

The story of the garden of Eden connects to the Responsibility that we should give to God's creation. There are also reflections on taking Responsibility for choices, Adam and Eve listened to the serpent and disobeyed God.

## Adam and Eve.    Genesis 2/3

Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into him the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to Eve, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. Then the Lord God said to them, "What is this you have done?" Eve said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." So the Lord God banished them from the Garden of Eden to work the ground.