

LESSON 3

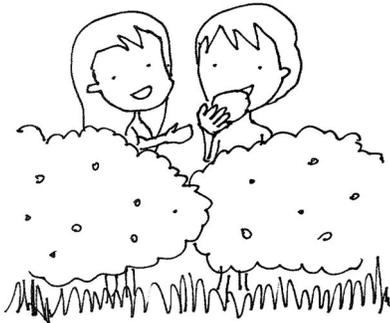
THE FIRST SIN AND THE FIRST MURDER

Worksheets

- Bible Discovery Worksheet: The First Sin and the First Murder
- Life Application Worksheet #1: Steps to Avoid Temptation
- Life Application Worksheet #2: Don't Give In to Temptation!
- Homework

The First Sin and the First Murder

The First Sin			
	Who's Involved	Consequence	Bible Verses
Consequence #1	1.		Gen 3:8-10
Consequence #2	1. 2. 3.		Gen 3:14-19
Consequence #3	1. 2.		Gen 3:20-24
Consequence #4	1.		1 Cor 15:21-22



The First Murder			
	Who's Involved	Consequence	Bible Verses
Consequence			Gen 4:8-12



Steps to Avoid Temptation

Temptation is something we all face as Christians, no matter how long we have been following Christ. There are a few practical things we can do in our struggle against sin. You can learn how to avoid temptation by practicing these five steps.

Here's How:

1. _____ your tendency toward sin.

We are tempted when we become enticed by our own natural desires. The first step toward avoiding temptation, is recognizing our human tendency to be tempted by our own fleshly desires.

When are you most tempted? _____

2. _____!

We are not strong enough to resist temptation alone. We need God's help. When you see temptation coming, immediately cry out, "Lord, help me! Show me Your way of **escape!**"

3. _____ from the temptation.

In 1 Corinthians 10:13, it says, "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."

When you are face to face with temptation, look for the way out that God has promised and then run as fast as you can. The key is to look for a way to run!!!

4. _____ with the word of truth.

"Jesus answered, 'It is written [in the Scriptures]...'" (Matthew 4:4, 7, 10; Luke 4:4, 8, 12)

When you are facing strong temptations, you can do the same as Jesus did when He was tempted. God's word is a powerful weapon against the lies of Satan. God's word also gives us wisdom and direction when we face difficult decisions.

Memorize the Ten Commandments. Memorize the word of God! Hebrews 4:12 says God's word is living and powerful. Did you know you can carry a weapon that will make your thoughts obey Jesus Christ?

5. _____ that sin always has consequences.

"For the wages of sin is death..." (Romans 6:23)

Our sins are never hidden. God sees and knows them all. Even though we may not recognize it, sin always has destructive consequences. The Bible is full of examples of "small" sins that eventually destroyed people's lives.

- a. Eve's desire to be "wise as God" and Adam's failure to protect her (Gen 3)
- b. Cain's hatred of his brother Abel (Gen 4)
- c. Greed and dishonesty (Josh 7; 1 Sam 15; John 12:1-8; Acts 5:1-11)

Don't Give In to Temptation!

Vicky could not believe that she was actually at a police station. But, it was too late. It all started from an innocent conversation she had with her friend, Judy. Judy mentioned how she really liked certain necklaces that many girls at school were wearing. Vicky said, "Yeah, I really like them too. They're selling them everywhere." As they spoke about different styles they liked, they agreed to look for them the next time they went shopping. A week later, they found them while shopping with Vicky's mother. "Wow, I really like this one!" Vicky picked one up and showed it to her mother and Judy. Vicky's mom shook her head.

"I'm not buying anymore jewelry for you, young lady. You have plenty."

"But, Mom," Vicky pleaded, "This one is special. I love this one. Please?!"

Vicky's mom ignored her and said she was going to the home appliances department. She told them to follow soon.



Vicky and Judy lingered at the jewelry section. Vicky decided not to give up so soon. She really wanted the necklace! She held onto it and kept thinking of a way to get it. Then, Judy interrupted her thoughts: "Put it back, Vicky. You know you don't have the money to buy it."

Vicky nodded, with a funny look on her face. "I know. I just want to look at it a bit longer..."

Judy, seeing the look on Vicky's face, had a weird feeling that she was about to do something. As they lingered, Judy saw a watch from the corner of her eye and turned to examine it. A few moments later, Judy turned around, but Vicky had disappeared. Judy quickly went to look for her when she heard a sales lady reporting a possible shoplifter on the phone. Although she was curious, she thought that she should find Vicky and her mom first. Just then, two security men came to the jewelry department and took hold of someone. The sales lady joined them and began to walk away. "Hey,

wait a minute. They're taking away Vicky!" Judy could not believe her eyes! "Vicky!" Judy called out to her friend.

All she could see was Vicky's teary face just before she turned the corner. Soon, the store manager called Vicky's mom to go to the office. Judy followed behind her. Once there, they found the silver necklace in Vicky's pocket. "I'm sorry! I really am!" Vicky cried with her head bowed. Vicky couldn't believe what she had done. She just really wanted the necklace. She had never done such a foolish thing. Even though she made one wrong decision, she had to face the consequences. She could just imagine how sad this made her mother and Judy feel. Vicky's mom followed them as they began to take her away. "Please, sir, give her another chance. She's only a child. Look, I can pay for the necklace right now. How much is it?"

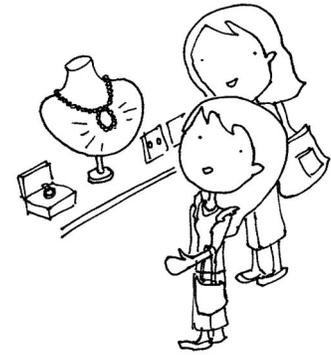
Judy could tell how Vicky and her mom were very scared. Judy was too. The store manager said sternly: "I am sorry, but I'm afraid it is too late. Shoplifting is a serious offense. We have to report it to the police." Vicky's mom tried again to convince the manager, but he could not be moved. Vicky felt so guilty and scared. She knew she was now facing the consequences of her foolish decision.

1. What are some possible consequences Vicky would have to face?

2. What are some ways Vicky could have avoided sinning in the first place?

3. Turn to the following Bible verse and fill in the blanks:

"But this is what I commanded them, saying, ' _____ My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And _____ in all the ways that I have _____ you, that it may be _____ with you.'" (Jeremiah 7:23)



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Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Weekly Bible Reading: _____

Bible Reading: Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

Prayer: Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. (1 Samuel 15:22b)

Fill In the Blank

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Short Answer

2. Read Genesis 3:8-24. Write down 3 consequences that Adam, Eve, and the serpent had to face as a result of disobeying God's word.

Adam:

Eve:

Serpent:

3. List 4 things you can do to avoid temptation. Refer to 1 Corinthians 10:13 for a start.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.