

The Fall

(Begin this play by having a volunteer play the tree. He or she should stand in the middle of the room holding an apple at arm's length. Adam and Eve walk up to the tree.)

God *(Speaking loudly from across the room)* You are to eat from any tree in the garden, but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.

(Adam walks away from the tree and a serpent comes in and stands next to the tree.)

Serpent Eve, did God really say, "You must not eat from any tree in the garden?"

Eve We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, "You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden and you must not touch it, or you will die."

Serpent You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.

Eve Wow! It does look pretty good to eat and if it will give me wisdom too...

(Eve takes a bite of the apple (pretend) then walks over to Adam and gives him a bite too. Then they both hide under the table.)

God *(Speaking loudly from across the room)* Where are you?

(Adam and Eve come out from under the table.)

Adam We were afraid so we hid.

God Why were you afraid? Did you eat from the tree I told you not to eat from?

Adam The woman you put here with me, she gave me some of the fruit from the tree and I ate it. What else could I do?

Eve It was that wicked serpent. He tricked me and I ate some.

God The man now knows the difference between good and evil. He must not be allowed to eat also from the tree of life and live forever. Man must be banished forever from the Garden of Eden.

(Adam and Eve walk away looking very sad.)