

Ssssslatore the Snake

IT IS OUR CHOICE TO OBEY GOD (OR GIVE IN TO SIN)

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Have you ever seen a snake eat an apple? Can you imagine a small tree snake reaching out, yanking an apple from a branch, and eating it? Can you imagine a snake yanking an apple off a tree, handing it to someone else, and saying, “Here, try a bite!”

Read Genesis 3:1-15 & 21-24 together.

- Who tempted Eve to eat the forbidden fruit?
- What did the snake say would happen if Adam and Eve ate the fruit?
- What really happened when Adam and Eve ate the fruit?
- Why was eating the fruit Adam and Eve’s fault and not the snake?
- Do we always have a choice whether we do good or bad?

Snakes don’t eat apples. They don’t have any means to tear apples off trees, and they wouldn’t know how to hand an apple to someone if they tried. A lot of people want to blame the snake for the Fall, and yes, the snake tempted Adam and Eve. But it was Adam and Eve together who chose to disobey God.

Every day we will face temptation, and every day, it will be our choice whether or not we sin. It doesn’t matter who tempts you, the final choice is always yours. Let’s ask God to give us the wisdom and courage to make the right choices and turn away from sin.

Here is a verse to learn this week that will remind us that we should obey God!

“Lord, show me your ways. Teach me how to follow you.” Psalm 25:4 (NirV)

GAME: APPLE CURLING

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Three red apples and three green apples
- Tape

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Create a bullseye on the floor with the tape, making a large circle with a smaller, half-sized circle inside that, and a much smaller circle in the middle.
- Let everyone have a turn. Youngest player goes first.
- The players will each get one color apple. They will take turns rolling their apples toward the target from 20 feet away to try and hit the bullseye.
- Once all apples have been rolled, add up the scores.
- Apples in the smallest circle are worth 15 points, the middle circle 10 points, and the outer circle 5 points.
- It is legal to knock your opponent’s apples out of the circles.
- The player with the most points wins.

WHAT’S THE POINT?

It wasn’t the snake who ate the forbidden fruit. Adam and Eve made that choice, just as we can choose to sin or to obey God.

