

true that God has forbidden you to eat of every tree in this place?" And Eve answered, "We may take the fruit of all the trees except the tree in the middle of the garden. If we eat of that, God says we shall die."

"That is not true," said the wicked serpent; "You will not die. It will only make you happier than ever. I tell you it will make you as wise as God Himself."

Then Eve, instead of running away, took one longing look at the tree. How tempting the apples were! She reached out her hand for one. Then she tasted it; and she called Adam and gave him some also, and they both ate.

At once they knew that they had disobeyed God; and they were both ashamed. They tried to cover themselves with fig leaves, which they sewed into aprons. They ran also and hid themselves among the thick trees, but they could not get away from what they had done.

When evening came, they heard God walking in the garden; and God called saying, "Adam, where are you?" And Adam answered, "I hid myself because I was ashamed." And God said, "Why are you ashamed? Have you eaten of that tree?" Then said Adam, "The woman whom thou

gavest to be with me, she gave it to me, and I ate." Then God said to Eve, "What is this that you have done?" She answered, "The serpent deceived me and I ate."

Then God punished them. He drove Adam and Eve far away from His garden, and they had to work very hard and suffer very much.

To the serpent God said, "From this time you shall be the most hated of all beasts; you shall crawl in the dust, and by and by one who is born of Eve's race shall crush your head."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did God put Adam and Eve to live? 2. What was their work? 3. Whom were they like at first? 4. What did God forbid them to do? 5. What should happen if they ate of the forbidden fruit? 6. What did God say about the other fruits of the garden? 7. What did the serpent say to Eve? 8. Did she listen to him? 9. To whom did she give some of the fruit? 10. Why did they try to hide and cover themselves? 11. What did Adam say when God had asked him what he had done? 12. Whom did Eve blame? 13. How were they all punished? 14. What is the Golden Text? 15. What is sin? 16. What is grace?

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

To avoid temptation

Primary Catechism—35. How did Jesus Christ, God's Son, come into the world? Jesus Christ came into the world by being born a little child.

Shorter Catechism—85. What doth God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin?

A. To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption,

Lesson Hymn

Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin;
Each victory will help you some other to win;
Fight manfully onward; dark passions subdue;
Look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through.

*Ask the Saviour to help you,
Comfort, strengthen, and keep you;
He is willing to aid you,
He will carry you through.*

Amen.

—Hymn 530, Book of Praise