



SLAYING the DRAGON



**AMAZING
ADVENTURE**

Bible Guides



Imagine yourself walking through the thick and humid jungles of an island in Indonesia. You push through the large, lush leaves growing over your path — then suddenly you find yourself face-to-face with a dragon! (Well, it's not a real dragon, but it sure looks like one.)

In fact, it is the largest lizard in the world, called a Komodo dragon. It can grow up to 10 feet in length and eats anything from fish to buffalo — and even baby Komodos!

There is no loyalty or love in a Komodo family. When a female lays her eggs, she never comes back to check on them — and immediately after hatching, the babies must quickly scramble up a tree before another Komodo eats them for lunch! And you sure don't want to get bitten by one: Komodo mouths have so much deadly bacteria that if their prey escapes after being bitten, it will die from poisoning. (They must never brush their teeth!)

Thankfully, most of us don't have to worry about coming face-to-face with a Komodo. But did you know that we must all face another dragon that is even crueler than the Komodo? That's right! The Bible tells us about a dragon that is trying his very best to destroy us. He is called "the great red dragon" (Revelation 20:2).

But who is this dragon? Where did he come from? And why is he out to get us? Let's open the Bible and begin another amazing adventure in God's Word. We're about to discover many treasures of truth as we explore this important topic!

Can you find
all of the FROGS
in this picture?

BONUS: Find the lizards too.



This deadly dragon does not want us to know the secret weapons we have to protect ourselves from him, so before we start this adventure, we need to pray, asking God to help us understand this vital subject. You might say,

"Dear God, please help me understand this lesson and know what I need to do in order to conquer the dragon. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen."

Now, let's start at the beginning ...

Who is this dragon, and where did he come from?

ANSWER: **"I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven" (Luke 10:18). "So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him" (Revelation 12:9).**

Amazing! The dragon is none other than Satan himself — and what's more, he once lived in heaven but somehow got kicked out!

What does the above Scripture say are some other names for this dragon?

"... that _____ of old called the _____ and Satan."

This crossword puzzle contains others names for Satan.

Hint: Look up the Bible verses. (You must use the New King James version.)

ACROSS

1. Revelation 12:10
3. Revelation 12:9
4. Genesis 3:1
6. Matthew 4:1
8. Revelation 9:11
9. Matthew 13:19
10. Matthew 13:39
12. Isaiah 14:12

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1. 1 Peter 5:8
2. Job 1:6-9
5. Matthew 4:3
7. Matthew 12:24
11. John 17:15

FAST FACT

The electric eel, found in the deep, winding rivers of the Amazon, can create an electric shock of 500 volts! This powerful "sizzle" is strong enough to stun a horse. The devil also has the ability to paralyze his victims before he destroys them! So watch your step!



Other names for Satan...



FAST FACT

The idea that Satan's skin is red and that he has horns and a tail comes from pagan mythology. This trick pleases Satan, because people think he's just a joke and don't recognize the way he works.



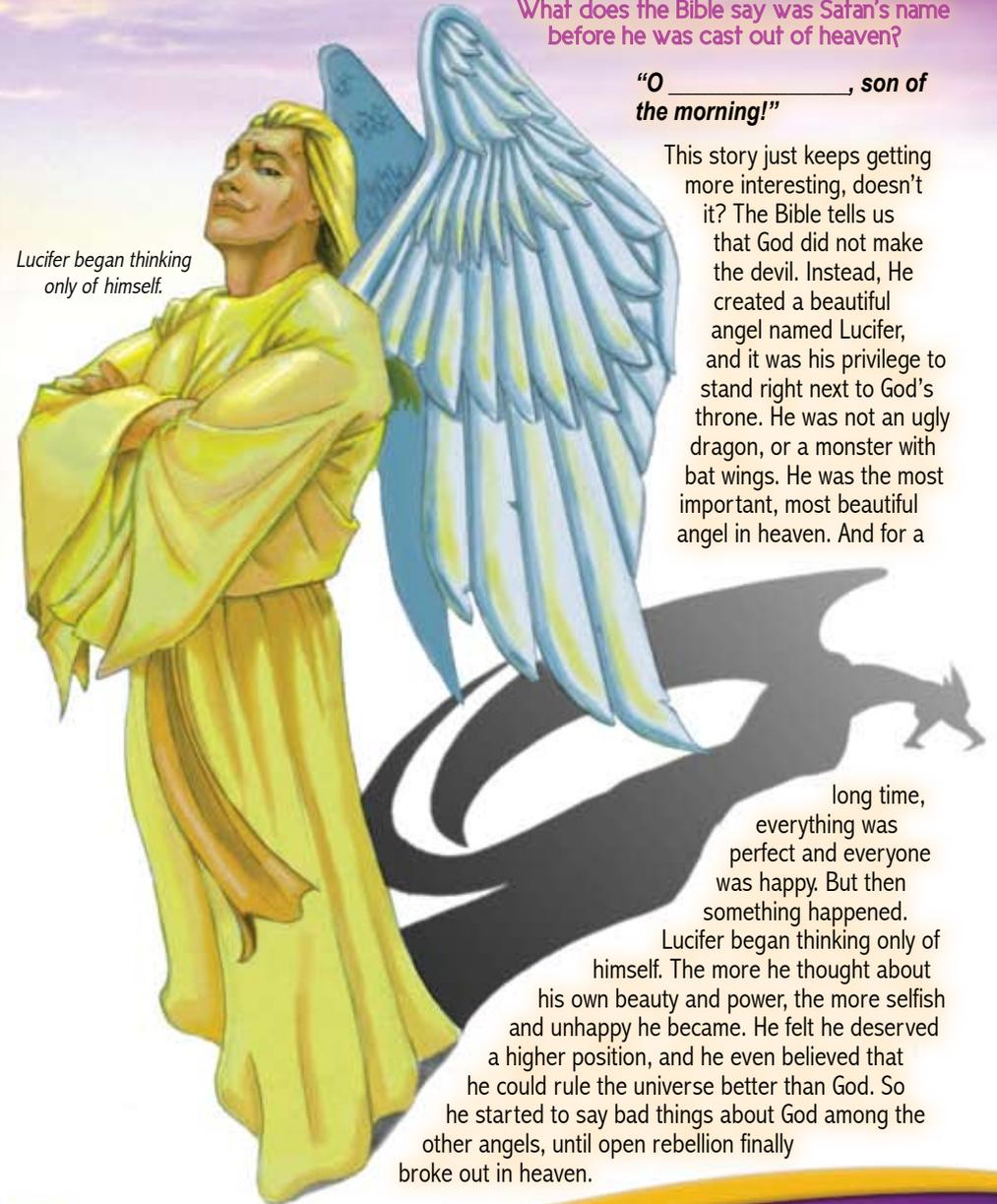
Who made the devil? Is he really a dragon?

ANSWER: **"You were created. You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you." (Ezekiel 28:13, 14) "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! ... For you have said in your heart: I will ... exalt my throne above the stars of God. ... I will be like the Most High" (Isaiah 14:12-14).**

What does the Bible say was Satan's name before he was cast out of heaven?

"O _____, son of the morning!"

Lucifer began thinking only of himself.



This story just keeps getting more interesting, doesn't it? The Bible tells us that God did not make the devil. Instead, He created a beautiful angel named Lucifer, and it was his privilege to stand right next to God's throne. He was not an ugly dragon, or a monster with bat wings. He was the most important, most beautiful angel in heaven. And for a

long time, everything was perfect and everyone was happy. But then something happened. Lucifer began thinking only of himself. The more he thought about his own beauty and power, the more selfish and unhappy he became. He felt he deserved a higher position, and he even believed that he could rule the universe better than God. So he started to say bad things about God among the other angels, until open rebellion finally broke out in heaven.

ANSWER: 1. Accuser 2. Satan
3. Dragon 4. Serpent 5. Devil 6. Apollyon 7. Tempter 8. Beelzebub 9. Wicked One 10. Enemy 11. Evil One 12. Lucifer



How did Lucifer change?

ANSWER: "You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you. ... You became filled with violence within, and you sinned. ... Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty" (Ezekiel 28:15-17). "You have said in your heart ... I will be like the Most High" (Isaiah 14:14).



I LOVE YOU GOD, I LOVE YOU GOD,...

Does the Bible say God made a mean devil or a perfect angel?

"You were _____ in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you" (Ezekiel 28:15).

Lucifer was created perfect. (God doesn't ever do sloppy work.) But then he chose to become proud because of the beauty and great abilities God had given him. He was not happy any more, but became absorbed with thinking about himself. He was especially jealous of Jesus, and he wanted to raise himself up to the level of God, whom all the angels worshiped.

That's kind of like you deciding you want to be your own dad or mom — or like a student in your school deciding he should be the principal so everyone will listen only to him! What do you think would happen?

You might be thinking, "Did God make a mistake when He created Lucifer? Or if God is so powerful, why didn't He force Lucifer to love and obey Him?" But if someone tries to force you to love them, well ... that isn't love. Lucifer would have been like a robot that says "I love you, God" all the time, but never really means it. You see, robots cannot really love others.



How many angels joined Lucifer in rebellion against God?

ANSWER: "Another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon. ... His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth" (Revelation 12:3, 4)

What do stars symbolize in Bible code? "The seven stars are the _____ of the seven churches" (Revelation 1:20).

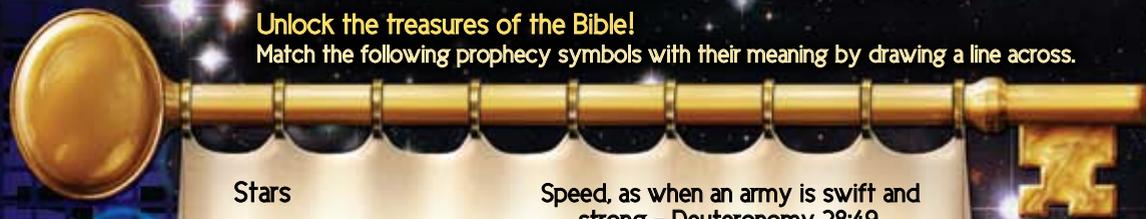
Now, here is a key that will help you unlock the treasures of the Bible — *always let the Bible explain itself*. In other words, if you don't understand a verse, look up other texts on that same subject to unlock its meaning.

The above verse gives us a perfect opportunity to use our key. It says that the dragon (Satan) "**drew a third of the stars of heaven.**" What are these stars? Well, in Revelation 1:20, the Bible tells us that stars can symbolize angels. So if these stars symbolize angels, it would mean that Satan was able to deceive one third (33 percent) of all the angels of heaven to join his rebellion.

That's a lot of angels! How do you think God must have felt when he saw Lucifer telling lies about Him to the other angels? Have you ever had someone at school tell lies about you, causing other children to not want you as a friend? If so, then you can imagine how sad God must have felt.

Unlock the treasures of the Bible!

Match the following prophecy symbols with their meaning by drawing a line across.



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| Stars | Speed, as when an army is swift and strong - Deuteronomy 28:49 |
| Winds | A hunger for the truth - Amos 8:11 |
| Wings | A nation or other powerful group - Daniel 7:17, 23 |
| Sword | An area where there are many people - Revelation 17:15 |
| Beast | Angels, or messengers from God - Revelation 1:20 |
| Famine | Jesus Christ, coming to die for our sins - John 1:29 |
| Waters | Strife, or fighting among people - Zechariah 7:14 |
| Lamb | The Word of God - Hebrews 4:12 |

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What was the result of Lucifer's rebellion?

ANSWER: "War broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon: and the dragon and his angels fought. ... So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan ... was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him" (Revelation 12:7, 9).

The Bible says that when Satan was cast out of heaven, the bad angels:

"were with him."

Fighting in heaven? That's hard to even imagine! Heaven had been such a happy place, with everyone caring about each other. But Lucifer's stubborn selfishness changed everything. He would not listen to God's loving appeals. Instead of being happy with all God had given him, this powerful angel went around telling lies and raising doubts about God's love. He said God was unfair and no one could really keep God's laws.

When war finally broke out, Lucifer and the angels who joined him were thrown out of heaven. To restore the peace, God had no other choice. This caused great sadness in heaven.

Lucifer was now called Satan, the dragon, or the devil. How this hurt the heart of God, Jesus, and of course the angels who had lost their friends! They all loved Lucifer and the other angels.

Who's stronger? God or Satan? If God is more powerful, why didn't He just destroy this wicked angel when he first disobeyed? If the Lord had executed Satan, the other creatures in heaven might serve God from fear instead of love. The Lord knew it was better to let the devil show the whole universe how evil he really is.

If you take the "d" off devil, what does it spell?

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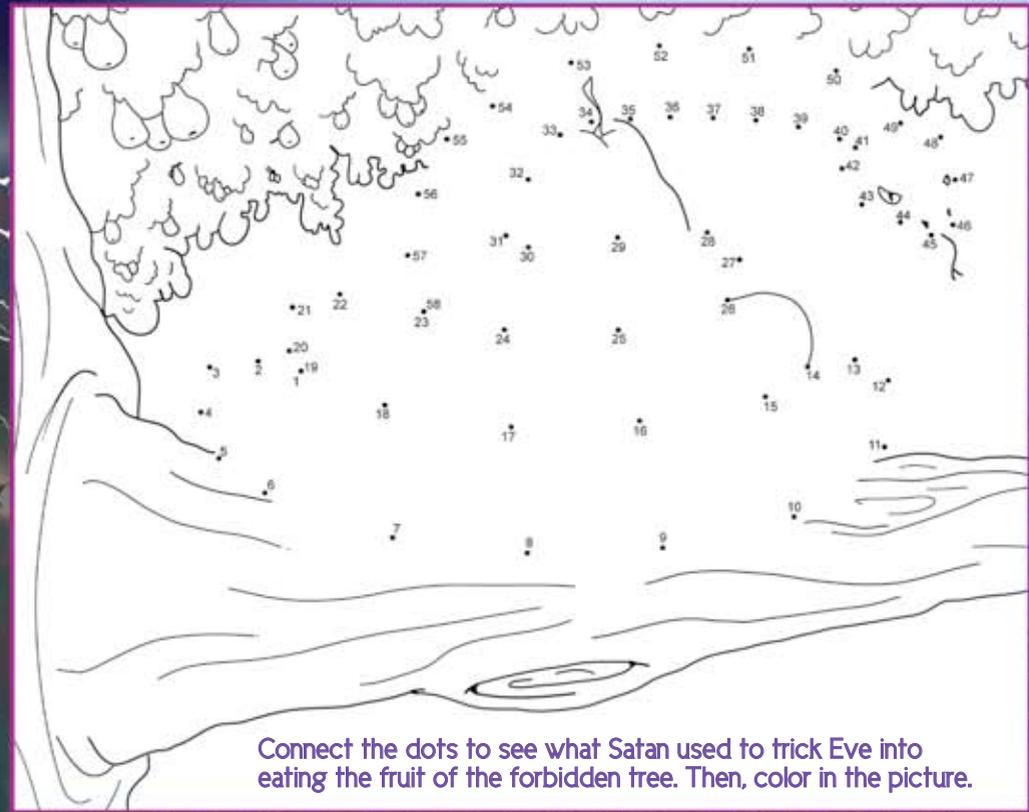
How did Satan trick humans to join his rebellion?

ANSWER: God had just created Adam and Eve and placed them in charge of caring for our beautiful, perfect world (Genesis 1:28). He then warned them, "Of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die" (Genesis 2:17).

The Bible says the punishment for sin is very serious.

"The soul who sins shall " (Ezekiel 18:20).

God gave Adam and Eve permission to eat from all the delicious fruit in the garden, except for one tree in its center. This was to be a test of their love and obedience. I'm sure that God explained to Adam and Eve to watch out for Lucifer. They were carefully warned not to eat of the forbidden tree.



Connect the dots to see what Satan used to trick Eve into eating the fruit of the forbidden tree. Then, color in the picture.

Then one day Satan, the dragon, came to the garden and took the form of a beautiful talking serpent with wings. (They were gorgeous creatures when God first made them.) He placed himself in the forbidden tree and waited.

Now what would you do if one day you were in a garden and a pretty snake started talking to you?

Would you run away or wait to see what would happen?

Satan said to Eve, **“Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’”**

Eve replied, **“We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’”** If only Eve would have run away instead of talking to the serpent. But she didn't.

Satan then lied to her, saying, **“You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil”** (Genesis 3:4, 5).

Satan tempted Eve to disbelieve God's word! The devil told her to believe she would become like God and know good and evil — and all she had to do was disobey God and eat the forbidden fruit.

What a temptation! Eve did not really understand what “evil” was until she chose to trust a talking snake instead of her loving God. When Eve ate the forbidden fruit and shared it with her husband, both of them soon learned about evil, pain, sadness, and death. They lost their innocence and happiness, their close relationship with God, and so much more. Satan took possession of this world, and the rebellion that had started in heaven spread to the earth. (Read the whole story in Genesis 2:14–3:24.)

“Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's _l_v_s whom you _b_y” (Romans 6:16).

Their sin gave them a *fear* of God, instead of a *love* for God. Never before had flowers died or leaves fallen from the trees. Satan never gave them anything better like he had promised. But now they knew what evil really was ... and it was not fun.

Around the world, fossils of great flying reptiles called Pterosaurs, or “flying lizards,” have been found. They lived before Noah's flood, and many of them had large brains. Some had wingspans of up to 25 feet. This is why countries all over the world have legends of flying dragons. Did you know the Bible also refers to “fiery flying serpents?” (Isaiah 14:29).

FAST FACT



Why didn't Adam and Eve die as soon as they ate the forbidden fruit?

ANSWER: **“We see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels ... taste death for everyone”** (Hebrews 2:9). **“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son; that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life”** (John 3:16).

What happened after Adam and Eve ate the fruit in Eden? Travel through the maze in the order of the events to get to heaven at last!

Hint: Start in the center.

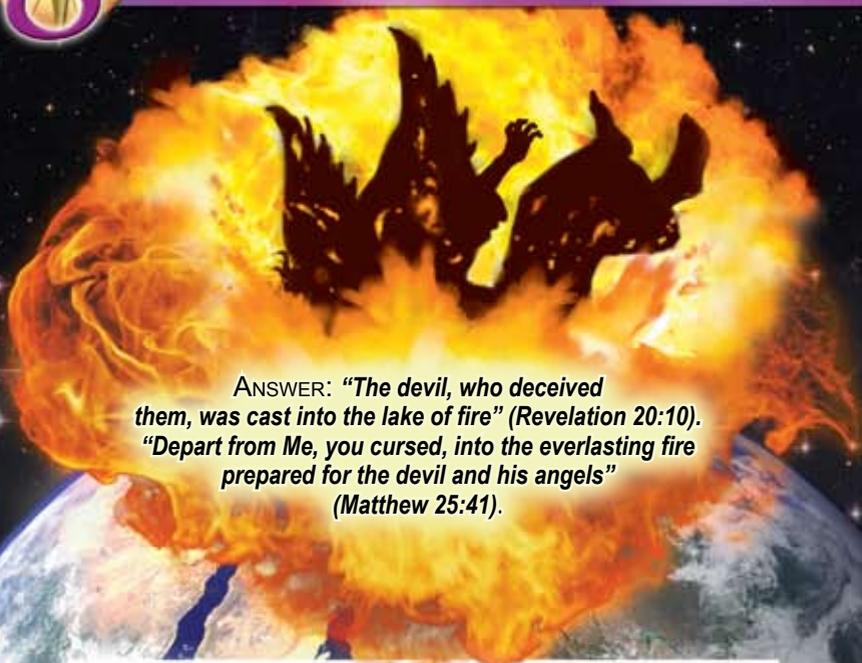


God the Father and Jesus the Son had already decided that if people were tricked by Satan into disobeying, Jesus would step in and take their penalty — death. This would give them another chance to understand God's love and turn their hearts back to Him — instead of being lost forever. God's love was so great that He made a plan whereby not only Adam and Eve could be saved, but you and I could be saved too.

The Bible says Jesus came **“to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins”** (Acts 26:18).

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What will be Satan's final punishment?



ANSWER: "The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:10). "Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matthew 25:41).

At the end of the world, S _____ and his _____ will finally be forever destroyed in the lake of _____. There'll be nothing left of them but ashes (Ezekiel 28:18, 19). The "great red dragon" will be gone forever and there will be no devil to ever tempt us again. Everything will be perfect, and everyone will be happy.

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But until then, how can I be protected from the Devil's temptations?

ANSWER: "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Ephesians 6:11).

Cling clang ... that was the sound of a medieval knight dressed in his armor. To protect himself in battle, a knight wore a suit of armor that was made of little metal rings and plates linked together to make one big metal suit. It took an average of five years to make one knight's suit of armor — and a whole hour for the knight to put it on. Even the knight's horse had to wear armor around its neck and head. But once all of the armor was on, it was almost impossible for an enemy to hurt him.

In order for us to conquer the dragon, the devil, we must have on the **Armor of God**.

When you read *Ephesians 6:11-18*, you notice a list of pieces of a soldier's armor. In the chart below, use five different colors to match the definition, the piece of armor, and what it symbolizes (one is done for you). Then, write what each piece of armor symbolizes in the spaces on the picture of the real armor.

Definition	Piece of Armor	What it symbolizes
We wear these to protect our feet.	Breast-plate	Faith
Our head is safe because of this.	Shield	Salvation
This protects our middle parts.	Helmet	Word of God
We hold this in front of us to keep darts from hitting us.	Sword	Truth
Our chest is safe from the enemy's sword because of this.	Belt	Gospel of peace
This is what we use to slay the dragon.	Shoes	Righteousness

Sword of _____

Helmet of _____

Shield of _____

Breastplate of _____

Belt of _____

Shoes of _____

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Do you want to follow Jesus and put on His armor to be protected from the dragon? _____

How can you fight the dragon?

If you wrote "YES" for number 10, that you want to be a friend of Jesus, you have made a very good choice! Jesus successfully fought the dragon as a person and can teach us how too. Now, start putting on God's armor —



"Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."
(Read **Ephesians 6:11–18!**)

This is how you can defeat the dragon with Jesus' help:

1. Read your Bible every day. It is like a two-edged sword that can beat the devil (Hebrews 4:12).
2. Gird your waist with truth. **"Thy Word is truth" (Psalm 119:160)**. We will learn even more Bible truth in future Bible guides.
3. Take the shield of faith that can put out the fiery darts of the devil. Believe what you read in the Bible and what God says. Believing is having faith.
4. Make a choice to follow God. By trusting and obeying God, you will be putting on the armor of God and will be able to conquer the dragon.

Did you enjoy this lesson? We hope so!
Now do the questions on the **SUMMARY SHEET**.

Notes

SUMMARY SHEET

Please read the Bible Guide before answering the questions. Fill in the circles of **ALL** that are correct in the multiple choice questions. Hint: The number of correct answers for each question is in red.

1. Where did Lucifer live before he sinned? (1)

- a) on Mars
- b) on Earth
- c) in heaven
- d) some other planet

2. Lucifer was not satisfied and wanted to be: (1)

- a) a dragon
- b) an astronaut
- c) as powerful as God
- d) a serpent

3. Lucifer is now called: (4)

- a) the dragon
- b) God
- c) Satan
- d) serpent
- e) president
- f) devil

4. What things did sin and Satan bring to this world? (3)

- a) life everlasting
- b) sickness and death
- c) people, plants, and animals
- d) freedom
- e) separation and fear of God
- f) selfishness

5. Mark with "S" for Satan or "G" for God:

- ___ made everything perfect and beautiful
- ___ tempted Adam and Eve into disobeying
- ___ is out to deceive the whole world
- ___ made us and everything in the world
- ___ gave His precious Son to die to take our penalty
- ___ twists the truth and tells lies
- ___ will be burned up at the end of the world
- ___ cares only about himself and getting what he wants
- ___ loves us and wants us to be free and happy



YOUR COMMENTS:

6. What new things have you discovered in this lesson?

7. Do you want to fight the dragon with the help of Jesus and His armor?

- ANSWER:**
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c) in heaven
 - 2. Lucifer was not satisfied and wanted to be:
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3 - cares only about himself and getting what he wants
6 - loves us and wants us to be free and happy



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