

# LEARNER TAKE-HOME SHEET: THE HUMAN CONDITION

Genesis 3–4



Take this sheet home and keep it someplace near the dinner table like on the fridge. At least three times next week at dinner, use Prayer Time and one other family activity to make your confirmation learning come alive!

## PRAYER TIME

**Forgiving God, you are with us now. There is no place where we can be separated from you. Carry us to a place of being healed by your judgment and mercy. We confess our rebelliousness and our inability to get along. Please remind us that you reside in our home and draw us out from our hiding places. Amen**

## TALK TIME

- Mark the story of Adam and Eve with a bookmark in your Bible. Place the Bible near the table where you eat. Talk about the significance of symbols of our connection to God in the place where we come together. What other Christian symbols are in your home?
- Does your family garden together? Is there a community garden where you could share your time and talents?
- Parents, tell your children a story about your rebelliousness at their age. Share something with your children about your relationship with your parents when you were confirmation age.
- Place a sign near a garbage can that states, “God’s willing to take out our trash.”
- The Cain and Abel story (Genesis 4) illustrates that sometimes divisions in families can turn violent. When does sibling rivalry and physical conflict go too far? Look for resources that help solve family issues and draw limits on unsafe behaviors.

## WEB TIME

Do an Internet search for the Key Words. Write down the Web address for the most interesting site you find for each word. Explore the site and talk about the meanings of the words. Then do a search for “Garden of Eden.” What do you find?

## RITUAL TIME

Play a family game of Hide and Seek to reinforce the idea that even though we can hide, and may be very good at hiding, we must try to seek out one another. Give everyone a chance to play both roles. Having fun together around the subject of separation and connection can help later, when conflict arises and life gets tense.



## KEY WORDS

Keep a family white board someplace near the dinner table, and write these words on it. Try writing a family definition for each one during the week.

**MERCY**

**JUDGMENT**

**SEPARATION**



