

Adam and Eve mar God's Image, in verse
About 8 minutes, from Genesis 2 – 3

Participants (No need to memorize lines; the aim is to relive sacred events, not to perform)

Adam

Eve

Serpent Someone who is able to fall down.

Voice (of God) Stand to one side, read slowly and loudly.

Prompter Shout a brief line, and Echoes repeat it.

Echoes Children and all adults who want to take part. Echoes need no script.

Adam Hello, folks! I am Adam. Meet my wife Eve.

Eve God made man in his likeness, and I am his wife
God has made us one flesh for the rest of our life.
Precious love for each other grows stronger each day.
We commune with our God in a most precious way

Adam Look at these beautiful trees that God has made!

Prompter & Echoes Some are very tall!

Eve They are growing here in the Garden of Eden where God planted them.
(If small children are present, let them stand by you and be trees, holding their arms out like limbs.)

Adam The trees are bearing fruit now. Their limbs sag under its weight.
(Ask the small children to lower their limbs a bit.)

Prompter & Echoes Our limbs bend down! *(Lower arms)*

Eve I am Eve the first lady; I'm glad I can be!
And such beauty till now Adam never did see!
Adam now has a partner to his great delight!
He is breathless with joy; it is love at first sight!

Adam Our Creator has joined us as one, man and wife.
All is good; all is joy, such a wonderful life!
We are innocent, pure and we're totally free.
Here in Eden pure beauty is all we can see!

Eve A soft breeze blows, and trees clap their hands for joy!
(If small children portray trees, ask them to clap their hands.)

Voice The good fruit of these trees, you may eat and enjoy;
All but one, because you it would surely destroy.
Do not taste of that one; though it pleases the eye.
You will know good and bad, if its fruit you dare try.

Serpent Indeed! *(Approach Eve, laugh fiendishly. Pronounce the s with a hiss.)*
Listen to me, my sweet beauty! Yes, I have good news for you!

Eve Oh, hello! Well! One of the animals talks! You're beautiful and wise!

Serpent Has God said you shall not eat from one of these trees?

Eve He has said from all trees he permits us to eat;
But that tree in the midst we can't taste of its treat
God has said if we eat it we surely will die.
We enjoy all the rest under heaven's vast sky!

Serpent You'll not die! Its good fruit will soon open your eyes!
God would hide from you both what would make you be wise.
You will be just like God, so there's nothing to fear!
So just taste and enjoy it, discover its cheer!
(Pretend to hand Eve the fruit.)

Eve Now, why should we let such good fruit go to waste?
Oh, it looks so delicious! Its joy I must taste.
It will make human beings become really smart!
Although somehow I feel it is troubling my heart!
(Pretend to eat.)

Prompter & Echoes Oh, no! She ate it!

Eve Here, husband, dear. *(Pretend to hand the fruit to Adam.)*
Try it. It'll make you wise. That beautiful, serpentine dragon said so.

Adam *(Look fearfully from side to side. Then pretend to eat)*
Mmm! *(Look down.)* Oh, no!

Prompter & Echoes Something's not right!

Adam What's gone wrong? We are naked; we are both all unclothed!
We must dress ourselves now, as my sin I do loathe.
We had lacked this dire knowledge; the serpent's to blame.
Let these fig leaves conceal our sad guilt and our shame.

Prompter & Echoes Guilt and shame!

Adam I just heard a dread noise! It's the sound God's tread made;
Let us hide, let's be quick! For we've both disobeyed!
God now walks in the cool of the day in the garden.
I'm afraid, for our shame he might never grant pardon.

Prompter & Echoes Adam now knows good and evil!
(Pull Eve away from Voice.)

Voice Adam! Adam! Where are you?

Adam Oh, oh! Too late!

Voice Adam!

Adam I heard you, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.

Voice Who told you that you were naked?
Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?

Adam (*Point at Eve*) The woman you gave me, she gave it to me, and I ate.

Voice Eve, what is this you have done?

Eve (*Point at Satan*) The serpent deceived me.

Voice Now the good and the evil they have come to discern.
 Lying serpent, with envy and hatred you burn.
 We had made men unsullied, but you made them fall.
 Starting now, on your belly you'll slither and crawl!

Serpent (*Scream and fall to your knees*)
 My legs are gone! I have no feet!

Prompter & Echoes Crawl, Satan, crawl!

Voice Between you and the woman there'll be enmity.
 Her male child will condemn you for eternity.
 Since you duped her; forever her seed you will dread.
 You will injure his heel; but he'll crush your fanged head.

Adam The serpent slithers away.
 Now the Lord speaks to my wife Eve.

Voice My dear daughter, from me you have wandered astray;
 Now your husband you'll serve and be forced to obey.
 You have tarnished my image; it has lost its full worth,
 And you'll suffer great pain every time you give birth.

Eve (*Cover your face with your hands.*) Oh, No!

Voice Now you Adam, you brought on yourself sad defeat,
 You will sweat and you'll toil for whatever you eat.
 Piercing thorns and cruel weeds from the soil will now grow.
 Since from dust you have come, back to dust you will go.

Adam Then the Lord drives us out of his grand paradise.
 Since our fig leaves required no blood sacrifice,
 Our God made better garments from animal skins
 As son Cain would soon learn, only blood covers sins.

Voice The first man did not heed the decree of his Lord.
 So an angel I've stationed with sharp, flaming sword
 To forbid to all men Eden's grand tree of life.
 Since they dared heed the devil, both the man and his wife

Prompter & Echoes Paradise lost!