

# Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp 2024

## Class Curriculum - Genesis

Age - Senior Campers

# Monday - Creation/Adam & Eve

## Summary

1. Subject: Creation, Adam & Eve
2. Scripture: Genesis 1-3, Romans 5
3. Grade/Level: Senior Campers
4. Objective: Learn from the story of Adam, and examine God as the “Creator” and “Father”
5. Time Allotment: 1 Hour

**Prayer:** Don't forget to begin and end your class with a prayer! If possible, have a camper lead one or both of these prayers.

## Lesson

**Overview:** This week's classes will study the book of Genesis. Each lesson will focus on one person and their life. Each lesson will also examine a different aspect of God's character, and provide valuable application to New Testament teachings and the Church.

Today's lesson will focus on Adam. God will be examined as our “Creator” and “Father”. The applications will be decision-making, responsibility, and learning from mistakes.

**Read:** 25 Minutes

The following section provides a brief commentary of the passage, as well as some reading comprehension questions.



## Genesis 1, 3

### **Genesis 1:1-25**

In this passage, we read about God's creation. He decides to create the world and all that inhabit it. This demonstrates His ultimate power over all things, as well as His wonderful creative abilities. We know from John 1 that Jesus was present and active in this creation. While there are many arguments about creation and the age of the earth, the Biblical model is clear: God created everything in seven literal days.

### **Genesis 3:1-13**

This section describes the sin and fall of mankind. The serpent deceived Eve, who then convinced Adam to eat the fruit as well. This was breaking the only prohibition God gave to His people. Notice they were tempted with the idea of being more like God, and sharing His wisdom. This sin was, in part, hubris. This sin, and the knowledge from the fruit, led to immediate shame.

### **Genesis 1:26-31**

Separate from the rest of creation, God creates man in a unique way and for a unique purpose. Mankind is created in God's own image. This means we share in His characteristics in many ways. Like God, we are spiritual creatures with a soul. He gave mankind dominion over His creation: another similarity. We were created in perfection, in order to share partnership with God.

### **Genesis 3:14-24**

In this section we see God's punishment to the serpent, Eve, and to Adam. The punishment to the serpent is widely regarded as the first prophecy of Jesus; the offspring of woman who will "crush" the head of serpent signifies the ultimate victory of Jesus Christ over sin. The punishments to Adam and Eve include their eventual deaths. This shows us the righteousness of God, and the necessity of consequence when His will is broken.

## Reading Comprehension:

- Many people say the earth was not created in seven literal days. Does the creation account leave any room for interpretation on the timeline? If not, how can we counter some of these arguments, or help Christians better understand the true Biblical timeline?
- What do you think it means to be made in the image of God? Does this mean we look like Him?
- What were all of the commandments given to Adam and Eve? (Be fruitful and multiply, tend the garden and its animals, do not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil)
- Eve says they were commanded not to touch the tree, when in Genesis 2, God only says not to eat of it. Many times in the Old Testament we see God's people create greater restrictions, like their application of resting on the Sabbath (see Mark 2:23-28). Do you think there are ways that we do this today?

## Romans 5:12-20

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In this passage, we see Paul write about Adam's sin. Adam was punished by death for his sin, and Paul connects this to the rest of the world. This passage does not argue for the idea of "original sin" that we are born with, but instead says that death spread to all men because all have sinned. This passage also connects Adam with Jesus Christ, in their inverse relationship. Sin entered the world and became a problem for us all through one man: Adam. Likewise, perfect and eternal salvation from sin has entered the world and become a possibility for us all through one man: Jesus Christ. Note that the sacrifice of Jesus is referred to as His "obedience". He lived a perfect life, free from sin, and obeyed God's will to the point of death on a cross. This passage should give us a depth of appreciation for Christ, and also encourage us to be like Him (instead of Adam) in our own deliberate obedience.

## Reading Comprehension:

- How does this passage help us understand the significance of Jesus Christ?
- What does this passage tell us about salvation?

- What does “justification” mean, as Paul uses it in Romans? (Justification does not mean our are are excused by having a good reason to commit them; it means that God has been given a good reason to excuse the consequence of our sins. That reason being the redeeming blood of Christ)
- Vs 21 says we are in a time where grace reigns through righteousness. What is the connection between grace and righteous living, as they pertain to salvation? (We are forgiven by grace, and by grace are compelled into a life of righteousness)

## DISCUSSION

### Remaining Time

#### Guided Discussion:

Begin by asking your campers, “How would you describe the nature of God?”. They could say many things: powerful, creative, loving, faithful, good, etc.


All of these descriptors help us understand God’s singular nature. While He is consistent in His character, some situations can put His different aspects in conflict with each other. Sin is one of these. On one hand, God’s love gives Him the inclination to forgive and show grace, however His righteousness compels Him to punish any act of evil.

Ask your campers, “When is a time where you were in conflict with yourself?”. Some examples may be:

- A friend asks to copy your homework, or cheat on a test. You want to be a good friend, but also don’t want to sacrifice your integrity
- You know you have work to do, but would rather play games or be on your phone
- Your friend tells you something important, but asks for you not to tell anyone, even when you think you should

There are many times we are caught in difficult situations. Sometimes it’s easy to know what to do, but hard to do it, like when we need tell parents/teachers important information or when we need to decide to do the right thing even when we’d rather be lazy.

For God, it was not so simple. Neither His love nor His righteousness could be ignored. Instead of punishing us the way we deserve, or glossing over our sins in the name of love, He created the perfect solution. By sending Jesus Christ—God in human form—to this earth, He was able to exercise His righteousness in presenting the perfect atoning sacrifice for sin, thus extending the “free gift” of forgiveness to anyone who becomes a Christian.



Read **Philippians 2:1-14** with the class, emphasizing the personal sacrifice of God through Jesus Christ in atoning for sins, and what we should feel compelled to do as a result of the knowledge of Christ's sacrifice.

## Genesis and the Church

Every part of the Old Testament foreshadows the coming of the Church and God's redemptive plan, including the Book of Genesis. Use this lesson to help your class understand the nature of God's Church, and His plan for it. God has always had a covenant people. It began with Adam and Eve, and now it is the Church. Just like His original creation, God planned for perfection, and the Church is described as the perfect covenant God has created. One of the goals of the Church is to be like Adam and fully reflect the image of God.

Finally, the first prophecy of Jesus Christ is widely regarded to be in Genesis 3. God punishes Adam and Eve for their sin, but also says to the serpent that the offspring of woman will "crush his head", which prophesies the eventual victory of Jesus Christ over sin. From the time of the first sin, God planned for the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, and the eventual coming of the Church.