

*The Light - Junior Series*  
*Lesson 95*



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## **BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

If YOU have never personally believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior; you have the opportunity to do so right NOW. Simply tell God the Father that you believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us so much that He came down from heaven and became a man to take our place and pay for the penalty for all the sins of all mankind. Jesus, the Savior died on the Cross for your sins and the sins of the whole world. Then Jesus was buried but He rose again and He is alive today seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. When you make the decision to believe in Jesus in simple faith based on His work on the Cross, you are now a believer and will always be a child of God. When you die, you will spend eternity with Him in Heaven. *(Acts 16:31) "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." (John 3:16) "God loved the world so much that He gave us One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*



## **LESSON**

***Colossians 1:13-14 "For He has rescued us from the darkness and brought us into the Light kingdom of the Son (Jesus) He loves. (14) in whom we have been saved and forgiven of our sins."***

## **INTRODUCTION**

A very long time ago in our earth galaxy, there was only the Lord God. There was no earth; there were no stars, sun or moon...there was nothing! But then, the Lord God spoke and with His powerful words, the world came into being. And the first of God's creation was light. God gave us Light because the Lord God is LOVE and He loves us so very much. You have to remember this. This is the most important thing you can know about God...HE LOVES YOU!!!

***Scripture: Genesis 1:3-4 "And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light. (4) God saw that the light was good, and He separated the light from the darkness."***

**Question: What did the Lord God create on the first day?**

**Answer: Light.** The Lord God created light and separated it from darkness. He called light good, but He didn't say that the darkness was good.

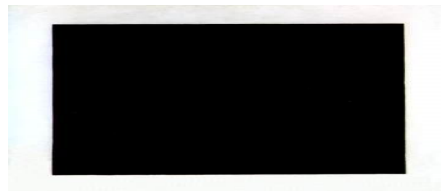
A lot of people believe that light is a force and that darkness is a force. But the truth is darkness isn't a force at all! Darkness just means that there is no light. It is what happens when light is gone. And guess what? Darkness has no real force or power. We only have darkness when light is gone. The Light chases away the darkness.

**Action: Turn off the light in your room for about 10 seconds then turn it back on.**

When you turned off the light, the room got darker, right? How many of you have ever heard someone say, "I need to turn on the dark?" Or "Let's turn off the dark." Of course

you haven't, because the only way to make a room dark is to take away the light. There is NO darkness when the light is on. You saw how the Light chases away the darkness.

"In our Bible verse it said that the Lord God separated the light from darkness. In this lesson and the following three lessons we'll use the color yellow as the Lord God's pure light and we'll use the color black as the darkness.



**Adam and Eve were created with pure hearts.**



**BIBLE STORY – ADAM AND EVE**

Our true story begins with Adam and Eve, the first two humans ever to live. The Lord God created Adam and Eve on the sixth day of Creation. They had been created in the Lord God's own image. That means that they were just like the Lord God...their hearts were pure and they were very special to the Lord God just like a family.

And the Lord God put them in a very beautiful place called the Garden of Eden. This was their home and He gave them jobs to do and He also gave them one very special rule. The Lord God told them:

***Genesis 2:17-18 "You can eat from any of the trees in the Garden EXCEPT for ONE tree that was called the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. If you eat from this tree, you will die."***

The Lord God warned Adam and Eve to STAY AWAY from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil!

**Question: What one rule did the Lord God give to Adam and Eve?**

**Answer: Don't eat from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.**



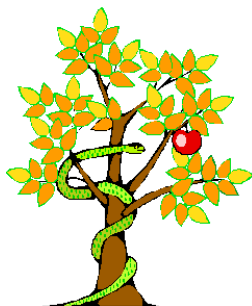
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But something happened: a Dark Invader also came into the Garden of Eden. This Dark invader, who we know as the devil or Satan, had once lived in God's Light, but instead he chose to live in darkness away from the Lord God. And now, the devil had come into the Garden to trap Adam and Eve into darkness with him. He wanted company!

### **BIBLE STORY – THE DARK INVADER...THE SNAKE**

The Dark Invader had a VERY BAD plan to cause Adam and Eve and ALL of the Lord God's children in the future to leave the Lord God's pure and perfect light so that he could hurt them. But really, remember darkness has NO real power, and the devil has NO real power over us. He can't force us to do anything. But he sure tries when he lies, and tries to fool us into choosing darkness or sin. This is what he did to EVE.

Guess what Dark Invader or the devil did? He made himself look just like a snake!!! Then the Dark Invader showed himself as a snake to Eve. He pretended to be her friend and he even talked to her!!! She must have been very excited and interested in seeing a talking snake, right? Wouldn't you?



Then Dark invader or the devil said this to Eve, "Did the Lord God really tell you not to eat from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil?" Then he asked her, "Are you kidding? You won't die, Eve. In fact, you'll be just like God because you will know what good and evil means." The Lord God is really, really smart. In fact He is the smartest. Don't you want to be like Him?"

That sounded really good to Eve, and after all, the fruit from the tree looked yummy, too. And so, even though the Lord God had told her and Adam not to eat from the tree, Eve, and Adam, disobeyed the Lord God and took a bite of the fruit from the tree. Uh Oh!



Adam and Eve sure were fooled by that Dark Invader snake!!! They chose to walk away from the Lord God's pure Light. They followed the Dark Invader snake's way instead. They were fooled!!! RIGHT AWAY they lost their family relationship with the Lord God because they disobeyed Him. When they ate the fruit it did give them knowledge they didn't EVER need. But it was too late!!! Their pure hearts turned to black hearts.

Adam and Eve already knew all about the Lord God's perfect goodness, but because they disobeyed Him, now they also knew about evil and sin. They walked out of the Lord God's pure light and into the darkness.

Because they disobeyed, their pure hearts weren't pure anymore. Now, their hearts were dark and they were able to sin.



They lost the Light. Because of this, when Eve and Adam heard the Lord God calling them in the Garden, they ran and hid in darkness, away from the Lord God's Light.

**Question: Are Adam and Eve in the Light right now, or in the DARKNESS?**

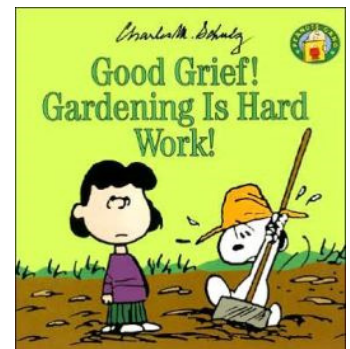
**Answer: In the darkness.**

And so a war started between all humans and the Lord God. Adam and Eve, whose Father was the Lord God Himself, had chosen to walk away from the Lord God's pure Light and into the darkness. They went to the dark side.

Yes, this made the Lord God very sad but it didn't surprise Him at all and He was not about to let Dark Invader and his darkness win the war that Dark Invader started. God had a wonderful plan to rescue and save Adam and Eve and all humans after they went to the dark side.

***Genesis 3:14 "So the LORD God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, you are punished more than any of the farm animals and the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life on earth.'"***

***Genesis 3:17-18 "To Adam God said, 'Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree that I told you not to eat from, the ground will be really hard for you to grow food plants in; you will have to work very hard and be very tired to make the food grow; through very hard work you will eat from it all the days of your life. (18) The ground will grow thorns and weeds for you and you will eat the plants of the field.'"***



You know how it is when we do something bad or when we disobey our parents? They have to put us in time out or take something we like away, right? Well that's because that is one of the Lord God's rules. When we disobey we have to learn not to. Another word for disobeying the Lord God is SIN. When we do something wrong or sin, the Lord God does something about that so we can learn from it. This is called being punished so we will learn to respect God and all authority in our lives. It's not fun at all, right?

So when Adam and Eve disobeyed the Lord God, not only did the Lord God have to punish them and change things so they would learn respect for God, but the earth got really messed up because of them, too. You know how a cloudy day takes away the sunshine? Well, that's what happened to humans and the earth after they sinned...the clouds came and humans and the earth suffered, too. It made some bad things to happen on the earth and



it made some bad things happen to humans, too. That is very sad but God will bring us the Light to make it better.



The Lord God IS Light, and light and darkness cannot be together. That's why the Lord God had SEPARATED light from darkness. Adam and Eve were now PART of that darkness, because they had turned their hearts away from the Lord God's Light by sinning. Now, Adam and Eve, along with all darkness, would have to be separated from the Lord God. Now that they had sinful hearts, they wouldn't be allowed to eat from the **Tree of Life**, which was in the Garden of Eden and each day this tree gave them wonderful food and family life with the Lord God before they sinned. Now they lost the good tree of life that they had.

And so, the Lord God made them get out of the Garden of Eden and closed it up. Then the Lord God put two cherub angels with light sabers to keep Adam and Eve, and sin and darkness from getting back into the Garden of Eden.



***Genesis 3:23-24 "So the Lord God made Adam and Eve get out of the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which Adam had been made. After He the Lord God took the man out of the Garden, He placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubs and a flaming saber sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life."***



Now, there was NO WAY for human beings to be in the Lord God's Light. The way was BLOCKED because of the darkness of sin! But the Lord God did not leave Adam and Eve in complete darkness.

The Lord God was still in control, and REMEMBER, He loved them. So before He made Adam and Eve get out of the Garden, God promised Adam and Eve that a new Light would come from Eve's future family. God made a wonderful promise...a Light...the Savior, Jesus Christ, who would destroy the Dark Invader, the devil, and who would rescue and save human beings from the darkness, so they could be with the Lord God again as a special family.



***Colossians 1:13 “For He has rescued us from the darkness and brought us into the Light, kingdom of the Son He loves.”***

**For He** (Point to heaven)



**Has rescued us** (Hug yourself)



**From the darkness** (Cover eyes)

**And brought us into**



**The Light, the Kingdom of the Son He loves.** (Point to heaven)

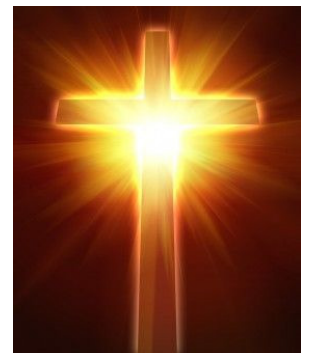
The Lord God had a plan, but for now, the war was on. All of Adam and Eve’s children would now be born with dark, sinful hearts because Adam and Eve disobeyed the Lord God. But until the Lord God’s promised Light, Jesus, would come, all humans would have to choose which side to be on. Would they choose the Light or walk in darkness?



***John 1:12 “Yet to all who received Jesus, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of the Lord God.”***

***John 1:5 “The Light shines in the darkness but the darkness did not understand it.”***

The war started. Because of Adam and Eve’s sin, all human beings would now be born with darkened, sinful hearts. But God promised His Son, Jesus to come into the world to save us. Those who didn’t trust the Lord God would STAY in darkness. But those who DID trust the Lord God were promised a Light who would set things right...JESUS, God’s One and only SON. Those who believe in Jesus will be the “JESUS Disciples” the “Jedi’s.” Disciple is a big word that means “follower”.



This war continues even today, and you, like everyone else, must choose a side. Which side will you be on?

**Pray**