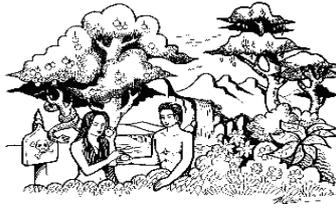


Old Dragon Defiles the First Family, from Angels' Viewpoint
About 8 minutes, from Gen. 2-3



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

Angel

Eve

Adam

Satan

Voice (*of God*)

Prompter

Shout a brief line, and Echoes repeat it.

Echoes

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

Angel

Come, travel back in time with me to the Garden of Eden.

We angels watch with great interest as God creates Adam and Eve.

They are now enjoying perfect bliss.

Prompter & Echoes

In paradise!

Angel

The fruit of garden's precious tree of life is free,

but God is warning them about another tree. Listen.

Voice

From any tree of the garden you may eat freely;

but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat,
for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.

Satan

How interesting!

Angel

Oh, now what is this?

Lucifer has taken on a deceptive disguise.

His serpentine form is now that of a powerful dragon,
as Revelation 12 will later reveal to men.

Prompter & Echoes

He has a big mouth!

Angel

The old fiend is also "perfect in beauty" while he is in Eden,
as Ezekiel 28 will later reveal.

Eve

Oh, look! This splendid creature is gorgeous!

Such glistening jewels!

Prompter & Echoes

Watch out!

Satan

Gorgeous young lady, has God said,

"You shall not eat from any tree of the garden"?

Eve

From any tree we may eat, except that one in the center of the garden.

God said we must not eat from it or touch it, or we will die.

Satan You surely will not die! God knows that its fruit will open your eyes.
You will be wise like God, knowing good and evil.

Eve The fruit is pleasing to the eye.
Hmm. Will it really make me wise?

Satan Yes! Yes! Wise! Very wise!

Eve Well, I will just try one.

Angel We angels cannot believe it! Eve disobeys our most holy God!

Prompter & Echoes She defies the Almighty!

Eve Mmm! Adam! Taste it! It will make you smart!

Angel Look! Adam is glancing around furtively;
he knows to eat that fruit is wrong.
Oh! He is eating it! Now he is shocked.

Adam Oh! What has happened? I am naked!

Prompter & Echoes Shame!

Satan Success! I led the parents of all humans to disobey God;
this will bring death to all, to every man, woman and child,
for all time. (*Laugh fiendishly*)

Adam Eve, quickly!
Sew fig leaves together to make aprons to cover our shame.
Oh, no! God has come and is calling.

Voice Adam! Adam! Where are you?

Adam We were naked, so we hid.

Voice Who told you that you were naked?
Did you eat from the tree that I forbade?

Adam The woman that you gave me, she gave me the fruit to eat.

Voice Eve, what is this you have done?

Eve The serpent deceived me, and I ate.

Voice Serpent, you are cursed;
you will crawl on your belly and eat dust.
I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your seed and her seed.
He shall crush your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.

- Angel So a woman's child will destroy Satan,
but not without injury to himself!
Up to now the old serpent had feet and legs,
but God just removed them, as part of the curse.
- Voice Adam, from dust I made you, and to dust you shall return.
- Adam Eve, God has made clothes of animal skins for us,
and now he is driving us from Eden's paradise.
- Angel God stations me with a flaming sword
to guard the way to the tree of life.
- Prompter & Echoes Paradise lost!
- Angel Hear Satan boast.
- Satan I now have ruined all mankind.
 I rule this world; I shape man's mind.
 You think that you can outsmart me?
 You, too, have eaten from that tree.

 You know what's good; you know what's bad.
 That makes you proud; it makes me glad!
 Now Eden's curse is yours to dread.
 Cheer up, because you'll soon be dead!

 You fools; I trip you up with ease!
 Temptation is my expertise.
 A billion demons help me, too.
 Such fun we have deceiving you!

 By Adam's fall, I ruined your race;
 Despair is yours, forlorn disgrace!
 Your knowledge gives no hope; death reigns!
 You now deserve hell's judgment pains!
- Angel Boast while you can, Satan.
 That is not the end of the story.
- Prompter & Echoes Christ has freed us!
- Angel Many centuries later the Apostle Paul would call Jesus the final Adam;
it might be helpful to discuss as a group the comparison and contrast
between Adam and Jesus.
(For help see Romans 5:12 and 1st Corinthians 15:45-49.)