

The Fall of Adam and Eve

Sunday School Lesson 3

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Teach class members that the Fall of Adam and Eve allowed each of us to enter mortality.

The Callings of Adam and Eve

- * Would you like to live in a world without sorrow, pain, sin, sadness, and death?
 - * The Garden of Eden was such a place. A static place.
- * Adam and Eve made a choice to leave the Garden
- * What was their mission?
- * Why were they chosen to do this?
- * Adam and Eve were chosen to be the first people on earth because of their faithfulness. They were among the "noble and great" of our Heavenly Father's children (see Abraham 3:22). Adam (then known by the name of Michael) helped create the world and was one of those who led the righteous spirits to victory in the war against the rebellious Lucifer.

The Commandments

Multiply and replenish the earth

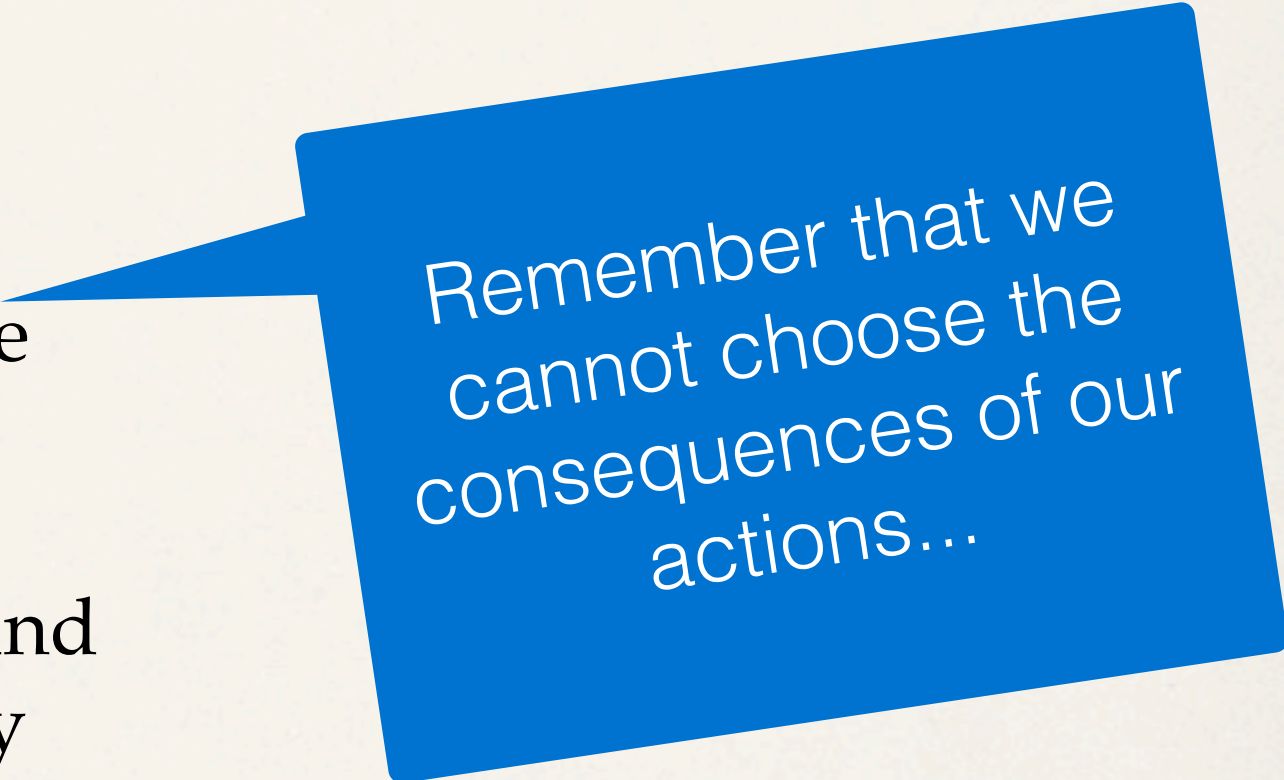
**Genesis 1:28
(Moses 2:28)**

Do not partake of the fruit of the
Tree of the Knowledge of Good
and Evil

Genesis 2:16-17
(Moses 3:16-17)

What Happened?

- ❖ Adam and Eve could not keep both these commandments.
 - ❖ If they chose to eat the fruit, they would be cast out of the Garden of Eden.
 - ❖ If they did not eat the fruit and remained in the garden, they would not be able to have children
- ❖ Why? 2 Nephi 2:22–23



Remember that we cannot choose the consequences of our actions...

Scripture Discussion

(Moses 4:6-12)

- What happened to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden?
- What did Satan say would happen if Eve ate the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil? Why did he tell Eve this?
 - Satan did not know that eating the fruit was a necessary part of God's plan for Adam and Eve.
- Which part of Satan's argument was true? Which part was not true? What are some ways Satan combines truth and lies today to persuade us to do what he wants?
- Why did Eve and then Adam eat the fruit?

Before the Fall	After the Fall
No mortal experience	Mortal experience
No testing or probation	Testing and probation
No mortal body	Mortal body
Limited choices	Unlimited choices
No work	Work
No judgment	Judgment
No sin or opposition	Sin and opposition
No repentance needed	Repentance
No joy or pain	Joy and pain
No need for a Savior	The Savior and the Atonement
No opportunity for exaltation	Opportunity for Exaltation

What are the effects of the Fall on Adam and Eve's Descendants?

Scripture Discussion (2 Ne 2:22-25)

What would have happened to Adam and Eve if they had decided not to partake of the fruit?

What would have happened to us?

How is the Fall essential to our eternal joy?



Choices are of eternal significance

Wherefore, men are free according to the flesh; and all things are given them which are expedient unto man.

And they are free to choose liberty and eternal life, through the great Mediator of all men, or to choose captivity and death, according to the captivity and power of the devil; for he seeketh that all men might be miserable like unto himself. -- 2 Ne 2:27

A Testimony of Agency

1. Law
2. Knowledge of the Law
3. Opposition -- Good and Evil
4. Freedom of Choice
5. Responsibility for Choices

*Do I
righteously use
my power to
choose?*