

Do you think you have sinned against God? Explain your answer.

Do you think you have offended God enough such that you deserve punishment? (Do you think you are a sinner?)

#### WHAT IS THE LINK BETWEEN THE OT AND JESUS?

Read Genesis 3:14-15.

Who is God talking to here?

What is the suggestion of hope in God's speech to the snake?

#### WHAT THE NEW TESTAMENT SAYS.

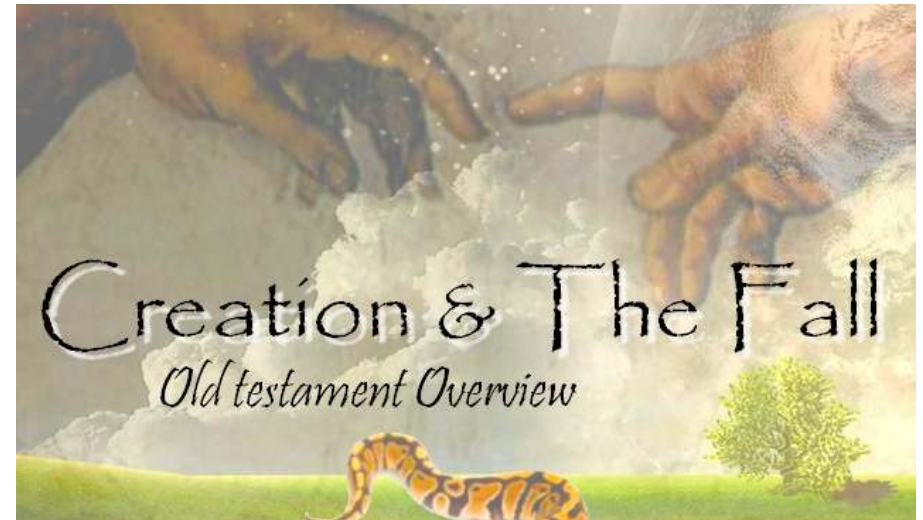
Read Romans 1:18-20. What does this passage say?

- a) God is angry because humans are wicked.
- b) God is angry because humans have rejected the truth about God.
- c) God is angry because humans don't understand God.

In your own opinion, do you think the Bible is correct in its view of the world?

#### HOW TO REMEMBER THE STORY SO FAR.

What have you learnt from this story about God, humans and their relationship?



**BIBLE STUDY**

## STUDY 1 — CREATION AND SIN

In this series we will:

1. Learn the key stories in the Old Testament.
2. Understand what these keys stories teach us about Jesus.
3. Understand the theme in these stories.
4. Remembering the overview by using stories or pictures.

Do NOT stress if your group is unable to finish all the questions. Take the questions home and look at questions yourself. If you want to discuss more just let your leaders or the staff know and they may able to help you with some answers.

## DISCUSSION

Which one of these statements do you agree with?

- a) God is good and humans are good.
- b) God is good and humans are bad.
- c) God is bad and humans are good.
- d) God is bad and humans are bad.

## READ GENESIS 1:1-5,26-31.

From Genesis 1:1-5 what did God do in the beginning?

From Genesis 1:26-31 what did God say and what did he do?

What is strange about how God talks about himself?

How was the relationship between God and humans?

## READ GENESIS 2:8-9,15-17.

From Genesis 2:8-9, what did God do?

From Genesis 2:15-17, what did God tell the man?

How would you summarise the relationship between God and man ?

- a) God and humans were equals and they had the right to do whatever they wanted.
- b) God and humans were not equals and they had to trust God by obeying him.
- c) God wanted control over humans by not allowing humans to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.
- d) God made humans because He was lonely.

## READ GENESIS 3:1-7,17-24.

In Genesis 3:1-7 how did the serpent create doubt in the woman?

In Genesis 3:1-7, what happened when the man and woman did what the serpent said?

In Genesis 3:17-24, how did God react when he found out what the humans did?

How would you summarise the relationship between God and humans?

- a) God is loving because He put man and women in a garden with everything they needed but the man and the woman did not trust God and disobeyed God.
- b) God is loving because He put man and woman in a garden with everything they needed but he also put a tree and a serpent there to test them. But the man and the woman failed the test.
- c) God is loving but had no control over the serpent who convinced the man and the woman to disobey God.
- d) God created a good world but did not expect the serpent to trick the man and the woman and make them disobey God.

## APPLICATION.

What is "sin"? (See Genesis 3:4-5.)

- a) Sin is knowing what is good and what is evil.
- b) Sin is wanting to be like God.
- c) Sin is not listening and obeying God.
- d) Sin is wanting to be like God and deciding for ourselves what is good and what is evil instead of letting God decide what is good and evil.

How does sin appear in people's lives? Give examples.