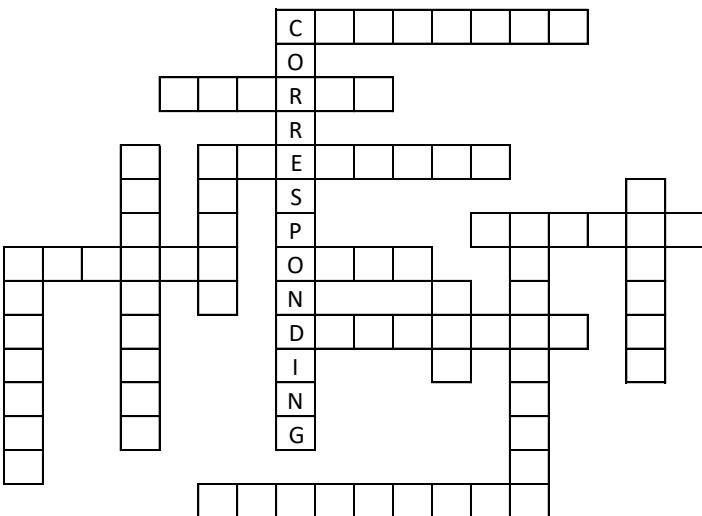


## COMPASS Lesson for Week 2 -- Genesis 2:4-3:24



**Read the words defined to the right, find a place for them in the crossword, then check them off.**

- BDELLIUM** – a fragrant sap from some trees that is used to make perfume
- ONYX** – a dark black gem stone
- CORRESPONDING** – things that belong together
- BONDS** – sticking together and not coming apart
- CUNNING** – sneaky about doing harm to someone
- DIE** – being separated from God
- WISDOM** – knowing the right and wrong way of doing things
- DECEIVED** – being tricked, led astray by lies
- HOSTILITY** – fighting, like enemies
- CURSED** – something good turned bad
- THORNS** – sharp, spiky twigs on a thorn bush
- THISTLES** – a plant with prickly stems and flowers
- INTENSIFY** – making much stronger
- CHERUBIM** – angel warriors

- SOURCE** – a place where a river starts

### Man and Woman in the Garden

<sup>4</sup>These are the records of the heavens and the earth, concerning their creation. At the time that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, <sup>5</sup>no shrub of the field had yet grown on the land, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the LORD God had not made it rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground. <sup>6</sup>But mist would come up from the earth and water all the ground. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD God formed the man out of the dust from the ground and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, and the man became a living being.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he placed the man he had formed. <sup>9</sup>The LORD God caused to grow out of the ground every tree pleasing in appearance and good for food, including the tree of life in the middle of the garden, as well as the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

<sup>10</sup>A river went out from Eden to water the garden. From there it divided and became the source of four rivers. <sup>11</sup>The name of the first is Pishon, which flows through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. <sup>12</sup>Gold from that land is pure; bdellium and onyx are also there. <sup>13</sup>The name of the second river is Gihon, which flows through the entire land of Cush. <sup>14</sup>The name of the third river is Tigris, which runs east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and placed him in the garden of Eden to work it and watch over it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup>but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for on the day you eat from it, you will certainly die."

**Eating from the tree of life would allow Adam and Eve to live forever and God allowed them to eat from it if they wished. The fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil was forbidden. God gave Adam and Eve an opportunity to express their love for Him by choosing to obey Him. What would our love toward God be like if we really didn't have any choice but to love Him?**

<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper corresponding to him." <sup>19</sup>The LORD God formed out of the ground every wild animal and every bird of the sky, and brought each to the man to see what he would call it. And whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all the livestock, to the birds of the sky, and to every wild animal; but for the man no helper was found corresponding to him. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to come over the man, and he slept. God took one of his ribs and closed the flesh at that place. <sup>22</sup>Then the LORD God made the rib he had taken from the man into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>And the man said:

This one, at last, is bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh;  
this one will be called "woman," for she was taken from man.

<sup>24</sup>This is why a man leaves his father and mother and bonds with his wife, and they become one flesh. <sup>25</sup>Both the man and his wife were naked, yet felt no shame.

**Why do you think God bought all the animals before Adam before he made the woman to be his wife?**

All the animals and man were made from the dust of the earth. But the woman was made from a rib, Adam's flesh. How was the special way the woman was created important to the relationship that God wanted the man and woman to have together?

### The Temptation and the Fall

<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the wild animals that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You can't eat from any tree in the garden'?"

<sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit from the trees in the garden. <sup>3</sup> But about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden, God said, 'You must not eat it or touch it, or you will die.'"

<sup>4</sup> "No! You will not die," the serpent said to the woman. <sup>5</sup> "In fact, God knows that when you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup> The woman saw that the tree was good for food and delightful to look at, and that it was desirable for obtaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

We believe the serpent was Satan, the devil, himself. He lies to get his way. But Adam and Eve's sin was theirs and they are responsible for their choice. They chose to believe the lie because they wanted to be like God knowing good and evil. If someone has not yet trusted Jesus for their salvation, who is the master of their life? Why?

### Sin's Consequences

<sup>8</sup> Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> So the LORD God called out to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

<sup>10</sup> And he said, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid."

<sup>11</sup> Then he asked, "Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

<sup>12</sup> The man replied, "The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate."

<sup>13</sup> So the LORD God asked the woman, "What is this you have done?"

And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

**Adam and Eve blamed someone else for their own actions. They did not take responsibility for the bad choice they made. Are there any bad choices you have made that you have not owned up to yet? Take some time to talk to God about that. Tell him how sorry you are to choose your own way over his way.**

<sup>14</sup> So the LORD God said to the serpent:

Because you have done this, you are cursed more than any livestock  
and more than any wild animal. You will move on your belly and eat dust all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup> I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.

<sup>16</sup> He said to the woman:

I will intensify your labor pains; you will bear children with painful effort.

Your desire will be for your husband, yet he will rule over you.

<sup>17</sup> And he said to the man, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'Do not eat from it': The ground is cursed because of you. You will eat from it by means of painful labor all the days of your life.

<sup>18</sup> It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.

<sup>19</sup> You will eat bread by the sweat of your brow until you return to the ground, since you were taken from it. For you are dust, and you will return to dust."

<sup>20</sup> The man named his wife Eve because she was the mother of all the living. <sup>21</sup> The LORD God made clothing from skins for the man and his wife, and he clothed them.

<sup>22</sup> The LORD God said, "Since the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil, he must not reach out, take from the tree of life, eat, and live forever." <sup>23</sup> So the LORD God sent him away from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. <sup>24</sup> He drove the man out and stationed the cherubim and the flaming, whirling sword east of the garden of Eden to guard the way to the tree of life.

**The woman's curse was to have pain while giving birth to children, and to have her husband be her head, even though she may want to be the head.**

**The man's curse was that all his joyful work up to then would now be painful. He would have to toil, work very hard to farm the food they would need to live.**

But the worst part was they were to be separated from their Father God. They were not to enjoy the sweet times they had with Him in the garden. This is the essence of the 'death' that God warned them about before they chose to disobey.

Today we are all dead, separated from God, until we receive the free gift God will give us. Jesus paid the penalty for our sin so that we can be completely forgiven of all our sinful choices. Because Jesus made the way, we can once again be in a relationship with our Father God.

Have you ever made that decision to trust in Jesus' death in your place, receive God's free gift of life, and live in a relationship with Him forever? You can do that today. Ask your parents or your COMPASS leaders to show you how.

# Ideas for Teaching the Younger Children

This lesson is ripe with elements of the gospel. Make the most of it by explaining how Adam and Eve were created and designed to be “with God” in the garden, in a relationship with Him. Explain how they were given a choice to obey and in so doing demonstrating their own Love for God. Explain the concept of sin and how it is choosing to be your own God (knowing good and evil like God does). Finally explain how their sin caused God to put them out of the Garden and prevent them from accessing the tree of life, how their separation from God is “death” to them.

Consider using some props to discuss the concepts. You can use a fruit to illustrate the choice that God set before them. I suggest getting an unusual fruit from the supermarket that kids have likely not seen before. That will distinguish it from the ordinary fruit that they have already eaten. Bring in some large leaves that will illustrate Adam and Eve’s futile attempts to clothe themselves and stem their shame. Bring in a lambskin or something similar to illustrate God’s provision for Adam and Eve and the animal that needed to die to provide covering for them. Consider a bag up dust for the curse on the serpent. Maybe bring in some sharp thorns to illustrate the curse on the ground.

Explain how the ‘last Adam’ (Jesus) came to be the perfect example to us about relating to God, how he became the perfect sacrifice for our sin, how he made a way for God to judge our sin (in Jesus) and accept us back into perfect fellowship with Him. Explain how each of us need to accept that gift of forgiveness for ourselves. Explain that accepting that gift means we will ‘belong’ to God for the rest of time, and we will need to follow Him all our lives out of love and gratitude for His free gift of life. Finally explain that we will have free access to the tree of Life in heaven and live with God and Jesus forever.

Give the kids an opportunity to ask for God’s free gift of forgiveness and to give their life over to Him. Pray with any child that shows readiness to believe the gospel and submit to Jesus.