

Caught Red Handed

Torah Study - *Read the following adaptation of the Torah, Genesis 3:1-9*

Now the serpent was really clever and he said to the woman, "Did God really say that you shouldn't eat from ANY tree of the garden?" And the woman replied, "No, well God said that we can eat from every tree, except the tree of wisdom in the middle of the garden. For even touching that tree is dangerous." And the serpent said, "It's not dangerous! God is just jealous that if you eat it, you will become like God!" When the woman saw the serpent touching the fruit, she saw that the tree wasn't dangerous and that it was good for eating so she ate. And she also gave some to her husband and he ate.

Shortly thereafter, the man and woman heard God approaching and they hid. And God called out to the man, "where are you?" ...

Family Discussion - *Answer the following questions with your family:*

- 1) Why do you think the serpent was trying to get the woman to eat the fruit from the tree of wisdom?
- 2) Why do you think the woman shared the fruit with the man?
- 3) How do you think God will act when he finds out that the man and woman ate from the forbidden tree of wisdom?
- 4) How do you think the man and woman will react to being caught disobeying God's only commandment?

Bibliodrama - *A good way to imagine the end of the story is to act it out. Divide up the characters of our story and act out how you think the conversation unfolded once the man and woman got caught disobeying God.*

Cast members could include: God, Man, Woman, Serpent, Bystander animals.

(Parents: If you are doing this activity on your own, consider looking at the rest of Genesis 3 and explore how the man and woman don't take ownership of their mistake. Instead they blame each other for disobeying God. Reiterate with your family the importance of correcting our mistakes and owning up to them, especially during this season of repentance)



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