS 3:1-7

¹ The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals...

...⁶ The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. ⁷ At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame...^{“(NLT)”}

In what ways was the serpent different from God?

It has sometimes been said that sin and evil is simply “movement away from God.” What would you change or add to that definition to make it clear for a curious young person?

What exactly was Eve’s sin, and why was it so important?

What did Eve hope to gain from her disobedience?

Why did she want whatever it was that she was seeking?

What does it mean to come to a “knowledge of good and evil”?

Read GENESIS 1:8-13

⁸ When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God ...”

Why did Adam and Eve hide from God?

What made Adam and Eve both pass the blame to someone else for their wrong?

In your imagination, what could have been the long-term result if God had not punished Adam and Eve in some way?

APPLY

When have you felt like hiding from God?

What keeps you from hiding or running from God now?

-GLR



Leaders

Series

This discussion guide is based on a sermon in a series called “This is My Story.” It is an overview of the entire message of Scriptures, showing how that message is relevant to everyone.

Big Idea

This lesson shows the origins of sin.

Prayer

Pray for every person in your group to see clearly the disastrous results of sin in his or her own life.

Group Leadership

Questions are an effective way to help people engage in discussion and discover truth for themselves. Jesus was a master at asking questions.

Develop your skill at asking good questions. Consider adding your own questions to the discussion guide, especially if discussion is slow or some comment is not clear. In such situations, be ready to get more detail by asking “Why?” or “Can you tell me more?”

Contact your group ministry coordinators for more information about asking great questions.