

Sin and Salvation

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 1, Session 3**.

God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and gave them everything they needed. They tended the garden and cared for the animals, and they had each other for companionship.

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God told Adam and Eve that they could not eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, but they disobeyed. This act of disobedience resulted in Original Sin, and henceforth life became more challenging for human beings.

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Cain and Abel, the sons of Adam and Eve, had never known what it was like in the garden. The brothers did not get along, and Cain got so angry one day that he killed Abel. This story shows how quickly people began to sin after Adam and Eve disobeyed God.

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When people stop trusting God, they stop trusting each other as well.

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The disobedience of Adam and Eve resulted in Original Sin, but God did not give up on people.

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God chose one family who showed love, trust, and obedience—Noah and his family—and told them to build a huge ark and put two of every creature on it. It rained for 40 days and nights, flooding the world.

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To help Noah, God put a rainbow in the sky as a sign of hope. God made a covenant, a commitment or promise, to never again send such a flood.

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In the Penitential Act of the Mass, we reflect on our sins and ask for God's mercy. We pray "Lord have mercy" to praise God for his great mercy.

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