

# THE FIRST SENDING OFF

At the start of the Bible, God had created the world and everything in it. In Genesis chapter 3, there is a story about the first man and woman. They were called Adam and Eve and they lived in a beautiful place called the Garden of Eden. Everything was perfect.

God only gave Adam one rule – they could eat the fruit from any tree in the garden but there was one tree that they were not allowed to eat from. It was called “the tree of the knowledge of good and evil”.



One day a serpent spoke to Eve (it was really Satan speaking to her). The serpent lied to Eve, saying that it would be OK for her to eat the fruit from the tree that God had said not to eat from. Eve now had a big decision to make – would she listen to what the serpent had said or would she obey God?

Sadly, Eve decided to eat the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. She then gave the fruit to Adam and he ate it as well. Adam had broken the rule that God gave him. When someone breaks God’s rules the Bible uses the word sin. So Adam had sinned.

They realised that they shouldn’t have done it but it was too late now. They tried to hide from God but God sees everything. Numbers chapter

32 verse 23 says “be sure your sin will find you out”. God saw them trying to hide and He spoke to them. They tried to make excuses but it had been their choice to break God’s rule.

God sent Adam and Eve away from the Garden of Eden and they were never allowed to go back. They weren’t given a red card by a referee but in a way they were sent off for breaking a rule.

As time went on, God gave other people more rules including some special rules called “The Ten Commandments”. All through the Bible we read about people breaking God’s rules. In fact, the Bible tells us that everyone (apart from Jesus) has sinned. Our sin

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should keep us out of heaven but there is some good news for us ...

*... you can find out on page 21 what the good news is ...*

**ROMANS 5:12**

**“through one man [Adam] sin entered the world”.**



# V.A.R.

Any football player, or fan, will likely have a story to tell about a time when a referee made a wrong decision (or they *think* he made a wrong decision). Sometimes these wrong decisions can have a huge impact on which team ends up winning a league or a trophy.

In big competitions there might be a Video Assistant Referee (V.A.R.) to help point out any mistakes to the referee or to tell him about anything he might have not seen.

The V.A.R. can look at TV pictures from lots of cameras to see what is happening all over the pitch. Sensors inside the ball can also be used to confirm if the ball has crossed the line into the goal.

Even with all this technology there can still end up being controversial decisions that some players and fans might not agree with.

## GOD SEES EVERYTHING

In the Bible we find out that God never misses anything because He sees everything all over the world.

### PROVERBS 5:21

For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and He ponders all his paths.

We also find out that God never makes any mistakes and that He will keep everyone who trusts in Him safe.

### PSALM 18:30

As for God, His way is perfect;

The word of the Lord is proven;

He is a shield to all who trust in Him.

