

**The Bible Tells Me So  
Week 1 – Creation**

**The Big Picture of Creation**

Genesis 1:1 (NLT, pg. 3) In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

We were made in \_\_\_\_\_.

Genesis 1:28a (NLT, pg. 3) Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it.

\_\_\_\_\_ was God’s idea.

Genesis 1:31a (NLT, pg. 4) Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!

**The Garden of Eden**

Genesis 2:9b (NLT, pg. 4) In the middle of the garden he placed the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

There were two trees; we could only have \_\_\_\_\_ to one.

Genesis 2:18 (NLT, pg. 4) Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him.”

God’s last act of creation was \_\_\_\_\_ motivated.

Genesis 2:25 (NLT, pg. 4) Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame.

“naked but they felt no shame” means they had nothing to hide; true \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Fall into Sin**

Genesis 3:7 (NLT, pg. 4) At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

“shame at their nakedness” means \_\_\_\_\_ tension entered the world.

Genesis 3:11 (NLT, pg. 5) “Who told you that you were naked?” the Lord God asked. “Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?”

Because of sin our \_\_\_\_\_ to the tree of life was revoked.

God showed \_\_\_\_\_ from that moment on.

Genesis 3:21 (NLT, pg. 5) And the Lord God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV, pg. 965) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Revelation 2:7 (NLT, pg. 1042) “Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give fruit from the tree of life in the paradise of God.

Final Thought: Creation and the fall into sin set up the rest of the Biblical story about a loving God, redemption, and eternal victory over sin and death for His people. Which tree will you \_\_\_\_\_ to eat from?

## The Bible Tells Me So Week 1 Discussion Questions

What did you learn for the first time by studying this popular story again as an adult? What was surprising in the biblical text? What wasn't in the biblical text that you thought was? Explain.

What lessons and/or principles about temptation and sin can you learn from the garden of Eden? List out as many as you can with your group.

“Sexuality was God’s idea, and He called it very good.” Is this idea shocking to you? Why or why not? Since sexuality was God’s idea it means we are held accountable to His design. Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-7:9. What are practical ways we can live out this passage (and others about sexual purity) while living in an overly sexualized culture?

Read Revelation 22. What connections do you see between Revelation 22 and Genesis 2 and 3? What is the same? What is different? Does comparing the beginning and the end of the Bible change your view of all the stories and books that are included between these two passages (the rest of the Bible)? Why or why not?