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## Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 6, Bible Truth 1

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### The Case of the Terrible, Terrible Day *Genesis 3,4*

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*(Numbers correspond to Bible story picture pages in Detective Dan's Big Question Box)*

1. The LORD made a beautiful garden home for Adam and Eve, filled with everything they needed. There were trees with delicious fruit to eat, and life was Perfect Wonderfulness together with the LORD. There's never been a home on earth as perfect as the Garden of Eden.

2. God put two other special trees in Eden. "The Tree of Life" was a tree of blessing, offering never-ending life. But the "Tree of Knowing Good and Evil" was a tree of obeying. "Do NOT eat from this tree. If you do, you will surely die," God warned Adam and Eve.

3. For a while, Adam and Eve obeyed and life was Perfect Wonderfulness. But God's enemy, Satan, came. "Did God say, 'You can't eat from ANY tree in the garden?' he asked Eve. "Any but the one in the middle," she replied. "We shouldn't even touch it, or we will die."

4. "You won't die," Satan lied. "When you eat that fruit you'll start to know as much as God knows. You'll become like Him, knowing good and evil," he said. Eve listened to his lies. She picked the tree's beautiful fruit and ate it. So did Adam.

5. Satan's trick worked. Adam and Eve had disobeyed God. Sin began its terrible changes in them. They made clothes to hide from each other. And when God called out to them, they hid from Him, too.

6. God made Adam and Eve tell what happened. They made excuses. They blamed others. But the truth was, they had both chosen to disobey God. Sin had come into God's good world, and there were consequences. Now, many other sad and bad things would come, too.

7. God is good, and He hates sin. The three faced His punishment: "Serpent, now you will crawl along the ground in shame. Eve, now obeying your husband and having children will be hard for you. Adam, now you'll have to work hard to get your own food from the ground," God told them.

8. "You must leave Eden and its happy blessings," God told Adam and Eve. "Now, you'll know sickness and sadness. You'll grow old and die. Worst of all, the closeness we enjoyed together is broken," God said. God's punishments were hard, but Adam and Eve knew they were fair.

9. But God was merciful that day, too. He gave Adam and Eve something better than they deserved. He promised to send one of their sons to crush Satan and be their Savior --Jesus! Adam and Eve didn't know His name, but they looked forward to the day He would come.

10. At just the right time, Jesus did come. Like Adam and Eve, Satan tempted Jesus to disobey God; but Jesus kept obeying! He never, ever disobeyed God. He lived a perfect life, so He could be the full payment for the sins of God's people when He died on the cross for them.

11. The Savior was DEAD? Was Jesus really any different from Adam and Eve? Oh, yes, He was! For on Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead, never to die again. He had beaten sin and death for all who put their trust in Him! Then, Jesus went up to heaven in victory.

12. One day, Jesus will come back and crush Satan forever. God will make a beautiful, new world for His people to live in with Him. No more sin, sickness, pain, or death ...ever. We can be there, too, if we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help you.