

Lesson 1

MOLECULES, MONKEYS, & MEN

This year's study will focus on the eight main characters in the first six books of the Bible. The first character, of course, is Adam. However, before we learn something about the life of Adam, we must discover how it is that Adam, the first man, came to be here in the first place. This question is answered for us in the creation story of Genesis 1–2.

In This Lesson We Will Learn:

- The days of creation
- The power of our God
- How creation is a reflection of God

Someone has said that the most important verse in the Bible is the first verse: “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” Let’s look at what this God has told us about how He created everything in one spectacular week.

Seven Fantastic Days

The First Day (Gen. 1:1–5): _____

The light that appeared was not the sun, for that was not created until the fourth day. This was another light source, about which we know nothing.

The Second Day (1:6–8): _____

The Third Day (1:9–13):

There are two important things to note here.

1. Plants cannot live long without light.
2. Plants were to reproduce “after their kind.”

The Fourth Day (1:14–19): _____

The Fifth Day (1:20–23): _____

The Sixth Day (1:24–31):

1. God did three things on this, perhaps the most amazing of all the creation days.

- _____
- _____
- _____

2. How is man different from animals?

- _____ (1:26–27).
- _____ (2:16–25; 3:8).
- _____ (2:16–17; 3:17).
- _____ (2:15–25).
- _____

The Seventh Day (2:1–3): God Rested

A Portrait of Our God

What does the creation of this universe teach us about our God?

The _____ of Our God

One cannot look into the heavens without realizing that the Creator must be infinite in power and might.

The _____ of Our God

Look at the monkey, the giraffe, the platypus, and the strange and unusual fish in the ocean to see the humor of our God. Surely God wants us to enjoy our lives on this wonderful planet.

The _____ of Our God's Interests

Molecules, monkeys, and men—God made them all. God wants us to appreciate the variety in His world. We can see God's hand and character in everything around us if only we will take the time to look!

The _____ and _____ of Our God

He made everything nature needs for its survival and well-being. Nothing was missing! When He finished, He rested. Nothing needed to be added.

Challenge



As you look at God's wonderful world of creation, do you think about His work, or do you think about Him? He made all these things to show you how magnificent He is. But does your life show others how great your God really is? Does your life show that He can be trusted so much that you don't have to worry? How does your life show that He loves all men and wants them to trust Him for salvation? What can you do this week to show others what a great God you serve?

At-Home Work

Level One and Level Two

We noticed that on the sixth day when man was created, he was also instructed by God in his responsibilities. Look up these references and record what they tell us about Adam's responsibilities.

1. Genesis 1:28 Man was to _____ the earth.
2. Genesis 2:9 He was to enjoy the _____ .
3. Genesis 2:17 He was forbidden to eat of the tree of the _____ .
4. Genesis 2:19–20 He was to _____ all the _____ .

Level Two Only

Match the sentence with the statement that best explains the truth of it.

1.		Marriage involves leaving and cleaving.	A. 1 Timothy 2:14
2.		Death and sin came through Adam.	B. 1 Corinthians 11:8–9
3.		Adam was a living soul.	C. Romans 5:12
4.		Adam was not deceived, but Eve was.	D. Matthew 19:4–5
5.		Eve was deceived by the snake's subtlety.	E. 2 Corinthians 11:3
6.		Eve was created after man.	F. 1 Corinthians 15:45

Lesson 2

THE DAWN OF SIN

Adam and Eve did not live in a perfect environment for long. This lesson catalogs the disgusting descent of man into sin. All wars, death, famine, and disease have their source in the fall of man. As you study this lesson, consider the effects of rebellion.

In This Lesson We Will Learn:

- The difference between a test and a temptation
- The steps in yielding to sin

Why Temptation Is Tempting

Temptation is the first segment of the road that leads to sin. The temptation itself is not the sin, but it is certainly the door that leads to sin. If man were never tempted, he would never sin.

Because of the _____ of Temptation

Notice what James says about this: “But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed” (James 1:14). In other words, lust is already present in his heart before a man can be tempted. It is more than someone trying to entice you to do wrong. The desire must already be in the heart before the enticement becomes temptation.

Now let’s summarize what we have learned so far about temptation.

1. Temptation begins with an _____ to do evil. (This might properly be called a test.)
2. The test becomes tempting only when there is an _____ to do the evil we are being enticed to do.
3. Without the inward desire, temptation is only a _____
4. With the inward desire, the test becomes a _____

Because of Satan's Subtlety

1. He _____ **God's Word (Gen. 3:1).**

What were his first words to Eve? "Yea, hath God said...?" The first thing Satan did was try to put a doubt in her mind concerning the truthfulness and trustworthiness of God's word.

2. He _____ **God's Word (Gen. 3:4).**

Next, Satan boldly challenged God's word by saying, "Ye shall not surely die."

3. He _____ **God's motives (Gen. 3:5).**

He told her that knowing good and evil was the only difference between her and God.

Because of Man's _____

Satan's tests became temptations to Eve because she was weak at three specific points. These same three avenues of temptation are also mentioned in 1 John 2:16: "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

Three Avenues of Temptation

1 John 2:16	Satan Tempts Eve (Gen. 3)	Satan Tempts Christ (Matt. 4)
The lust of the flesh		Turn these stones to bread.
The lust of the eyes		I will give You all things if You will fall down and worship me.
The pride of life		If You are the Son of God, cast Yourself down from the top of the temple.

Yielding to Temptation

It is sad that we close our study of this passage with the account of Eve's yielding to the temptations of Satan.

Step #1— _____

Our eyes get us into trouble more often than any of our other senses. This is why God has commanded us, "Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee" (Prov. 4:25).

Step #2— _____

We get involved in sin by degrees. First, we start looking at things that are wrong. Then we begin to examine them more closely.

Step #3— _____

Satan deals with us in the same way. If he can get us to start looking at the world, he can then get us to start "taking" (that is, playing with, toying with, and joking around about) that which is evil. He is then well on his way to breaking down our inhibitions and substituting a deep-seated desire to do that which is wrong.

Step #4— _____

One of the sad things about sin in a person's life is that it does affect others. Often, teens don't realize that sin never hurts only the guilty party. It always affects others—and God holds us responsible not only for our sin, but also for all those who are influenced by our sin to do the same thing or something even worse.

Challenge



What about you? Are you constantly yielding to Satan's temptations because you have never learned to flee youthful lusts? It is never cowardly to run from sin. Remove yourself from the places where you know you will be tempted. Stop "looking" and "taking." If you will do these things, you will find that you will gain more and more victories over the temptations of the Evil One.

At-Home Work

Level One and Level Two

This lesson focused on how we are tempted to sin. We face some of Satan's temptations every day. Let's look closer at this subject. Read the verses listed below and write the reference next to the statement that best explains it.

- A. Proverbs 4:14–15 B. Galatians 6:1 C. James 1:13
D. Matthew 4:1–11 E. 1 Thessalonians 3:5 F. James 4:7
G. Romans 14:13 H. 1 Timothy 6:9–10 I. 1 Peter 5:8
J. 1 Corinthians 10:13 K. Hebrews 4:15 L. 2 Peter 2:9

	Temptation to sin does not come from God.
	One source of temptation is the desire to be rich.
	Satan is often the author of temptation.
	God will not allow us to be tempted beyond what we can bear.
	Christ used the Word of God and was victorious over all of Satan's temptations.
	Christ can sympathize with us because He faced the same temptations we do.
	God knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations.
	We can make Satan flee by submitting to God and resisting the devil.
	We need to be constantly on guard against Satan, our adversary.
	We should not be the reason for someone else being tempted to sin.
	We should seek to restore those who have yielded to temptation.
	The best way to keep from yielding to temptation is to avoid it in the first place.

Lesson 3

SIN DOES PAY

We have all heard the phrase “crime does not pay.” However, that is not exactly true! Crime pays, as does all sin. The Bible says that sin has its “wages,” and there will be a payday when sin will pay dividends to all who have invested in its account. However, the pay will not be exactly what people want. Romans 6:23 reminds us that the “pay” for sin is death.

In This Lesson We Will Learn:

- How the sin of Adam and Eve has affected all creation
- How the general consequences apply to us
- God’s judgment upon the snake, Satan, Eve, Adam, and the earth

General Consequences

Opened _____

“And the eyes of them both were opened.” (Gen. 3:7a). The first thing the Bible mentions is that their eyes were opened—that is, they saw and experienced the “thrill” of sin. They now knew what it was like to do wrong. This is the very thing they had wanted.

It is true that sinners are often more “worldly wise” than saints; but as Paul wrote in Romans 16:19, God “would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple [innocent] concerning evil.”

Lesson: The less you _____ about sin, the less you are _____ ;
the _____ you know, the _____ you are tempted.

Humiliating _____

“And they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons” (Gen. 3:7b).

Before we sin, we are honest with ourselves and everyone around us. We have nothing to hide—nothing to be ashamed of. However, once we sin, we become very aware of the fact that others might discover what we have done. We lie, we deceive, we deny, and we often live in fear because of the humiliation and shame of our sin.

Lesson: Sin never _____ ; it always _____ .

Bible Illustrations

- 2 Chronicles 32:9–21— _____
- Proverbs 3:35— _____
- Proverbs 11:2— _____

Contaminated _____

As a result of Adam’s sin, all men became sinners. We are born with flesh that is contaminated—flesh that is too weak to be godly, too weak to keep the law, and too weak to save itself. We now need Christ to save us, to keep us saved, and to give us the power to live the Christian life.

Lesson: Sin never _____ ; it only _____ our flesh.

Bible Illustrations

- Romans 5:6—The more we sin, _____
_____ .
- Romans 5:12—Through one man’s sin the whole world was plunged into sin.

Dreadful Fear

“I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself” (Gen. 3:10).

Lesson: When we live in sin, we live in the dread _____ that it will be _____. This fear can rob us of _____, _____, and _____.

Specific Judgments

The Serpent (Gen. 3:14)

Must now _____ on his _____

Satan (Gen. 3:15)

Was given the promise that ultimately he would be _____ by “the _____ of the woman.”

Eve (Gen. 3:16)

1. She would experience _____ in childbearing.
2. She would live all her life in _____ to her husband.

Adam (Gen. 3:17–19)

1. _____ death—Every funeral is the result of sin.
2. _____ death—Hell is the result of Adam’s sin.
3. _____—Our filthy nature that desires to do evil is the result of Adam’s sin
4. _____—All the sweat, toil, and hard work that we so despise are the results of Adam’s sin.

Work itself is not the result of the fall because Adam had work before he sinned (Gen. 1:28, 2:15, 19–20). But work has become much harder because of man’s sin.

The Earth (Gen. 3:17–18): Now Brings Forth Thorns and _____

Challenge



Because of Adam's sin, all of us are born sinners. Because of this, we have but one sure destiny—a place of physical torment and eternal separation from God. However, Christ came, paid man's sin debt (that is, He received the “wages” for our sin through His death on the cross), and now offers salvation from the curse of sin. That offer is received by trusting Him as our Savior. Have you trusted in what He did on the cross as the payment for your sins?

At-Home Work

Level One and Level Two

Answer the following questions about the first three lessons true or false.

- T F 1. Man was created on the sixth day.
- T F 2. God rested on the seventh day because He was tired.
- T F 3. Man is different from all animals because he can appreciate the beauties of God's creation.
- T F 4. Man is different from all animals because he was created by God.
- T F 5. The difference between a test and temptation is whether there is an inward desire.
- T F 6. The serpent doubted and denied God's Word.
- T F 7. Adam was deceived into eating the fruit.
- T F 8. The first step toward sin for Eve was taking the fruit.
- T F 9. Being wise to evil will help you resist it.
- T F 10. One of the consequences of sin for Eve was labor pains.
- T F 11. Work is the result of the fall.
- T F 12. The earth bears some scars of sin too.