

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Big Idea: God wants us to live with Him.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Genesis 3
Psalm 32
Genesis 4
Psalm 10
Genesis 6
Genesis 8 & 9
Psalm 14
1 Corinthians 10:13

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What do you imagine living in the garden of Eden was like?

What jobs/conditions does God give to Adam in chapters 1 and 2?

How does the serpent spin things when he is speaking to Eve?

What do you think God is looking forward to in Genesis 3:15?

How did God demonstrate His love for Adam and Eve even after they had eaten of the forbidden fruit?

What impact does the curse of Genesis 3:15,16 have on families today? What is the cure for the curse?

What was wrong with Cain's sacrifice? (see Hebrews 11:4, 1 John 3:12, and Jude 1:11 for additional insights)

What are the consequences of sin that show up in Genesis 3 and 4?

What do we learn about God from Genesis 3 and 4?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Ask God to reveal His character to you through His Word.
Confess your sin.

Ask to see a clear way out when temptation comes.
Pray for healing and restoration
of your relationship with God and with men.

FAMILY RESOURCE

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READ GENESIS 2:8-9

Who planted the garden?

What did Adam need to do to eat?

How does this compare to what you need to do to eat?
Start some seeds indoors for planting outside this spring.

READ GENESIS 2:15-16

What was the one thing God said people shouldn't do?

Did Adam and Eve understand "no" and "die"?

What are some of the things you are not to do?

Do you understand the consequences of doing them?

READ GENESIS 3:1-4

What is the snake's argument?

What kinds of arguments to you make

when you want to do something wrong?

Make a list of common "reasons" people say they should

be able to do things and put it on the refrigerator.

If anyone in the family uses one of them this week,
ask them what God would think of their reasoning.

READ GENESIS 3:5-13

What did Eve decide to do?

Why did she give some to Adam?

How did their lives change?

Talk about some of the decisions you have made.

Looking back, why were they good or bad decisions?

READ GENESIS 3:21-24

How did God respond?

What did God provide for them?

They had eaten from the tree of life before,
why wouldn't God want them to eat from it now?

What's it like to be "on restriction"?

What can you learn while "on restriction"?

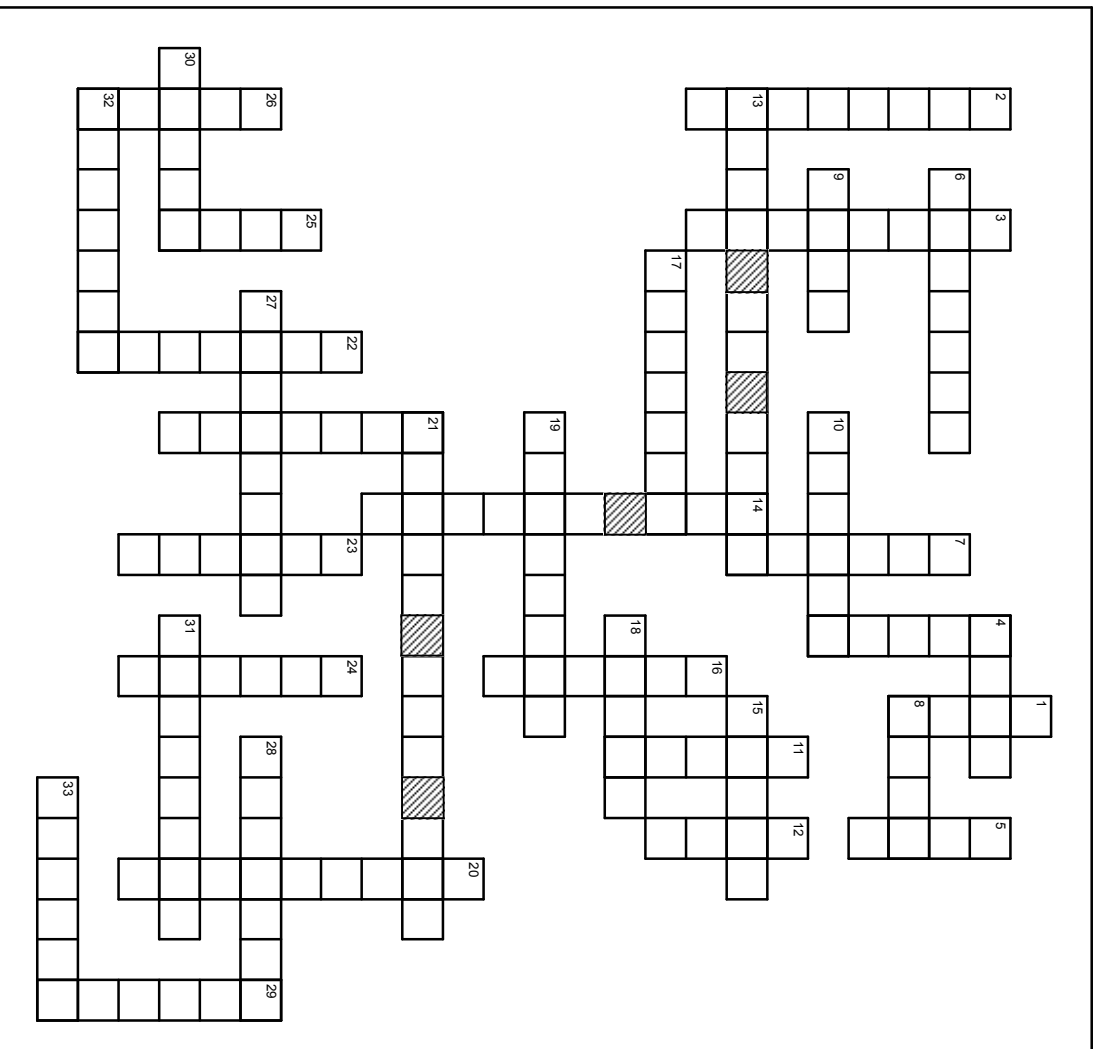
What happens if you don't learn?

MEMORY VERSE:

"Your _____ made me and _____ me;
give me understanding to learn your commands."

Psalm 119:73

In the Garden



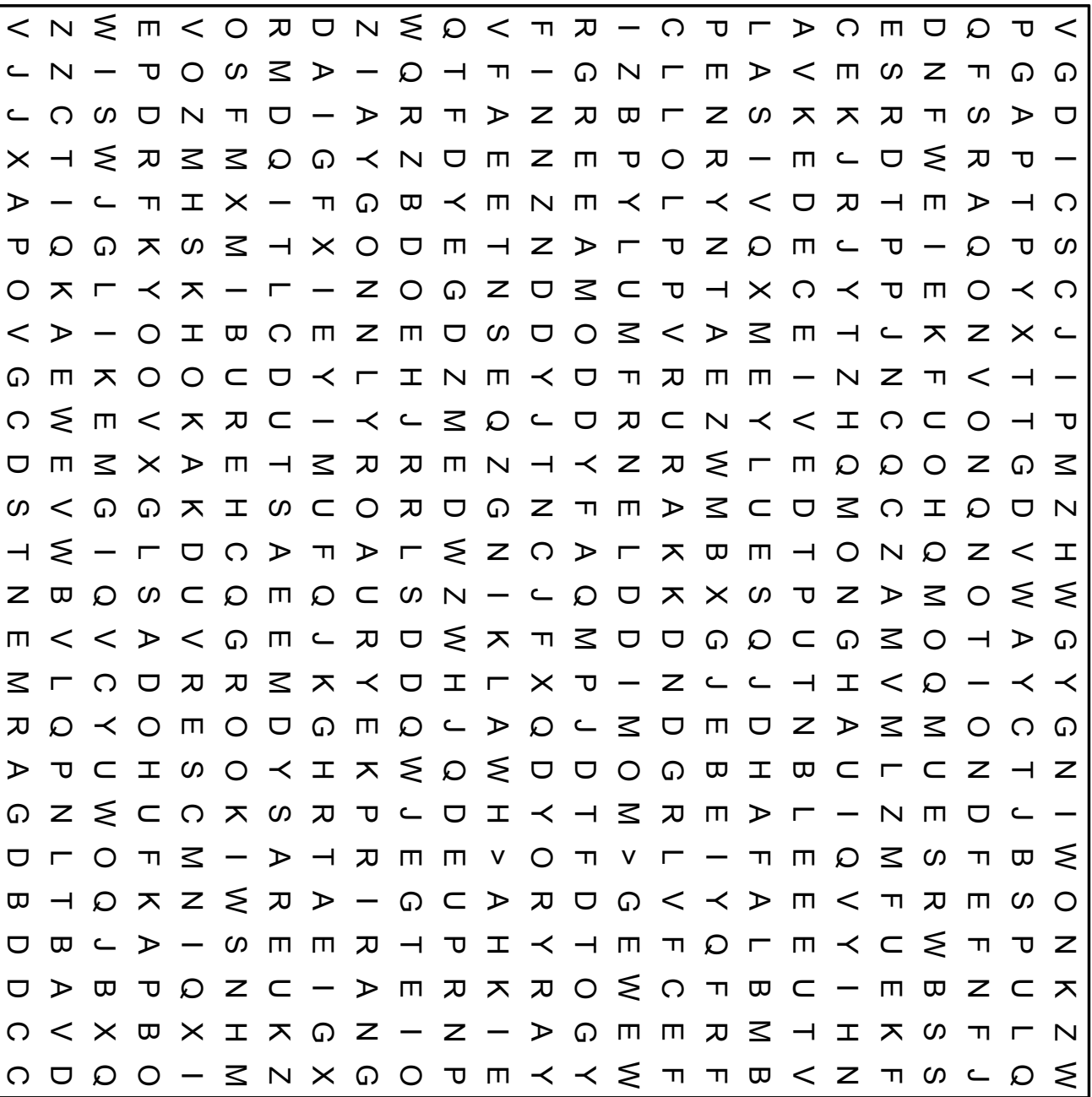
Across

4. take care of (Genesis 2:15)
6. snake (Genesis 3:1)
8. you use them to see (Genesis 3:5)
9. the same as (Genesis 3:5)
10. an area of plants (Genesis 2:8)
13. God didn't want them to eat from this after they had sinned (Genesis 3:22)
15. edible part of a plant (Genesis 3:6)
17. understanding (Genesis 3:5)
18. tall plants that produce fruit (Genesis 2:9)
19. these kept the people away from the tree of life in the garden (Genesis 3:24)
21. what God said to Adam (Genesis 3:9)
27. exiled (Genesis 3:23)
28. getting (Genesis 3:6)
30. protect (Genesis 3:24)
31. understood (Genesis 3:7)
32. Adam (Genesis 3:6)
33. made (Genesis 2:8)

Down

1. able (Genesis 2:16)
2. clothes (Genesis 3:21)
3. tricked (Genesis 3:13)
4. the serpent talked to her (Genesis 3:1)
5. opposite of west (Genesis 2:8)
7. center (Genesis 2:9)
11. forced (Genesis 3:24)
12. not tame (Genesis 3:1)
14. the first clothes were made from these (Genesis 3:7)
16. scared (Genesis 3:10)
20. gave an order (Genesis 2:16)
21. putting one foot in front of the other (Genesis 3:8)
22. intentionally grown (Genesis 2:8)
23. not shut (Genesis 3:5)
24. put (Genesis 3:24)
25. what you eat (Genesis 2:9)
26. make body contact (Genesis 3:2)
29. dirt (Genesis 2:9)

In The Garden



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| planted | garden | east | formed |
| trees | ground | food | middle |
| tree of life | banished | drove | placed |
| cherubim | guard | work | commanded |
| free | serpent | wild | woman |
| touch | eyes | opened | like |
| knowing | fruit | gaining | husband |
| realized | fig leaves | walking | where are you |
| afraid | deceived | garments | |