MAN'S REACTION TO GOD'S COMMAND
Genesis 3:1 - 7

In their beautiful garden home, every need of the first man and woman was met. All went well for a time, but then something terrible happened. Read about this below:

A. The Serpent's Suggestion: Read Genesis 3:1

1. Which was the most SUBTLE (sly, wily, cunning; crafty) beast the Lord God had made? Genesis 3:1_____
2. What did he ask the woman? Genesis 3:1b

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3. Who was really speaking through the serpent? (See Revelation 20:2)

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4. What type of sentence was this: statement, question, or exclamation?

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5. Whose word was he questioning? Genesis 3:1b

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6. By this question, what did the serpent imply that God was doing to the man and woman? (See Psalm 84:11b)

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B. The Woman's Answer: Read Genesis 3:2, 3

1. What had God said the man and woman must not do with the fruit of the forbidden tree? Genesis 2:17a_____
2. What additional idea is included in the woman's answer, which is not found in Genesis 2:17? Genesis 3:3?

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C. The Serpent's Statement: Read Genesis 3:4, 5

1. What had God said would happen to the man and woman if they ate of the fruit of the tree? Genesis 2:17b

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2. What did the serpent now say? Genesis 3:4

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3. What two things did he say would happen to them if they ate the fruit? Genesis 3:5
   a. _____ b. _____
4. Again, what was he implying concerning God? Genesis 3:5 (See Psalm 84:11b)

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D. The Woman's Deliberations: Read Genesis 3:6

1. Although the woman knew that God had forbidden her to eat of this fruit,
   a. where did she continue to stay? Genesis 3:6

   _____

   b. what did she continue to do? Genesis 3:6a (and *THINK!)*

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2. What three things did she notice about the fruit? Genesis 3:6
   a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

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3. What was the full name of this tree? Genesis 2:9b, 17a

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4. Did the woman already know anything? (*THINK!* What type of things did she know?)

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5. Therefore, what kind of knowledge would she gain by eating of the fruit of this tree?

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6. Did she want to know this type of thing? *(THINK!)*_____
7. What did the woman fail to consider? Genesis 2:17

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8. What did this show that she lacked? (See Hebrews 11:1)

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E. The Woman's Choice: Read Genesis 3:6b, 7

1. On the basis of her one-sided considerations, what two things did the woman do with the fruit? Genesis 3:6b_____
2. What did both she and her husband know immediately? Genesis 3:7a

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3. Were they pleased with their new knowledge? Genesis 3:7b

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QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Whose word did the woman have more cause to believe--God's, or the Serpent's?

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2. Am I ever guilty of listening to Satan's questioning and lies, more than to God's direct commands and specific warnings? Which of these forms is the basis for most of my life's decisions? (See 2 Corinthians 11:3)

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