



EDEN,
EXODUS &
THE EMPTY TOMB

Rediscovering God's Plan
For Our Redemption



Week 1
EDEN



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HOW TO LEAD YOUR YCI CLUB



PLAY

Create a welcoming environment by playing a game together.



PRAY

Spend time praising and thanking God in prayer.



GROW

Learn from Scripture about who God says He is and how we should respond to Him.



GO

Look for opportunities to share the Gospel, and serve others in your community with your YCI club members.



TIPS FOR USING THIS CURRICULUM

1) Familiarize

Prior to your weekly YCI club gatherings, spend time reading the curriculum to make sure you understand the game and devotional. Leading is easier when you are well-prepared!

2) Organize

The "Grow" portion of the YCI Club Curriculum gives you the "pieces" for a devotional, but it is up to you to put the pieces together. You may want to give "Book, Hook, Look & Took" a try:

- 1) **Book:** Read the Bible verses.
- 2) **Hook:** Share a brief personal story or idea that relates to the Scripture.
- 3) **Look:** Share the context of the Scripture.
- 4) **Took:** Share the takeaways from the "Learn & Apply" section.

3) Customize

Since every YCI club is different, it is important that you modify this content to fit your context. If you need help with this, we encourage you to reach out to your club's Campus Mentor!



LEFT & RIGHT

First, designate one person as the Game Master, and divide the rest of the YCI club into two evenly-sized teams. Secure two objects that can be easily held and passed, such as books. Have both teams form a single file line, with each student facing the back of the head of the person in front of them. The Game Master will initiate a countdown, and at the countdown's conclusion, the person at the front of the line will pass the object to the left, into the hands of the person standing behind them. The recipient will then pass the object on their right side to the person behind them. Continue this "left and right" process until the object reaches the last person in line. If the object is dropped, the group must start over. The first group to successfully pass the object to the end of the line wins the game!



ASK GOD FOR HIS WILL TO
BE DONE IN THESE AREAS:



CLUB TIME

Pray that God will speak to everyone in the room through His Word.

GROUP NEEDS

Take time to discuss and pray over the personal needs and requests of those in attendance.



SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Ask God to move in situations that are unique to your school and community.



WHERE WE'RE GOING

While many people know the story of Jesus' death and resurrection recorded in the Gospels, they may overlook that the significance of the cross and the empty tomb is woven throughout the entire Bible, beginning at the dawn of creation.

In the “*Eden, Exodus & The Empty Tomb*” curriculum, we’re going to take a closer look at Genesis 3, Exodus 12 and Matthew 27-28 and trace four essential themes in each story:

Theme #1) The Captive

Theme #2) The Child

Theme #3) The Sacrifice

Theme #4) The Mission

As we approach the fourth week, the focus will shift to responding to what we have learned in the first three weeks. Prayerfully, as Easter Sunday approaches, many of your classmates will truly understand and embrace the reality of the empty tomb for the first time!



GENESIS 3:1-8 (ESV)

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” **2** And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, **3** but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” **4** But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. **5** For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” **6** 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. **7** Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. **8** And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.



GENESIS 3:9-16 (ESV)

9 But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” **10** And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” **11** He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” **12** The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” **13** Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” **14** The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. **15** I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” **16** To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.



GENESIS 3:17-24 (ESV)

17 And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; **18** thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. **19** By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” **20** The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. **21** And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them. **22** Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—” **23** therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. **24** He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.



GOD'S REDEMPTIVE PLAN IN EDEN

The Captive: Adam & Eve

“Then the eyes of both were opened, and ***they knew that they were naked***. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths” (Gen. 3:7). Adam and Eve's disobedience fractured their perfect relationship with God, leaving them ashamed of their nakedness and imperfections. Without a Savior, humanity is doomed to be enslaved to shame from the enemy.

The Child: Future Offspring

“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; ***he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel***” (Gen. 3:15). This is the first promise of a Savior. While sin entered the world through one man, Adam, salvation for sinners would also come through the man Jesus Christ. God shares His plan for redemption in this verse by promising to send His Son, Jesus, into the world. His heel would be bruised through His death, but He would “crush the head” of the enemy through His resurrection!

The Sacrifice: Animal Skin To Cover Shame

“And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife ***garments of skins and clothed them***” (Gen. 3:21). God foreshadowed the importance of sacrifice by clothing Adam and Eve in animal skin, the first biblical record of an animal's death.

The Mission: Work The Ground

“Therefore the Lord God sent him ***out from the garden of Eden to work the ground*** from which he was taken” (Gen. 3:23). Banished from Eden, Adam and Eve could not reach the Tree of Life, preventing them from living eternally in their sin. They were instructed to take care of God's creation, and this mission for all of humanity would be fully realized in the Great Commission Jesus gave many generations later!



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS (IF TIME ALLOWS)

Question #1

What is one thing that “jumped out” to you while reading Genesis 3:1-24?

Question #2

Which of the four themes we’re studying each week (*The Captive, The Child, The Sacrifice and The Mission*) stands out the most to you?

Question #3

Why is it important to understand that the Easter story is woven throughout every book in the Bible, not just the Gospels?



BEFORE YOU

GO

BIG IDEA



Adam and Eve's sin and expulsion from Eden displays our need for salvation and sets the stage for Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

SHARING TRUTH



Who is someone in your life that needs to hear about what we discussed today? Pray for them, and find time this week to encourage them.

MEETING NEEDS



What is something your YCI club can do to show God's love this semester?

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