



## THE STORY OF CREATION

### UNIT TWO: GOD MADE HUMAN BEINGS

#### Lesson 5: **God's Enemy Makes Trouble**

##### CONTENT:

1. God created angels good, but one of them, Satan or the devil, rejected God and became evil. He is a liar and the enemy of God. Other angels also joined him in this rebellion. [CCC 391,392]
2. The devil hates God and tempted our first parents to disobey him. He confused and tricked Eve who, believing his lies, 'allowed trust in God to die' in her heart and ate the forbidden fruit. [CCC 397]
3. God tells us not to do certain things because he loves us and wants us to be happy.  We must trust him. The devil, on the other hand, only wants to harm us. He tells us to disobey God. We must say 'No' to the devil and 'Yes' to God. [CCC 396]
4. St. Michael the archangel is a good and powerful angel who fights against the devil.  We can pray to him and ask his help.

**ASSIGNMENT:** Read handout at home. Tell your family the story of Eve and the devil.  
Say the prayer to Saint Michael together.

**REFERENCES:** Genesis 3:1-6; CCC 391-398.

**MATERIALS NEEDED:** Handouts; big picture of angel; handout of Lesson3.

#### I. **STARTER:**

*[Show a large picture of an angel OR ask the children to turn back to Handout 3.]*

- Do you remember anything we learnt about angels? *[Allow children to share whatever they remember. E.g. God made angels. They do his work and bring his messages to us. Each of us has a guardian angel who protects us. Saint Zita's angel helped her to bake bread. Three powerful angels are Michael, Gabriel and Raphael.]*

#### II. **DEVELOPMENT:**

God made all the angels good and powerful. But one angel looked at himself and said, "I'm so beautiful! I'm so strong! I want to be greater than God. I don't want to work for him."

This angel became God's enemy. He became bad. He also got some other angels to join him against God. We call this bad angel the devil, or Satan. And we call the other bad angels demons.

Now the devil wanted to hurt God. He got an idea of how to do it. He said, "I know what I can do! I'll go down to earth, to the people whom God loves so much, and I'll make them also disobey God and go away from him!"

So the devil went to the garden and waited for his chance.

- Do you know any other stories with bad people in them? Who are they? What do they do?

*[The children talk about villains from their favourite stories E.g. The Bad Fairy in Sleeping Beauty; the wolf in Red Riding Hood; Sher Khan the tiger in Jungle Book. Bring out:]*

These 'baddies' are like the devil. They want to hurt people and cause trouble. They tell lies and trick people. But in the end they are defeated. God is much greater than the devil. He will defeat him in the end.

## NEXT CLASS:

Do you know the names of the first man and woman? [*Adam and Eve*]. We call them our first parents. When God made Adam and Eve he made a beautiful garden for them, full of wonderful plants and trees. He told them, “Eat all the fruit and enjoy everything I have made for you. But don’t eat any of the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden. It is not good for you.”

I told you that there was someone hiding in the garden waiting to do some ‘masthi’. Who was that? [*The devil!*] He made himself look like a snake, and hid in the garden.

One day, when Eve was walking alone and looking at the tree in the middle of the garden, the devil came creeping out from the bushes. He wrapped himself round the tree trunk and said to Eve, “Isn’t that nice fruit? Doesn’t it look delicious? Why don’t you taste it and see what it’s like?”

“No” Eve said. “God said not to eat it.”

The devil said, “Did God say don’t eat any fruit in the garden?” (He was trying to make her confused.) But Eve remembered what God had said. She answered, “God told us to eat from all the trees, except this one. He said it was bad for us.”

Now the devil is a liar. He said to Eve, “It’s not true. God was telling you lies. The fruit is not bad for you. It’s good and tasty and it will make you like God. Go on, taste it for yourself and see if it is good or bad.”

Eve thought, “Maybe he’s right. Maybe God is mean and doesn’t want me to be like him. The fruit does look so tasty.” She plucked a fruit from the tree and ate it. Then she gave some to Adam and he also ate. We will find out what happened next at our next class.

[Give out the handouts. Discuss the picture using questions like the following:]

- Who is the snake in the picture?
- What do you think Eve is saying to him? [*Read the words in the call-out aloud.*]
- What did the snake say to her?
- What did Eve say to herself? What was she thinking?
- What did she do at last?
- Who tells lies, God or the devil?

[Now read the words in the block and let the children repeat after you.]

### III. REFLECTION & PRAYER:

Just as the devil told lies to Eve, and tried to make her disobey God, he also does the same to us. We cannot see him with our eyes, or hear him talking aloud, but he talks to us in our minds. He says, “Don’t obey God! I’ll show you a better way to be happy. God is mean. He doesn’t want you to be happy.”

But we mustn’t listen to the devil’s lies. He only wants to hurt us. God loves us and knows how to make us really happy. We must listen to him.

Many people ask Saint Michael for help. He is a good and powerful angel. He is able to fight the devil and defeat him. Would you like to learn a prayer to Saint Michael?

[Make the sign of the cross and pray the ‘Prayer to Saint Michael’.]

#### **Home assignment:**

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