



September 8, 2024, Creation and Fall

Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Holy God, guide us with your wisdom. Grant us discerning minds and hearts so that we might more fully walk in your ways and live in truth. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. (Genesis 3:6)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

This is the second creation story in which Adam and Eve are created, and given one explicit instruction. It is also where the serpent uses its ability to twist words, and in the process introduces sin.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- How do you experience shame? Are sin and shame connected? How does isolation deepen shame? How can community (or at least one trusted person) heal shame?
- For the littles: What is your favorite animal? Plant? Toy? God created all these! God made people to care for them.



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May the Creator create something marvelous in you. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Identify something that causes you shame. Spend time looking at the situation from every angle. What was your part? What makes the event shameful? What can you do differently next time? Share your experience with someone you trust. Then ask God to remove the shame.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Monday: *Cain and Abel*, Genesis 4:1-16

Tuesday: *Noah*, Genesis 6:11-22

Wednesday: *The Tower of Babel*, Genesis 11:1-9

Thursday: *God Calls Abram*, Genesis 12:1-9

Friday: *Abram Lies to Pharaoh about Sarai*, Genesis 12:10-13:1

Saturday: *Abram and Lot Part Ways*, Genesis 13:2-18