



Eve

All of our stories begin with Eve. Through her story, we see a common thread woven through all of our own - one of deception, disobedience and deliverance!

As parents of sinful children, we are comforted in the knowledge that while Adam and Eve had the Perfect Parent in the perfect environment (God in His newly created Garden), due to their free will they chose to go their own way, to disobey. We are able to grasp God's heartache over His children's sin. We "get" His desire to fix the problem of said sin. We agree that actions have consequences that have to be meted out even to the most beloved of our children.

We look at Eve - the very first woman in a brand new, beautiful world - and sympathize with the deep heartache her firstborn son (Cain) caused by committing the first heinous crime (the murder of his brother and Eve's second born son, Abel). We marvel at God mercifully making provision for Cain even though he had to live out the consequences of his sin. If sin is such a big problem with God's first creations, living in the most idyllic of environments with direct communication and fellowship with Him; if it had progressed to the point of murder by only the second generation in the still newly created world...well, it gives us hope with our own sinfulness and the inherited sinfulness of our own children. Like Eve, we are deceived. Like Eve, we choose disobedience.

But God.

God can deliver us, too.

1. From these four chapters, describe what God's newly created world was like. *Be as specific as possible.* (This will help give you an idea of the world that Eve knew and in which she lived.)

Day 1:

Read Genesis 1-4

2. Building on your above answers, use your imagination to extrapolate on what Eve's world *could* have been like. (Think: Why wasn't Eve alarmed when the serpent spoke to her?)

1. Make a note of the words or phrases that are repeated in these three chapters.

2. Define any words from the above that need clarification to you personally.

Day 2:

Read Genesis 1-3

3. Make a list of all of the places in the Bible where Eve is mentioned specifically. Briefly read through them.

1. What do we know about Eve (her design, her personality, her relationships...) from today's reading?

Day 3:

2. What can we learn about Eve as an individual based on her thoughts, feelings or actions described in today's text?

Read Genesis 1:26-3:24

3. What can we learn about Eve from the other passages of Scripture you listed yesterday on #3?

1. Describe Eve's relationship with God before the Fall.

2. List pivotal points in Eve's life. How did she respond to each? What can you learn from her example in each?

Day 4

Read Genesis 1:26-4:26

3. Describe Eve's relationship with God after the Fall.

1. What overall theme(s) do you notice in Eve's life?

2. From the above list, pick one theme that God is impressing upon you and research what His Word has to say on that specific topic.

Day 5:

Reread Genesis 1-4

3. Write a third person introductory paragraph to Eve below based on your personal application(s) from today.