

Step By Step Through The Bible With Children

**"All thy children shall be taught of the LORD;
and great shall be the peace of thy children."**

(Isaiah 54:13)

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Lesson 7 -

LUCIFER

The name Lucifer means "**Son of the Morning**," or "**Mighty One**."

Lucifer was a beautiful cherub who lived in Heaven.

He was the highest and mightiest of all the heavenly creatures. He was made fit for GOD's presence in Heaven, while Adam and Eve were made fit for GOD's presence on earth.

Because of Lucifer's great wisdom and beauty, his heart became lifted up with pride. Instead of leading all of the other angels in worshiping GOD, he wanted the angels to worship him.

He said: "**I will exalt my throne above the stars of God... I will be like the most High.**" (cf. Ezekiel 28:11-20; Isaiah 14:12-17. Notice the five "I wills.") Lucifer, the son of the morning, wanted to be great like GOD, and have the angels in Heaven worship him, rather than GOD.

This was very wicked, because GOD is the Holy and Just One, to Him only belongs glory and praise, and it is sin to worship another.

Because Lucifer sinned and caused many of the angels to sin, he and the sinning angels were cast out of Heaven, and Lucifer's name was changed to Satan, the Devil. Since then he has been GOD's enemy. He hates GOD and everything that is good; and he hates GOD's children.

It was Satan, the wicked one, who lied to Eve and tempted her to disobey GOD. He wanted her to worship and obey him, rather than GOD. We should never listen to any one who speaks against GOD, or against His Word. Satan wishes to turn everyone away from GOD (even you and me), just as he turned away Adam and Eve.

He tries to keep us away from Bible Class and Sunday School, for that is where we learn about JESUS and everything good. He tries to keep us from memorizing GOD's Word, and most of all

he tries to keep us from believing that we are sinners and need a Saviour.

You and I have free wills, and we must choose, just as Adam and Eve had to do, whether we will believe GOD, or whether we will believe Satan's lies.

We read in GOD's Word that Satan, the Devil, speaketh lies and is the father of lies (cf. John 8 :44). He lied to Eve when he said, "**Ye shall not surely die**" if you disobey GOD. She trusted in his lie, rather than GOD's truth.

GOD tested her by allowing her to hear the truth and also the lie, and Eve had to choose. GOD is testing you and me just as He tested the first man and woman.

We were born after Adam and Eve had lost their image and likeness to GOD, that is, we were born without His likeness. GOD wants us to have that life and likeness just as He wanted them to have it.

Though we were born sinners, yet GOD made a way for you and for me to be saved. He loved us so much that He sent His only begotten Son to die for us. Let us say John 3:16 together.

GOD tested Adam and Eve by saying, "**in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.**" He tests us by saying: "**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.**" If we obey His command, He gives us the life that saves us from sin, and fits us for Heaven.

It was very easy for Adam and Eve to lose GOD's image, and it is just as easy for us, who do not have it, to receive it. We receive it when we take JESUS into our hearts. We will never see the glory-life here on earth, but we will in Heaven.

GOD wants every boy and girl who was born unlike Him to choose JESUS and let Him cleanse his or her heart from sin and receive eternal life.

When you get your hands and face soiled, you wash them with soap and water, but when sin stains or soils your heart, soap and water cannot wash it away. Nothing but the Blood of JESUS can cleanse the sinner's heart. That is why JESUS came to die for sinners, that He might save them. And all who believe in JESUS are saved.

Boys and girls must learn that when they disobey GOD's Word, which is His Law, it is sin.

Disobedience is what? Yes, sin.

How do we know we are sinners? GOD's Word tells us that we are.

How may we be saved? "**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.**"

How many here have believed this good news and have taken JESUS as their Saviour?

What are we now? Yes, children of GOD.

Never close a lesson without giving the invitation to accept CHRIST.

Lesson: Ezekiel 28:14-17.

Memory Verse: John 5:24

Song: "What Can Wash Away My Sin?"

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