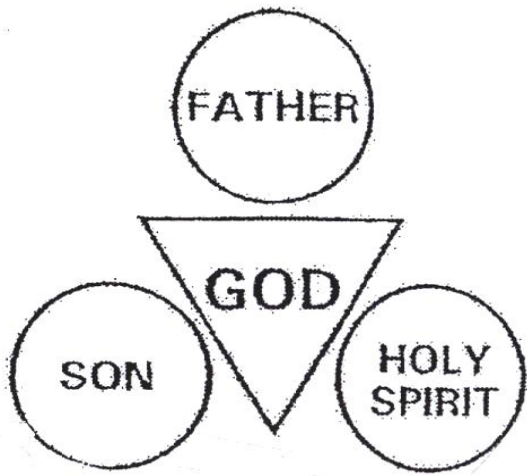


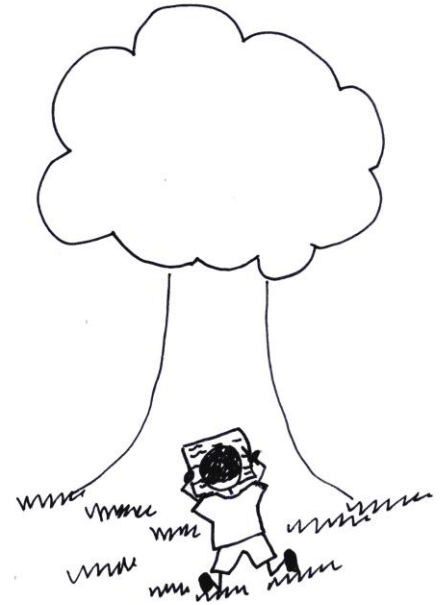
God, How Did I Get
An
Old Sin Nature?

(Can be used as a play.)

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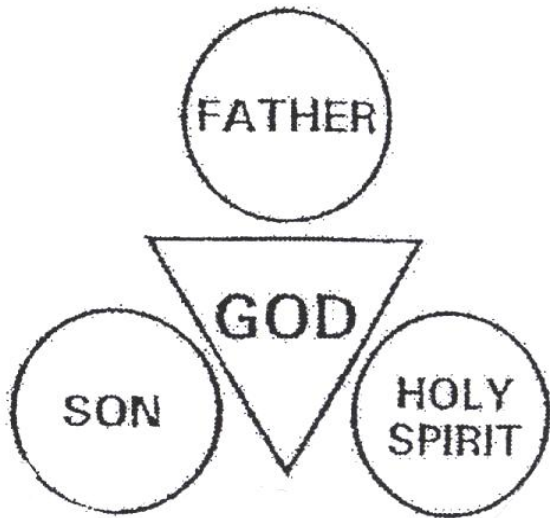


Child: Dear God the Father, how did I get an old sin nature? Will You please tell me more about it?



God the Father: I'd be happy to give you that information. We'll have to start with Adam and Eve in perfect environment in the Garden of Eden. They were created in Our, the Trinity's, image. That means, just like Us, they knew that they existed, they knew what they were to do and they could choose what they wanted to do. They were created to serve others. In this case, they were to serve Me, the Son of God and each other. They were not created self-centered. Their focus was on the Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching they received from Him in the garden. Their thinking was in line with divine thinking.

Child: What made their thinking get out of line with divine thinking?

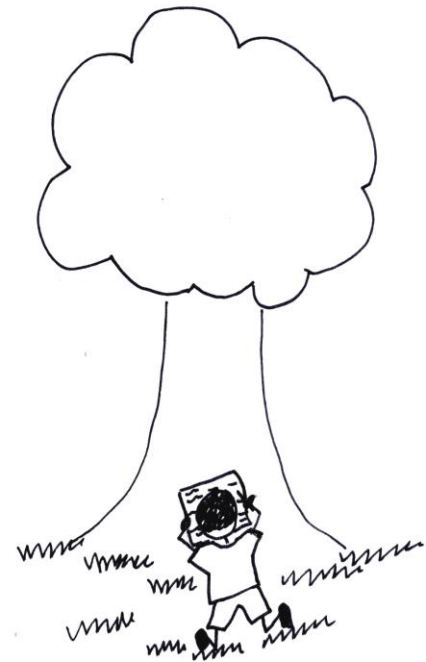


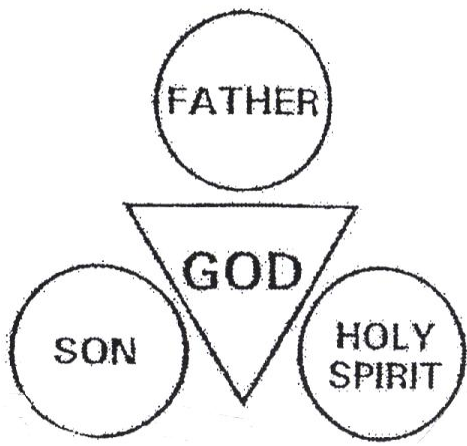
God: Ishah, as she was called in the garden, became bored with God the Son's teaching. Being bored opened the door to her mind for self-centered thinking. Satan took the opportunity to put his thoughts in her mind.

Child: How did he do that?

God: He disguised himself as a good looking serpent. He had many conversations with Ishah. He gradually convinced her that I was a liar and jealous because I didn't want her to have knowledge of good and evil. Satan deceived Ishah.
1 Timothy 2:12-14.

Child: Satan is the one who was the liar and jealous of You!



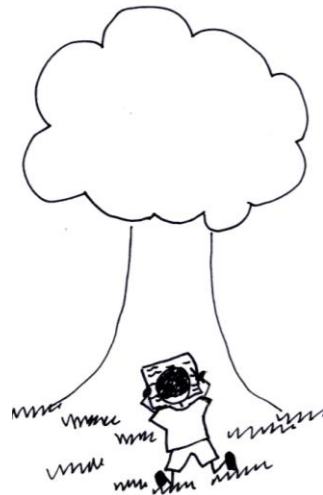


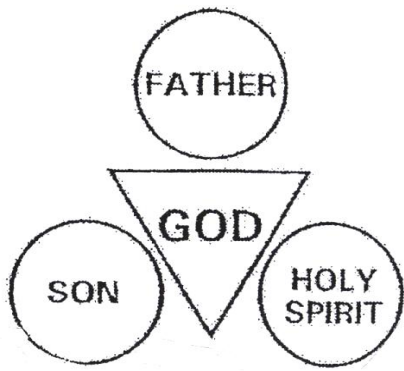
God: Right you are. He turned around My words. Genesis 3:1. Adam and Ishah could eat from any tree in the garden except for the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Genesis 2:16-17. The more the serpent and Ishah talked, the more she was not happy with the knowledge she had. She wanted to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The serpent enticed or tempted her away from her simple purity of love for Christ.

Child: So she saw the tree, kept on having conversations with the serpent and he kept on deceiving her.

God: Yes. He told her that I didn't want her to be smart. And she longed for knowledge from the tree of good and evil. Genesis 3:5

Child: Ishah didn't need to have the knowledge of good and evil. You provided everything Adam and she needed. She needed to continue growing in Your knowledge and thinking.





God: That's right! She was now having wrong thoughts. She even added to My word. She thought if she touched the fruit she would die.

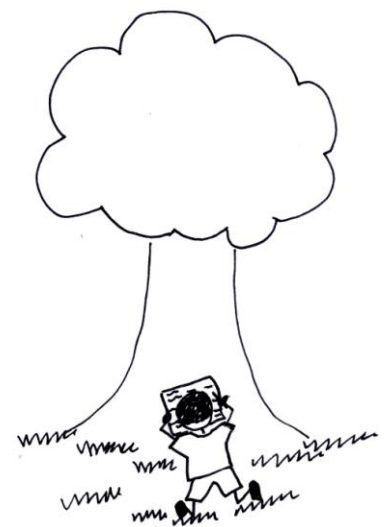
I never said they couldn't touch it - only that they were not to eat of it. After she looked at the fruit, wanted it and finally held it, she saw that nothing happened to her. She thought I had lied to her. Because of My nature, that is something I can't do!*

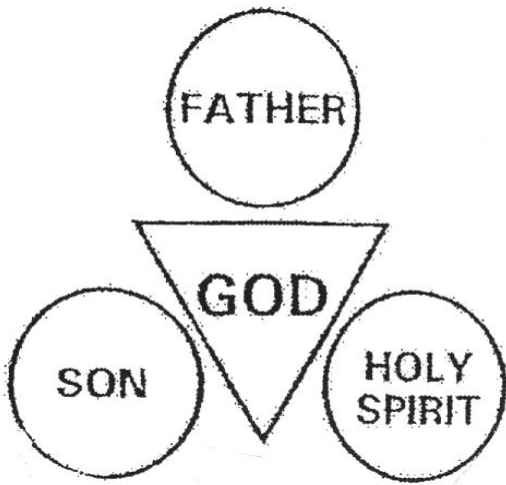
*Go to allaaboardgodstrain.org and read *Our God Is An Awesome God*.

Child: So she wrongly thought that she would die if she touched the fruit. Then when she didn't, she thought You deceived her.

God: Correct. Then she decided to become independent from Me. She wanted to be wise and on her own. She fell for Satan's lie. She ate the fruit. In comes the old sin nature and out goes the human spirit where spiritual truth is stored. Then Satan used her to tempt Adam. Adam had to choose between Jesus Christ and Eve. We know his choice - Eve. With that choice, Adam received his old sin nature. Through Adam, the old sin nature is passed on to human beings!

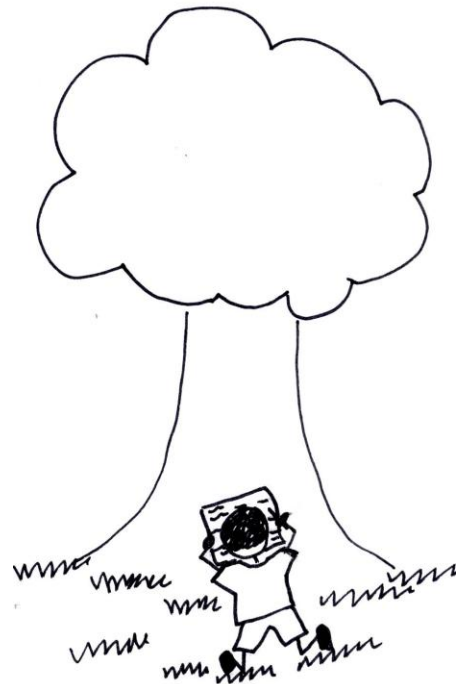
Child: Oh! So that's how it happened. Is that fair?

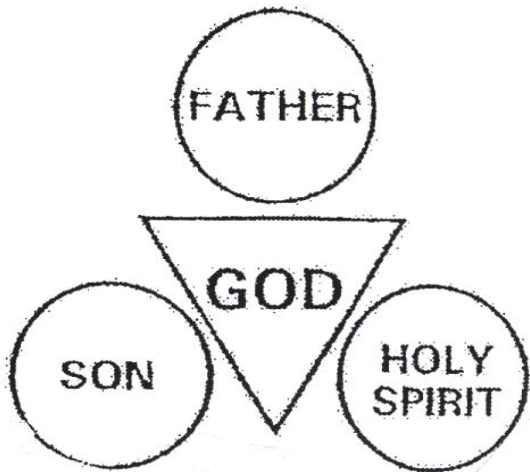




God: Definitely. Remember, I can't be unfair! And if you were born without an old sin nature, you would eventually sin just like Adam and the woman. So, after Adam and Eve, everyone was born with an old sin nature; they were condemned at birth. However, no one has to be condemned forever. I sent My Son, Jesus Christ, to pay the price for mankind's sins. Now each person has the privilege to accept the gift of salvation. Once a person believes in Jesus Christ, he can never lose his salvation.

Child: I see! Adam and Eve were created in a state of perfection and in a perfect environment. They even had the perfect marriage. They had to obey Your command not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Since they didn't obey, they lost their state of perfection and gained old sin natures. Then they were condemned and needed a Savior. They did come to the realization that they needed a Savior and believed in Jesus Christ. We are born condemned. Once we realize that we need a Savior and believe in Jesus Christ, we will never lose our state of perfection, our salvation!





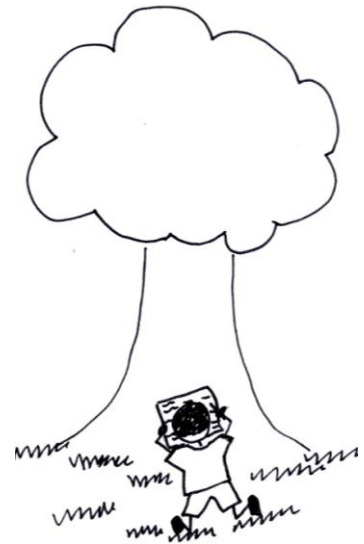
God: You can't lose your salvation. No one can lose their salvation!* I would be unfair to take away your salvation.

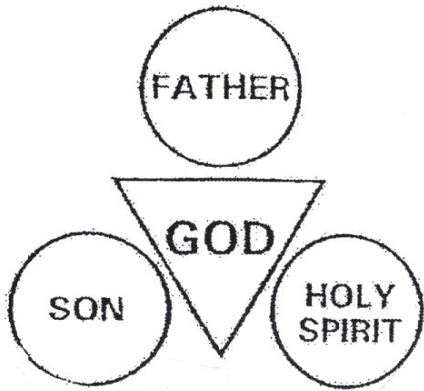
*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *I've Got A Mansion, Parts 1,2 and 3.*

Child: What a gracious gift that is! I have no worries about where I'm going when I depart this world!

God: Hold on to that thinking. Satan wants to get into your mind and make you concentrate on what is wrong with you and others. He wants you to sneak in human good and evil. He wants you to be independent from My thinking of grace and love. He wants you to try to fix up your old nature; he definitely doesn't want you to live in your new nature.

Child: You've taught me through Your word that my old sin nature can't give me life and it can't please You! I have choices daily to choose fellowship with You or fellowship with others. One of those choices is when I'm at Bible study and it is time to learn Bible doctrine; I can choose to listen and pay attention. Or, I can act goofy and not pay attention. I can learn Your divine viewpoint or be brought down with my human viewpoint.



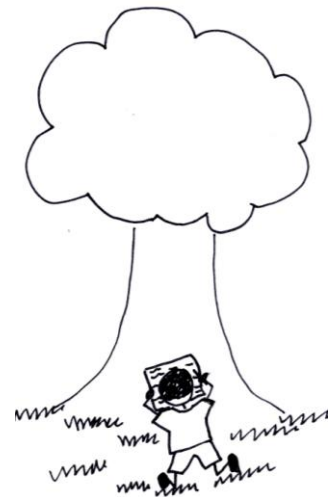


God: When you choose My viewpoint, you depend on and represent Me and My divine policy or ways. When you choose human viewpoint, you represent Satan and his evil policy or ways.

Child: Woowa! I certainly don't want to be a representative of Satan!

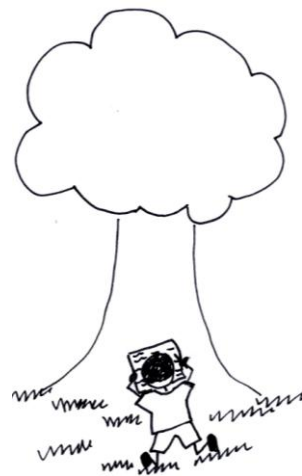
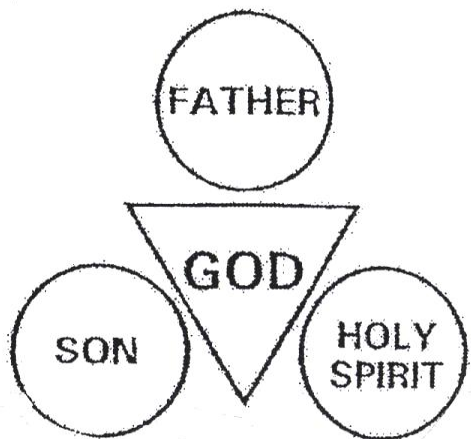
God: Satan will try to get to you through your old sin nature. He will use your weaknesses and your strengths. He'll get into your thinking through conversations, or talking, you have with others. He'll get into your mind by what you hear on television and what you read in books. You need to be careful whom you choose as friends; people can deceive you. You need to be careful what you listen to and what you read! The world will put a lot of do's and don'ts out there for you to follow. Satan wants you to focus on do's and don'ts and not on my love, mercy and grace.

Child: Satan wants to distract me from depending on You! He wants to deceive me and lead me away from my devotion to Christ. I know that the old sin nature has control over me when I'm led away from the simple purity of love, or unspoiled love, for Christ.

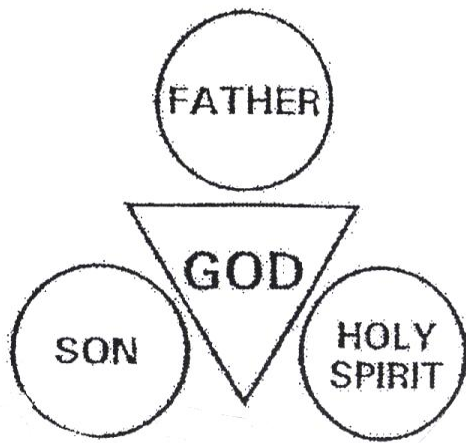


Child: He doesn't want me to know that when I am filled with the Holy Spirit I am living in my new nature. He doesn't want me to know that I am in a state of perfection when I'm filled with the Holy Spirit and living in Your plan for my life! That fact is so amazing! It gives me great comfort. Satan doesn't want me to have Your comfort. What a deceiver he is! 1 John 5:4

God: The old sin nature will drag you away from Me. That's why your relationship or friendship with Me must come before anyone or anything else. Remember, the kingdom of darkness will use people and things to drag you away from Me. Adam and Eve were created perfect and had perfect environment. When they were around the wrong person, they fell away from Me. You are weak and when you are around the wrong people you can easily fall.

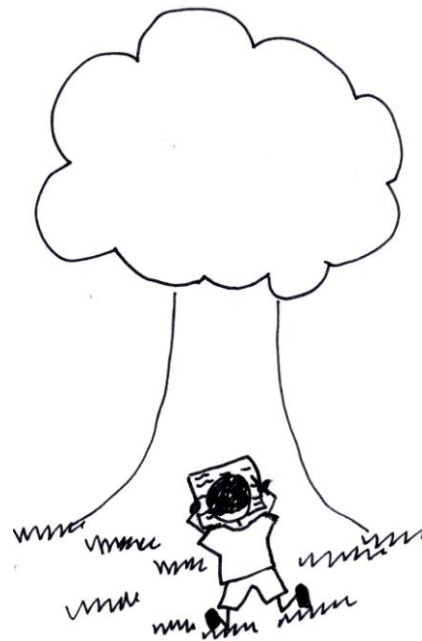


Child: The last thing I need is to be around someone who influences my spiritual life in a negative way!



God: You've got that right. Sometimes you can actually go away from people like that. Other times you have to separate from them mentally which means you use My thinking in your soul. Actually, in both cases you are to use impersonal love* or My divine viewpoint.

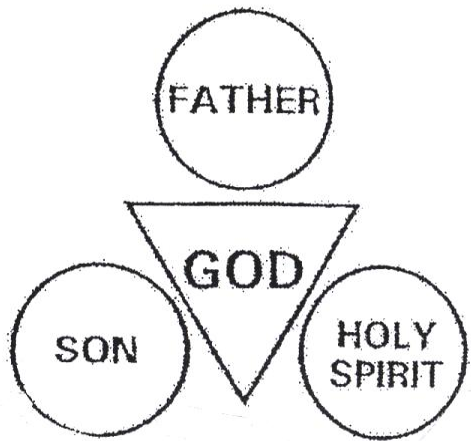
*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *Fruit of the Spirit: Love*



Child: Satan caused both Adam and Eve to be independent from You. He wants me to live in my old sin nature so I'll be independent from You.

Child: He wants me to be confused, fearful, feel guilty and play the blame game. When I have any of these things, I know that my old sin nature is controlling me.

God: Your old sin nature is very selfish! It wants you to depend on it. However, you are not to live for your old sin nature. You are to live for the One Who died and freed you from the hold of the old sin nature, your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

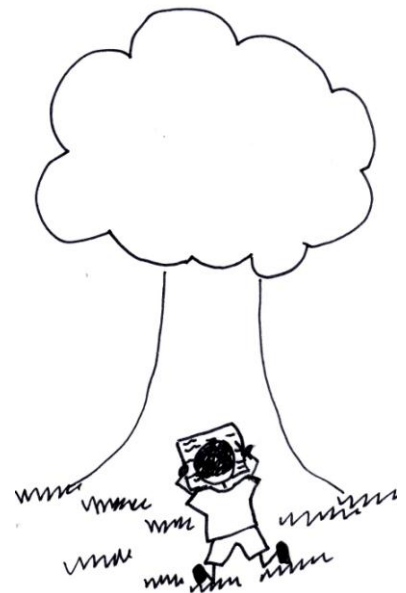


Child: Thank You for this magnificent conversation, Father! Jeremiah 15:16 "Thy words were found and I ate them, and Thy words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I have been called by Thy name, O Lord God of hosts." It's time for dinner so I must go. We'll continue our conversation at another time.

In the power of the Holy Spirit, praise and honor to You and to the Lord Jesus Christ,

Your faithful servant,

(Put in your name.)



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