

# Modern Day Adam & Eve

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**Objective:** To provide an introduction to the issue of disobedience of God and to illustrate the concept of temptation.

**Grade Level:** 5<sup>th</sup> – 8th grades; pre-teens.

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## Cast

Narrator:

Adam:

Eve:

Father:

Steve:

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**Preview:** Young Adam and Eve are left with a babysitter while their parents go out for the evening. The father leaves them clear instructions as to how they can occupy themselves. While Adam is willing not to break the father's rules, Eve allows the babysitter's laid back attitude towards rules to influence her negatively.

## The Story

**Narrator:** Adam and Eve were good kids, and being 10 and 11 years old they didn't really need a babysitter anymore. After all, they weren't babies! But Dad arranged for a sitter to spend the evening with them so that they would have the company of an older and more experienced person while he and Mom attended a business dinner.

**Father:** So, are we all on the same page? Everybody understand what's going to happen?

**Eve:** Yes, Daddy.

**Adam:** Got it, Dad. It's just like you've told us before. (Slight pause.) We've got all this really cool stuff to amuse ourselves with and we should do just that. But stay out of trouble. We can listen to music on our Ipods, play games on our tablets, or we can play together with our Wii. And if we get hungry we can have the snacks Mom leaves in the refrigerator.

**Eve:** And, if we don't want to have fun we can read some books. We can even listen to some books.

Father: (Patiently.) Well, Eve, reading is pleasurable also. It may not be the kind of active fun you have when you're playing basket ball, but reading can take you around the world. It can take you back in time. It can teach you things without your having to be in school. And, we can always talk later about whatever you read that you don't understand.

Adam: Yeah, Dad. Got it. You told us this stuff before.

Eve: You didn't remind us about the internet.

Father: Well, I didn't think I needed to remind you that the internet is off limits. You and Adam understand that there are lots of things to do in this house other than to surf the internet. You've got puzzles and games and toys. You could even go outside and play with the dog. It's not as if you'll be bored if you don't go online.

Adam: It's just that there's a lot of really cool, new stuff to do on line.

Father: That's true. There's a lot of really cool, new stuff to do right here at home if you have a creative imagination. When I was a kid I use to take a big box and turn it into a lot of fun things to play. A box can be a rocket ship or radio station or a covered wagon or...

Eve: (Interrupting) What's a covered wagon?

Father: (Chuckling) I'll have to explain it to you when we have more time. My point is that surfing the internet is like opening the door to a huge, almost endless room filled with all kinds of things. Good and bad things. Things that are fun and things that are not safe. There's even a way for you to meet new people online. People who may be nice and people who may not be nice.

Adam: Don't worry about it, Dad. We get the message.

Eve: (Confused) Isn't it a good thing to meet new people? Isn't that what you and Mom are getting all dressed up to go and do?

Father: (Chuckling) Don't worry about it, honey. I'll explain my reasons for keeping you off-line tomorrow. I have to think of a better way to explain it to you.

Narrator: Steve, the babysitter, was the big kid from next door. Usually his sister Jennifer babysat Adam and Eve. But, Steve was the only sitter Dad could get on such short notice. Dad didn't know much about him; and from what Dad could see there was something a little slippery about him. Adam didn't notice anything

different about Steve. That was because as soon as his parents left, Adam began to play games on the Wii. He could play with the Wii for hours. But, Eve was restless. There were no books she hadn't already read—twice. She was tired of the Wii games. That's all they ever did. And she couldn't make Moochie the Poochie, their dog, play fetch with her if she paid him. Steve the babysitter watched as Eve wandered aimlessly around the house.

Eve: I'm so bored I think I'm going to lose my mind.

Steve: Yeah, I noticed. Why don't you get on the computer. That's what most kids do. They find stuff to do online.

Eve: Oh, no. I can't do that. My Dad says being online without adult supervision is dangerous. He says there are some bad things and some bad people online.

Steve: Geez! Where did the old dude get that idea! I mean, sure, there are lots of bad websites a kid should never go to. You know, websites with gambling and porn.

Eve: What's porn?

Steve: Just some old grown up stuff. You wouldn't be interested. But there's lots more you'd be interested in. The internet has information for people from all walks of life and for all ages. Common on. Let me show you a few of the really good sites.

Narrator: At first Eve wasn't going to allow Steve to get on her family's computer. But, he sounded so sure everything would be all right. She watched in fascination as he surfed to websites that had characters from her favorite Disney Shows. Then Steve found websites that were interactive. They let her do things like color and solve word puzzles and play games she'd never played before! Eve was so excited she forgot all about Dad's rule to stay off the internet while her parents weren't home.

Eve: This is great. Here, let me try, Steve.

Steve: Sure, kid. I told you it was easy to find some really slamming things to do online. Don't forget to check out the stuff on the sides of the websites and at the bottom of the page. They hide all kinds of really good stuff there.

Narrator: With Eve finally content and doing something, Steve went into the kitchen to get something to eat—uninvited. He was hungry. He was always hungry. Steve was in the kitchen a long time. Eve had a great time surfing while Steve was gone. She did just what Steve suggested and clicked on an icon at the bottom of the page. She found a terrific beauty pageant website, with pageants for little kids

only. Eve thought the pageant prizes were so terrific she decided to share the chance to register for the contests with Adam, after all it said that boys were eligible to enter also. At first Adam said he didn't want to, but when he saw that everyone who entered the contest received something, he decided to take a chance.

Eve: Look at what we can win. Touch Ipods, One Direction CDs, a Kindle Fire, and that new Dirt bike you're saving up to buy. It says we are guaranteed to win something! We're guaranteed!

Narrator: All Adam could see was the dirt bike. It was exactly like the one he wanted.

Adam: Well, maybe just this once. We'll register for this one contest and then we'll turn off the computer, because we're not suppose to be on it without adult supervision. And Steve, you're not an adult so you can't give us permission.

Steve: You are so right, kid. I'm no adult and neither are you. So, when no adult is around we have to remember what they would or would not want us to do. I'm telling you your parents don't want you on the adult websites, but they couldn't care less about your exploring the kid websites. That's why they call it the family computer. So you can surf the internet like they do.

Narrator: Steve made it all sound so reasonable. Adam was so reassured by Steve's comments that he relaxed and began to fill out the contest registration form for himself and one for Eve. Adam felt so reassured he didn't think twice about typing their address and telephone number on the registration forms. In fact, it felt so good to be doing a grown-up thing that when Adam put in his own name he checked the box that said he was "Mr" Smith...just like his father.

Steve: Well, that should do it. You're all signed up. All you have to do is hit that button and you'll be officially entered into the contest.

Eve: (Very excited.) Here, here. Let me do it. I want to push the button.

Narrator: Adam looked at his little sister. She was so excited. It made his happy to know he had done something to make her feel so good. And he let Eve be the one to hit the enter key on the computer. Of course, she really shouldn't have done that, and he really shouldn't have let her. In fact, they really shouldn't have listened to Steve encourage them to break their father's rule...because as soon as the button was pushed malware took over the computer! For weeks afterwards their family received hundreds of phone calls from those dreaded telemarketers who now had their names, address and phone number...