

ELEMENTARY DISCUSSION GUIDE

CHARACTER TRAIT:

PURITY

DEFINITION:

Being clean and free from the power of sin

MEMORY VERSE:

“Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me.” Psalm 51:10 NLT

FINISH LINE:

We are not pure because sin stains us

READ: GENESIS 3:1-24

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

(OBSERVATION)

1. Compare Genesis 3:3 and 2:17. How did Eve change what God said? (*She added, “or touch it.”*)
2. What did Adam and Eve choose to do? (*They chose to eat the fruit God told them not to eat. This was sin.*) What is sin? (*Sin is anything we think, say, or do that does not please or honor God.*)
3. What did Adam and Eve do when they heard God coming? (*They hid from Him.*)

Summary of Genesis 3:10-24: When God came to Adam and Eve, He asked them what happened (even though He already knew). They blamed each other and even blamed God for what they chose to do. God punished the serpent, the woman, and the man and sent them out of the garden. He told Adam and Eve that because of their sin they would eventually die. But, because God is good and loving, He provided for them and even gave them clothes to wear.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

(INTERPRETATION)

1. What lies did the serpent try to make Eve believe? (*He wanted Eve to think that God was not giving her what was best. He tried to get her to think God is not good.*)
2. After Adam and Eve ate the fruit God told them not to eat, were they still pure? (*No, because they chose to sin. They chose their way over God’s way.*)
3. Reread verse 9. Do you think God really did not know where Adam and Eve were? (*No, because God is all-seeing and all-knowing.*)
4. Did God still love Adam and Eve even though they were no longer pure? (*Yes. He always loves us, no matter what. We may have consequences for our sin, but He still loves us.*)

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

(APPLICATION)

1. What would you have told Eve if you had been standing there with her at the tree?
2. Do you think God was surprised at what happened or do you think He had a plan? Why or why not? (*God was not surprised because He is all-knowing. He had a plan from the very beginning to send someone to defeat the enemy. See Genesis 3:15.*)
3. We are not pure because sin stains us. The rest of the Bible tells us about God’s rescue plan and how Jesus can make us pure, clean and free from the power of sin.