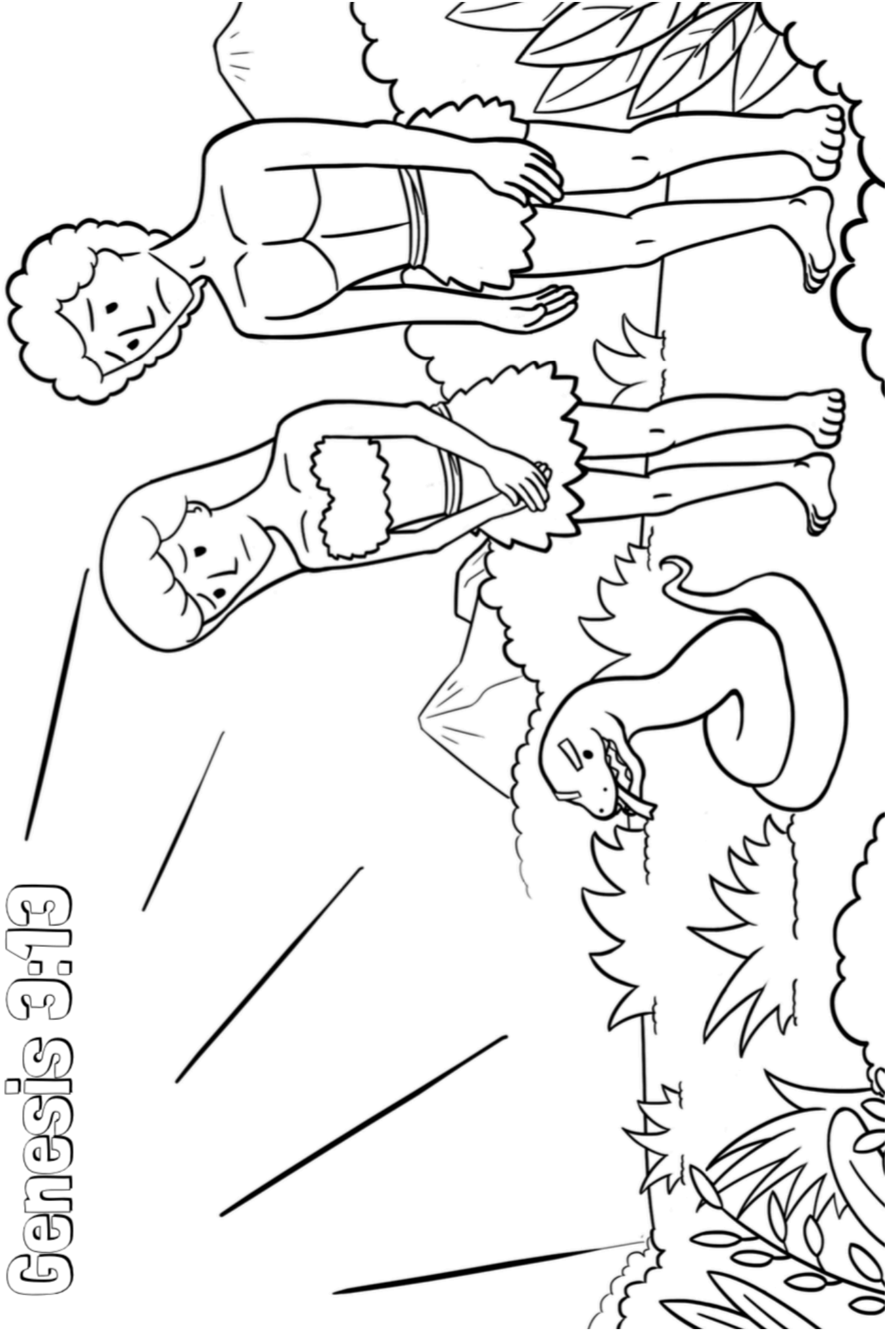


Genesis 3:13





9-27-20 Family Discussion Questions

Paradise Lost - Part 2

Genesis 3:8-13

1. Pretend that you took a permanent marker and drew all over the walls . Who would take the blame - you or the adult in charge?
2. Read Genesis 3:8-9. Does it seem strange that God would hold Adam responsible, even though Eve ate the fruit first? Why did God do that?

[For most of us, we are individually responsible for our own actions. Your children experience this when they are held accountable for their own actions, not anyone else's. Explain that God created Adam to be responsible for himself AND his wife. Pastor John explained that Adam was created first, Eve was created to help Adam (not the other way around), and that God intended him to lead in the relationship (Genesis 3:17).]

3. Read Genesis 3:11-13. Adam blamed Eve. Eve blamed the serpent. No one took responsibility for their actions. How did it affect their relationship with God? How does blame-shifting affect your relationship to God?

[Adam and Eve were afraid to talk to God and tried to hide from Him. Their relationship with God went from trust to fear. When we blame-shift, we don't reconcile with God right away. As a result, we push away the forgiveness we want and need until we are ready to admit our sin.]

4. Bonus: Look up Question 14 of the New City Catechism. Does it make more sense now that you've spent some time discussing Adam's role and responsibility?