

Gem Seeking

LITTLE GEMS STORY

Parent/Teacher Preparation:

Please see the [Instructions for the Little Gems Story](#) on the YMTOI website. This will help you to understand how to prepare for the story.

Where Are You?

Shalom children! Do you know what Elohim did after creating everything? He planted a garden! Do you remember the name of this garden? It was the Garden of Eden. Now this wasn't just any ordinary garden, because Elohim Himself designed it. Sure, this garden had normal things you would see in a garden, like trees and plants and flowers and butterflies, with bees buzzing around and squirrels racing up trees. **(Place garden scene on board.)** But there were also some special things in the garden that Elohim put there.

One special thing was the many kinds of fruit trees; they were not only beautiful to look at, but also very tasty to eat. **(Add banana and coconut trees to garden scene on board.)** Elohim told the 1st man and woman, Adam and Hawwah, to take very good care of this garden. **(Place Adam and Hawwah on board.)** Have your parents ever asked you to take care of something? **(Let children answer or give prompts such as a pet or younger sibling, etc.)**

Another special addition to this garden was a river that split off and became 4 riverheads. **(Point to 4 rivers in garden scene on board.)** I'm sure Adam and Hawwah loved to take long walks in that beautiful garden enjoying Elohim's creation and when they got hot from all that walking they were able to cool off in the water. Isn't Yahweh so thoughtful to think of everything to meet our needs? **(Place caring emoji on board.)**

(Place 2 trees on board.) Now Elohim gave very clear instructions to Adam and Hawwah about 2 special trees in particular. One of them was the Tree of Life. Elohim told them that they could eat as much fruit as they wanted from that one. But He warned them that they must never, ever eat the fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, because if they did, they could no longer live forever. **(Point to tree with 'X' on it.)**

Another thing that was in this garden was a serpent. **(Place upright serpent on board.)** Serpent is another word for snake. I don't know about you, but I don't want snakes in my garden, do you? Well, the Scriptures describes this serpent as being very tricky. That must have been where the phrase 'sneaky snake' came from. So one day, when Adam and Hawwah were walking in the garden, the serpent spoke to Hawwah from a tree. The serpent asked her, "You and Adam eat from all the trees in the Garden, but never from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Why don't you eat the fruit from this tree?" It's hard to imagine a serpent that actually talks, but the Scriptures tell us he did! One day in Elohim's kingdom, I'm sure we will find out all about it.



Hawwah replied, "Elohim said that we would die if we ate that fruit." The tricky serpent then told Hawwah that she would not die, but actually be like Elohim if she ate it. Hawwah took a look at that beautiful fruit and decided to eat it. She must have forgotten what Elohim told her about not eating that fruit. Have you ever forgotten something your parents told you not to do and did it? **(Let children answer.)**

Seeing that Hawwah had not died from eating the fruit, Adam took a piece and ate it too. As the husband and leader of his wife, Adam should have reminded Hawwah about not eating that fruit but he chose to disobey Elohim's instruction and he ate it too. Have you ever purposely disobeyed your parents? **(Let children answer.)** Sadly, Adam did too. Ok, now back to our story.

After they ate the forbidden fruit, they looked at each other and at themselves and realized they were naked, and they felt ashamed. They turned away from each other and sewed together fig leaves from the garden to cover their bodies. **(Remove Adam and Hawwah from board and replace with Adam and Hawwah with fig leaf clothing on board.)**

When they saw that Elohim was coming, Adam and Hawwah felt guilty for disobeying Him. They were afraid to face Him, so they tried to hide, **(place scared emoji on board)** but Elohim already knew that they had eaten the forbidden fruit. Elohim knows everything and He was very angry and disappointed at them for their disobedience. **(Place angry emoji on board.)** Adam tried to blame Hawwah for making him eat the fruit, and Hawwah blamed the serpent for deceiving her, but both of them had still disobeyed Him. Have you ever blamed someone else for the actions you chose to do? **(Let children answer.)** Well your parents don't like it when you do that, and Elohim didn't either. First Elohim punished the serpent by taking away his legs. He decreed that all serpents must forever crawl on their bellies in the dirt and become man's enemies. **(Remove upright serpent and replace with slithering serpent on board.)**

Then He made animal skin coverings for Adam and Hawwah. **(Remove Adam and Hawwah with fig leaf clothing and replace with Adam and Hawwah with animal skin clothing.)** Elohim then punished Adam and Hawwah by banishing them from the Garden of Eden. He put kerubim at the Garden's entrance and a flaming sword to guard the way to the Tree of Life so that no one could get to it anymore. **(Place kerubim and flaming sword on board.)** Hawwah was told that having a baby would no longer be an easy thing to do; and Adam was told that farming would not be easy, either. **(Place man with hoe and pregnant woman on board.)** After this, their lives would be difficult outside of Eden, and they would have to work very hard just to survive.

Even though they knew it was wrong to disobey Elohim, Adam and Hawwah had given in to temptation, and now had to face the consequences of their actions. Their story represents all people who must resist doing wrong things, even if it seems like it would be fun or give us something good in return. Elohim promises that if we obey He will bless us, but if we disobey He will curse us. We should learn from their lesson and always obey Elohim, even when those around us aren't obeying Him and are telling us not to, either.

Well children, we have come to the end of our story for today. We will see you next week for another exciting Little Gems story!

