

## ***The Plan of Redemption Play: Adam and Eve***

### **Scriptural references:**

The Book of Mormon

2 Nephi Chapter 2

Mosiah Chapters 3 & 4

Alma Chapter 12

Holy Bible

Genesis Chapters 3, 4 & 5

### **Characters:**

God	Eve	Angel
Adam	Serpent	Narrator

### **ACT I – In the Garden**

Opening Scene: *Two trees on stage labeled Tree of Life and Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Adam and Eve are sitting by the Tree of Life. God walks on stage and makes his way towards Adam and Eve.*

**Narrator:** God just finished creating the Heavens, the Earth, and everything in them. He is walking the Earth admiring His handiwork when He comes upon Adam and Eve sitting in the Garden of Eden.

**God** (stops to talk): Good morning Adam. Good morning Eve.

**Adam and Eve** (in unison): Good morning God.

**God:** Ahhhh! How fresh the air! And don't the birds sound fine today? I can tell this is going to be another great day, a day of great joy.

*Adam and Eve look up inquisitively at God while he is speaking.*

**Adam:** (shrugging his shoulders) I do not know what you mean. What is joy?

**God:** Well, joy is the opposite of misery.

**Eve:** This day is pretty much like any other day. How can we compare? What is misery?

**God** (smiling at them): Yes, you are right. You are so innocent. You have no knowledge of... Well, someday you... (Pauses to think) ...oh never mind. I must go now, but I will be back later. Do you remember what I told you about the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil over there? (sternly with kindness) Stay away from it! Do not eat its fruit or you will die. This tree right over here has the most delicious fruit. (points to the tree of Life) You can have your fill.

*God exits stage*

**Adam:** I wonder what He meant by "you will die".

**Eve:** (*shrugging her shoulders*) I do not know.

*Adam and Eve carry on a quiet conversation amongst themselves  
The serpent enters behind the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.*

**Eve:** Say Adam, I think I will go for a walk. (She wanders over to the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil)

**Serpent:** Hello, Eve.

**Eve:** Oh, hello serpent. What are you up to?

**Serpent:** (enticingly) Oh, I was just admiring the fruit on this tree. Doesn't it look delicious? Wouldn't you like to take a bite? I bet it tastes fantastic!

**Eve:** It does look fine. But...look how good the fruit is on that tree over there. (Points to the tree of Life) If I am hungry, I can eat that. God said that if we eat the fruit of this tree, we will die. But, I am not sure what he meant by that.

**Serpent:** (more enticingly) The fruit on this tree is as good as, and even better than that fruit! Go ahead and feel it. It is so ripe!

**Eve:** (admiring the fruit even more, pondering) But, God said not to touch it.

**Serpent:** Just a little touch.

**Eve** (*hesitantly touches it*)

**Serpent:** See how soft and ripe it feels? Just try a little bite.

**Eve:** But...

**Serpent:** Just taste it. You will not die! You will become like God; you will know good and evil. It is so wonderful! Just one bite.

**Eve:** Really? Well, just one bite. (*slowly takes a bite*) Oh, I feel different. (Looks around her) Wow, the air feels so fresh! And the birds are beautiful!

**Adam:** (walking over) Hey, Eve, what is going on?

**Eve:** Oh, Adam, you have got to try this fruit!

**Adam:** I thought that we were not supposed to...

**Eve:** Oh, just try it! Look, it did not hurt me.

**Adam:** (Takes a bite) Wow, I feel different. Everything looks so different!

**Eve:** Is it not wonderful? Don't you feel so...wait a minute...Adam, you are not wearing any clothes!

**Adam:** (looks at himself): Aaaah! (runs and hides behind a bush.) Wait a minute...Eve, you are not clothed either!

**Eve:** Huh? (looks at herself) Aaaah! (runs behind a bush) Oh no, what is going to happen when God finds us?

**Adam:** We should make some clothes. We should hide, too! I am afraid of what will happen when He finds us.

**Serpent:** Ha! I foiled God's plan this time!

## ACT II – Consequences of Sin

*On stage Adam and Eve are hiding behind the bushes wearing fig leaves. The serpent is in the tree of knowledge of good and evil. God walks on stage and finds Adam and Eve's hiding place. They come out and the three of them converse quietly while narrator speaks.*

**Narrator:** After they had disobeyed God and eaten the fruit from the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, Adam and Eve made clothes from figs leaves. But soon, they heard God walking through the garden.

**God:** Adam....Eve...Where are you?

**Adam and Eve** (in unison): Hide!

**Narrator:** Adam and Eve hid, but of course God knew exactly where they were and what they had done.

**God:** Adam? Where are you? Is that you in the bushes?

**Adam** (walks out embarrassed): Here I am, God. I heard your voice and I hid.

(God and Adam have a silent conversation)

**Narrator:** God questioned Adam if he had eaten from the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil and Adam quickly blamed Eve for offering him the fruit. (Adam points to the bushes and Eve walks out slowly.) When God questioned Eve why she had eaten the fruit, she quickly blamed the serpent for tricking her. However, because they had disobeyed God's commandment, they were punished for their actions.

**God** (speaking to the Serpent): Because you enticed the woman to disobey, you will be cursed more than any other animal; and man, will be your enemy. You will crawl on your belly and eat dust the rest of your days!

*The serpent falls to the ground and slithers off stage, hissing.*

**God** (speaking to Eve): Eve because you listened and obeyed the serpent, you will have much sorrow in your days, and you will painfully bear children. Your husband will now rule over you.

*Eve hangs her head as she listens and takes a deep sigh.*

**God:** (speaking to Adam): And Adam because you listened to your wife instead of listening to me, you will have to work hard, laboring with much difficulty to grow food for your family. You will have much sorrow in your labors and one day, you will die and return to the ground from which you were made.

*Adam reacts in sorrow to his punishment.*

*While the narrator is speaking, God points off stage and Adam and Eve exit. Cherubim's with "flaming" swords enter and guard the tree.*

**Narrator:** God told Adam and Eve to leave the Garden of Eden and He placed Cherubim with flaming swords to guard the tree of life. Adam and Eve's life was different from then on. Now, they experienced good and evil and they had to make choices. Often, they failed at making the right choice. That was what Satan wanted when he tricked Eve in the garden. But, God had a plan to save them all along.

### ACT III -The Plan of Redemption

**Narrator:** God loves His children and wants them to have joy. He does not want His children to be miserable. He knew it would be impossible for Adam and Eve to make good choices all of the time. Now that I think about it, what person alive can make good choices all of the time? It is just impossible. God knew that it would be impossible. But, God planned to save mankind. He created the plan called Redemption.

**God:** Satan thought that he foiled My Plan. But I knew that Adam and Eve would eventually be tempted by Satan and eat from the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. That is why I created this plan from when I first started making the world!

**Narrator:** Sometime after Adam and Eve were banned from the Garden of Eden, God sent angels to teach Adam and Eve and their descendants about his Plan of Redemption. The angels taught the people about Jesus Christ, a Savior.

*On stage Adam is working in the fields with his oldest son, Cain. Eve is watching the younger children, doing laundry, and preparing food. All of them are working hard, laboring, and sweating.*

**Adam** (pausing from his work and speaking to Eve): You know Eve, I have been thinking of our days in Eden. Those were the good old days, Eve. We had our choice of fruit from any tree...

**Eve** (correcting Adam): Any tree but one.

**Adam** (continues): Yes, any tree but one. But, you just had to listen to that serpent, didn't you? Why did we have to taste that fruit? Now look at us! In Eden, we did not have to work for our food; it was ready for the picking. And the weather was always perfect. No hot sun beating on our backs. I am so tired working day after day trying to support the family.

**Eve:** We have talked about this before, Adam. We cannot go back to Eden, you know that. I am just as tired as you are, working hard all day. But just think if we had never left! We would have never known joy! Yes, life is difficult, but our children are such a blessing! If we had never left Eden, they would not exist. And now we can appreciate the beautiful things in life because we have seen the ugly.

**Adam:** That is true. Now I can truly appreciate the small blessings that we have. But now, life is suddenly full of decisions! Right and wrong, good, and evil, I must watch my every step, my every thought. Sometimes I do not know what to do!

**Eve:** This life is very challenging, but we cannot look back. We must look forward. Remember what the angel told us about redemption?

*An angel enters and begins to speak. All actors give him their attention.*

**Angel:** Harken unto the word of the Lord! I bring glad tidings of great joy!  
The Lord who reigns forever will come down from heaven to earth and will live as a man. He will do mighty miracles. He will heal the sick; raise the dead, and cause the crippled to walk and the blind to see, curing all manner of diseases.  
His name shall be called Jesus Christ, the son of God, the Father of Heaven and earth, the Creator of all things from the beginning. He comes so that salvation might come to the children of men who believe in Him. Many will not believe, and they will crucify Him but He will rise again on the third day. His blood will cover the sins of all men and women who repent and have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Repent, repent, and have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will have joy! You will live with God in heaven forever!

**Adam:** Yes, I believed him! Praise God for Jesus Christ! Because of Jesus, God and I can be best friends, again.

**Eve:** Yes, Praise God, Adam! Despite our trials, we have joy in Jesus! Because of Jesus, we will live in a place called heaven!! A place where we will rest from all our labors and will be in God's presence day and night!!

*Adam and Eve hug each other and their children lovingly.*

*All actors come forward and sing the chorus TWICE of The Songs of Zion # 53, "The Traveler", with the words altered as shown below.*

*For we sing of a King above\_\_\_\_  
And His song is redeeming love.  
Yes, we sing of a king above, \_\_\_\_  
And His song is redeeming love.*

*All actors exit gradually and joyfully as they sing the last refrain.*

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