

Readers Theater Script—Part 1

GENESIS 3:1–7

Characters: Narrator, Serpent, Adam, and Eve

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Narrator: ¹Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman,

Serpent: “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’”

GENESIS 3:2–3

Narrator: ²And the woman said to the serpent,

Eve: “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; ³but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’”

GENESIS 3:4–5

Narrator: ⁴Then the serpent said to the woman,

Serpent: “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

GENESIS 3:6–7

Narrator: ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

Readers Theater Script—Part 2

GENESIS 3:14–24

Characters: Narrator, the Lord God, Adam, and Eve

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GENESIS 3:14–15

Narrator: ¹⁴So the Lord God said to the serpent:

The Lord God: “Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

GENESIS 3:16

Narrator: ¹⁶To the woman He said:

The Lord God: “I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in pain you shall bring forth children; your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”

GENESIS 3:17–19

Narrator: ¹⁷Then to Adam He said,

The Lord God: “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. ¹⁸Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. ¹⁹In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return.”

GENESIS 3:20–24

Narrator: ²⁰And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them. ²²Then the Lord God said,

The Lord God: “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”—

Narrator: ²³therefore the Lord God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

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Answer Key

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Print one script for each student and one answer key for your use.

This script uses the NKJV. Choose students to read for the following characters. Encourage animated reading in order to help everyone visualize the scene. You may want to read the part of the Narrator yourself to keep things moving. As the lesson progresses and students answer questions about this passage, they will circle the answers. Words to be circled are underlined here.

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