

THE PATTERN:

The Story of Adam & Eve



LESSON ONE

The Pattern: Adam and Eve

- Unit Memory Verse:** *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. (Genesis 1:27)*
- Biblical References:** **Genesis 1:27-Genesis 3:15**
- Key Verse:** *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. (I Corinthians 15:22)*

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HONEY GRAM,
WE'RE HERE!

2.

“Honey Gram, we’re here!” Ten-year-old Izzy popped her head through the door of her grandmother’s sewing room. “Yikes, what is this mess?”

Dress pattern pieces covered every surface of the sewing room. Gram’s basement was always filled with interesting chaos from some project she was working on at the time. Izzy and her twelve-year-old brother Liam adored their imaginative and often cluttered grandmother.

Gram smothered the two children in little old-lady hugs while explaining. “Oh, come see. I’m getting ready to sew another wedding gown.”

A young woman with long dark hair, wearing a white dress and a light-colored headband, is smiling and looking to her left. She is holding a newspaper open in front of her. The background is a bright, sunlit outdoor setting with a white canopy. The entire scene is framed by a blue border with colorful, patterned circular accents. A large, hand-drawn speech bubble is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text "HERE COMES THE BRIDE!".

HERE COMES
THE BRIDE!

3.

“These are the pattern pieces.” Their grandmother held a piece of the thin tissue in front of Izzy.

Holding the pattern close to her, Izzy twirled around and began to sing, “Here comes the bride.” She stopped and with her hands on her hips declared, “It’s all about the bride, you know. That’s what I’ve heard. A wedding is the bride’s day.”

“Well,” Gram began. “That’s not completely accurate according to ancient Jewish history. The groom was the star of the show in those olden days.”

“Izzy, be careful,” warned Liam. “I’m predicting a very long explanation from our grandmother right about now.”

“Good. I love Honey Gram’s stories. It’s going to be a Bible story, isn’t it?” questioned Izzy.

“Yes, it’s a beautiful story about a pattern. Just like these tissue paper pieces provide a guide for me as I fashion this wedding gown, the Bible presents us with God’s perfect pattern and purpose for marriage.”

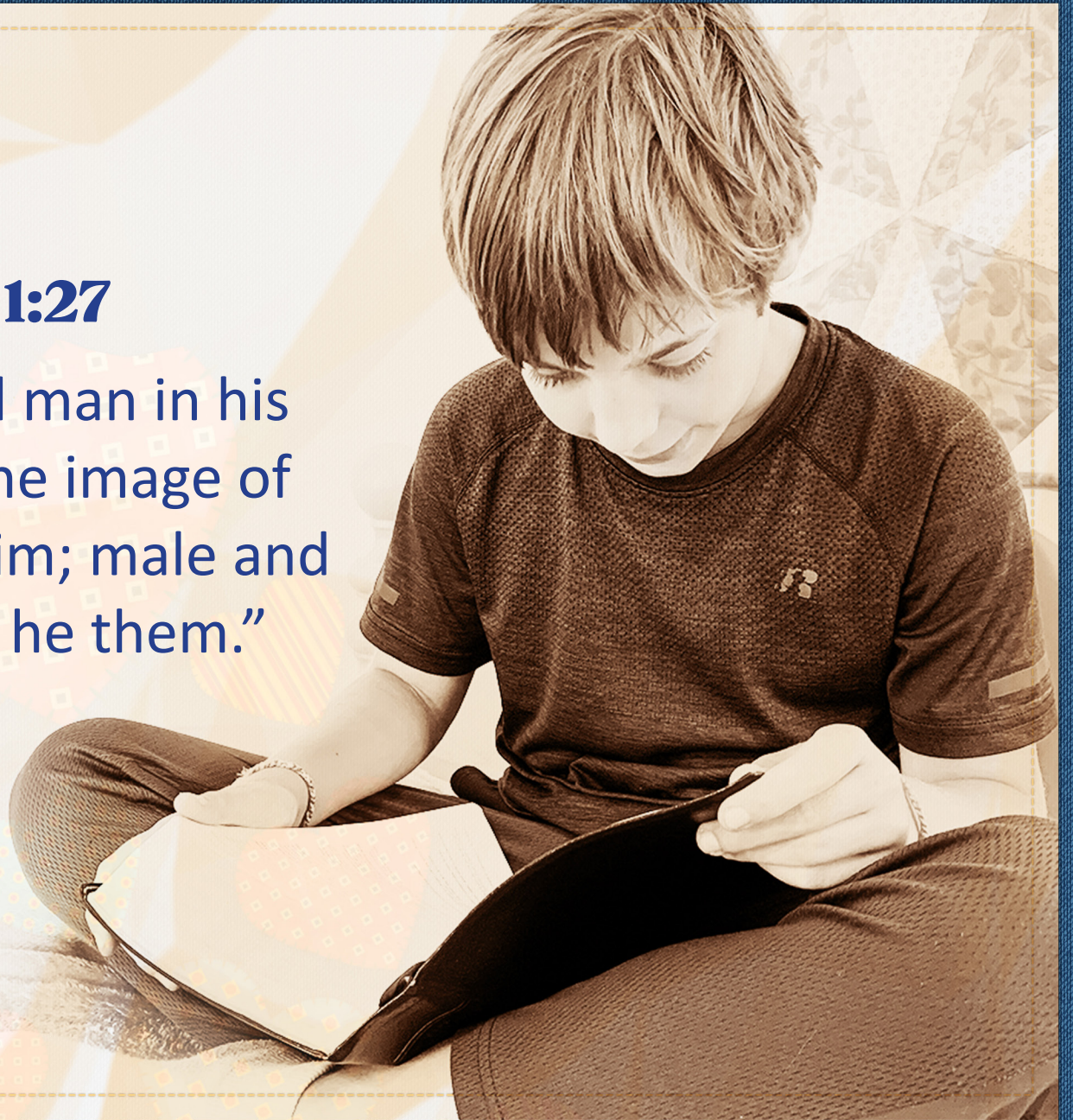
Liam grabbed his grandmother’s laptop computer and plopped down on the sofa. He knew Gram could get long-winded, and he wasn’t very interested in learning about weddings and stuff like that.

Gram grinned at him and began her story. “Well, of course. You both know about God creating the whole universe and everything in it and how in the beginning the first man and woman were perfect.”

“Right,” Izzy agreed. “God created the first man and woman and named them Adam and Eve. He placed them in the beautiful Garden of Eden.”

Genesis 1:27

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”



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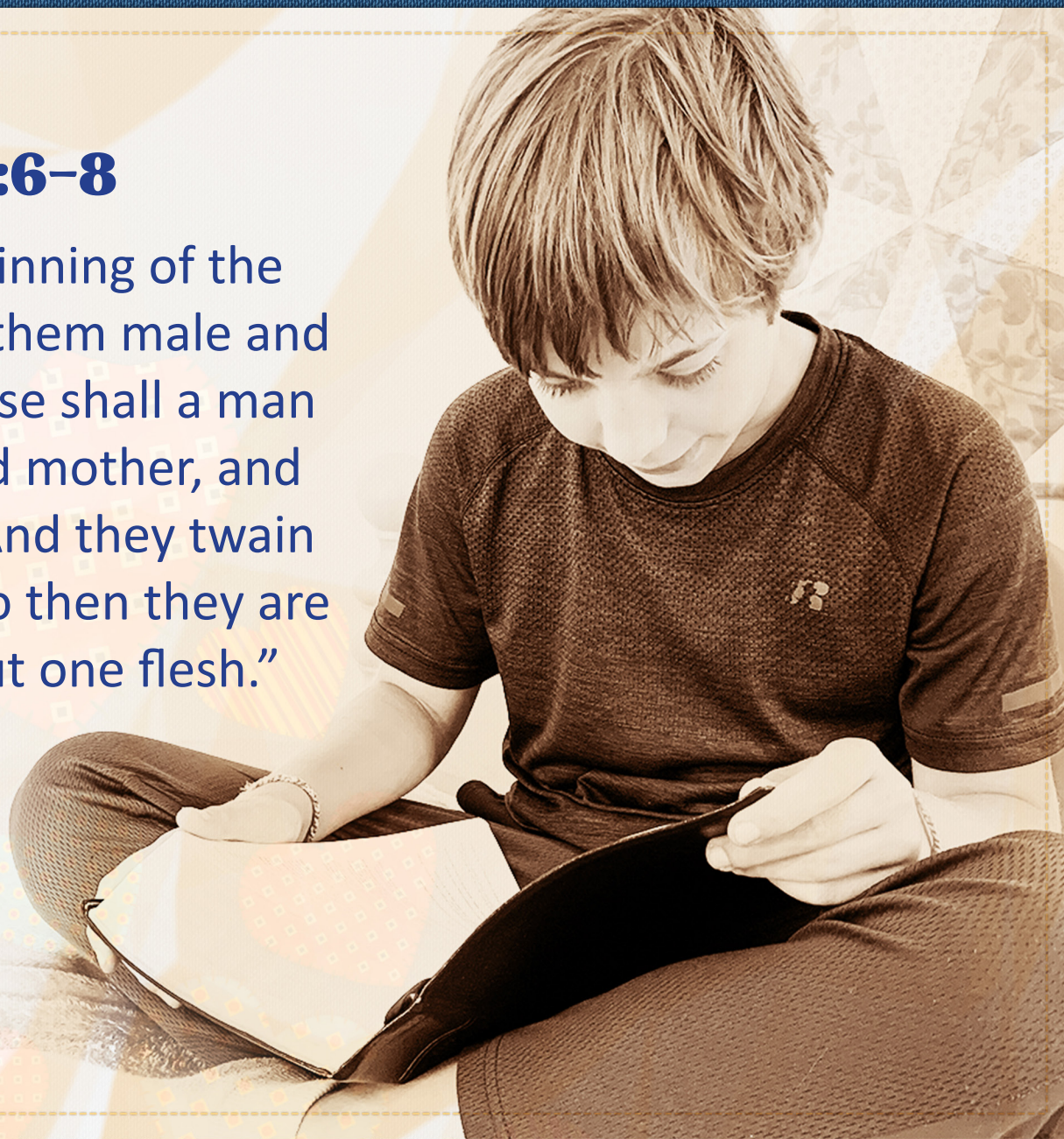
“You’re right. That’s the first pattern piece for God’s plan and purpose for marriage.” Gram looked over at Liam. “Hey, computer nerd, put that laptop down, and pick up my Bible lying next to you. Look up Genesis 1:27.” Gram gave Liam a wink. “It’s the first book of the Bible, by the way.”

Liam rolled his eyes. “I know that.” He found the verse and began to read. **“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”**

Gram smiled her approval. “Good, now flip through to the book of Mark in the New Testament where Jesus Himself is repeating this same truth. I believe you’ll find that in Chapter 10, verses six, seven, and eight.”

Mark 10:6-8

“But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; And they twain shall be one flesh; so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.”



5.

After quickly finding the verses, Liam read, **“But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; And they twain shall be one flesh; so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.”**

“But, Honey Gram, what does all of this have to do with a wedding being all about the groom?” asked Izzy.

Gram stroked Izzy’s hair affectionately. “I’m getting to that, little one. Let’s examine the setting we have here in the Garden of Eden.”



6.

“God created a perfect world and a perfect marriage between Adam and Eve. It was a wonderful life for them in the garden with the animals, but the best part was their time with God. The Bible tells us they walked with God in the cool of the evening. It’s impossible to imagine the wonder of such a life.”

Suggested Activity

This would be a good place to insert the **Treasures in the Garden** activity. *Note: After game is completed, use a “Call to Order” technique to settle the children.*

Izzy stopped playing with the dress pattern pieces. “It sure is hard to imagine. The world now isn’t perfect at all. How did it turn out so wrong?”

Gram answered, “God loved Adam and Eve so much. The garden was filled with everything they would ever need and He gave them only one command.”



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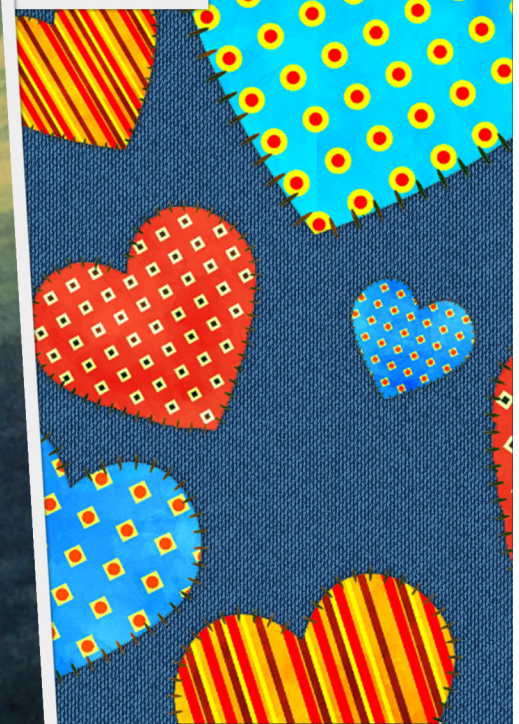
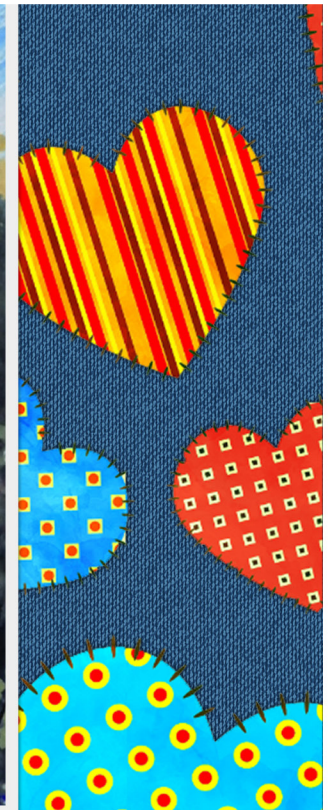
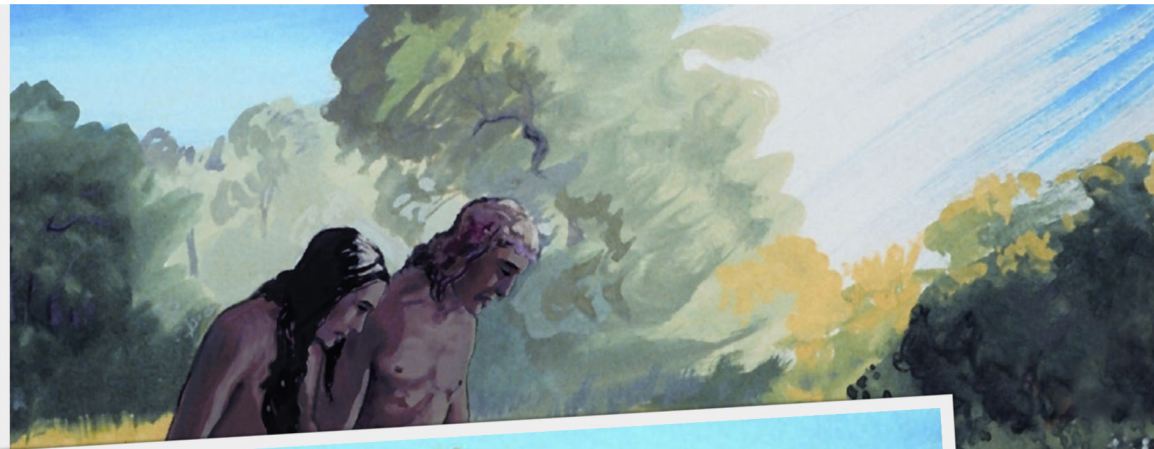
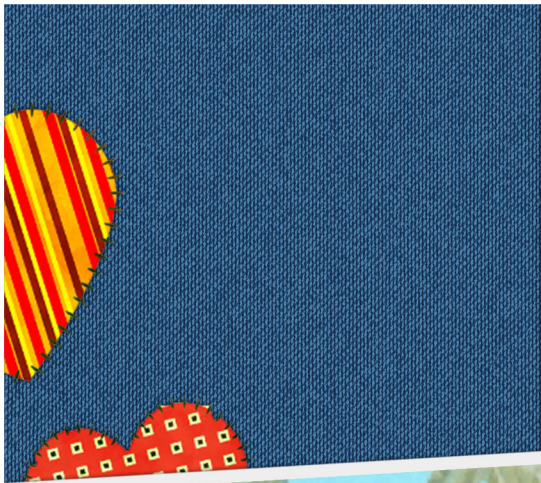
“They were not allowed to eat the fruit of a certain tree in the garden. It was the one God called ‘the tree of knowledge of good and evil.’ But Adam and Eve disobeyed.”

“Why would they do that?” asked Izzy. “They couldn’t have been hungry with all the other trees and plants and stuff.”



8.

“They were deceived.” Gram sighed and continued. “Using the form of a serpent, God’s enemy, Satan, was in that garden. He twisted God’s command into a totally different meaning, and Eve believed his lie. The Bible tells us that Eve ate the fruit. Then she offered it to Adam who also chose to disobey God by eating the fruit. God banished them from the garden.”



9.

“Their act of wrongdoing and willful disobedience against God is what the Bible refers to as sin. Sin is what brought death into the world.”

“Wait a minute, Gram. I thought you said God loved Adam and Eve. That punishment seems pretty harsh to me,” argued Liam.

Gram smiled one of her wrinkly, crinkly smiles. “Yes, God loved them. He is the very essence of love. God is love. Never doubt that. However, you must remember that God is also holy. Perfect. He can’t look on sin with favor. In fact, the Bible tells us that the penalty for sin is death. Every human on the planet falls short of God’s glorious and holy standard.”

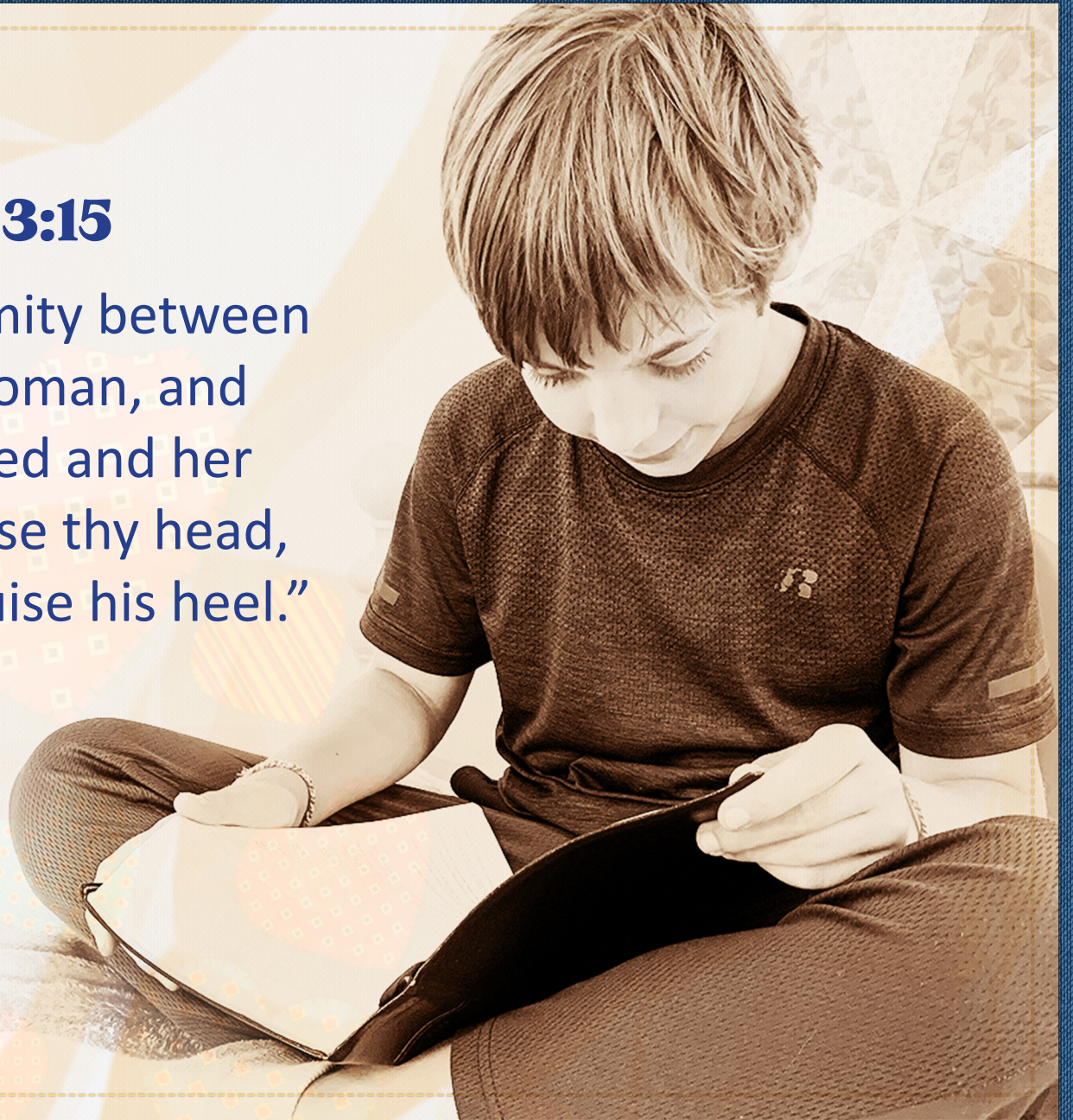
“Well, it sounds pretty hopeless to me.” Liam frowned.

“To me too,” agreed Izzy.

Gram answered, “God had a love-filled plan for all of us, and He started to reveal it right there in the garden. Grab my Bible again, Liam, and look up Genesis 3:15. God is revealing the punishment for Satan in this verse.”

Genesis 3:15

“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”



10.

After opening the Bible once again, Liam read, **“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”** Liam raised his head. “What in the world does that mean?”

“It is a little hard to understand,” agreed Gram. “But in this verse, God is promising to send a Deliverer, a Rescuer, who would be born of a woman and who would crush the head of the serpent. That means the Rescuer would deliver a fatal blow to God’s enemy one day. That Deliverer is God’s own Son, Jesus Christ.”

This bit of news caught Liam’s attention.

Gram continued. “I memorized another Bible verse about this recently. It says, ‘For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.’ Now, that’s a whole heap of hope!”

“But Honey Gram, you still haven’t said what any of this has to do with a wedding being all about the groom,” said Izzy.



11.

“You’re right. It would help you to understand, I think, if you knew that Jesus is referred to by many symbolic names in the Bible. Can you think of any of these names for Jesus?” Gram asked.

Izzy piped up. “Oh, I learned some of these names. Jesus is known as the Bread of Life and the Living Water.”

“And the Good Shepherd,” added Liam.

“Yes, and He’s also called the Bridegroom,” said Gram.

“Well, if Jesus is the Bridegroom, who’s the bride?” asked Liam.

Gram answered, “Those who believe in Him and call on Him to forgive their sins are the bride. Just as Jesus has many names, believers have many names as well. In the Bible we are called His children, His Church, and His bride. The Church is the bride of Jesus.”

Izzy looked confused. “A building? How can a building be a bride?”

“When the Bible refers to the Church, it isn’t talking about a place where followers of Jesus worship,” Gram answered. “The Church includes all those who have put their trust in Jesus. It’s a forever union between the Church and Jesus, like the union between a husband and a wife. In the Bible, the Church is like a bride, forever loved.”

“And Jesus is the Groom!” Izzy cheered.

“Right.” Gram smiled at her granddaughter’s understanding. “There is a verse in the Bible that reminds us of this picture of love that Jesus has for us. It commands husbands to love their wives as Jesus Christ loved the Church and sacrificed Himself for her.”

Gram glanced over at Liam. He looked like he was about to make a big pronouncement.

“I get it! That’s the promise God made in the garden. Jesus would come to rescue His bride, the Church. In all those Bible stories from the Old Testament that you love to tell us, everyone’s waiting for the Groom, our Deliverer, to make His appearance.”

Gram smiled. “Exactly. Adam and Eve’s union was the original pattern for marriage. And God would use that pattern over and over throughout the generations to show that Jesus was to be born into this world to save us from the penalty for our sin.”

IT'S ALL ABOUT
THE GROOM
AFTER ALL.



12.

Izzy crossed the room with wedding dress pattern pieces flying in her hands. She spread them out and held them up in front of her big brother. “Looks to me like you’re the one who needs to get dressed up. It is all about the groom, after all.”

End of Story Review

Answers from the Bible

(4th-6th graders)

1. Students locate and read the words of Jesus concerning the pattern of marriage. (Mark 10:6-7)
2. Students locate and read verses about the reality and consequences of sin. (Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23)
3. Students locate and read verses containing symbolic names for Jesus.
 - The Bread of Life (John 6:35)
 - The Good Shepherd (John 10:11)
 - The Vine (John 15:5)
4. Students locate and read verses with biblical instructions for wives. (I Peter 3:1-4)
5. Students locate and read verses with biblical instructions for husbands. (I Peter 3:7)

Review Questions

(1st-3rd graders)

1. Where did God place the first man and woman He created? (The Garden of Eden)
2. What was the only command God gave Adam and Eve in the garden? (They were not to eat the fruit of the tree known as the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.)
3. Name one of the symbolic names for Jesus mentioned in the story. (Bread of Life, Living Water, Good Shepherd, and Bridegroom)