

## Study Aids

### Discussion Questions and Suggested Readings for “What’s the Message?” Lessons

#### Lesson Four

##### Questions:

This lesson speaks of the Devil’s favorite trick, to get you to doubt something God has said or done. Have you experienced him trying this trick on you? Can you share an example?

We often speak of “free will”. Did Adam have the free will, or capability, of choosing not to sin?

Is it accurate to call Adam and Eve rebels? Did they truly realize what they were doing? How does the “image of God” play into your answer?

Do you ever try to run away from God and hide? Do you know anyone who does?

We call Adam’s sin the original sin, and teach that it was then handed down from generation to generation as our natural condition. Luther called it our “old Adam” that must daily be drowned and died. How do you see it?

##### Suggested reading for further study:

Luther’s explanation of the Third Article of The Apostle’s Creed, and Part IV of the presentation on the Sacrament of Baptism – The Significance of Baptizing With Water, in the **Small Catechism**.

The advanced student may find the **Creation and Fall**, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer a penetrating study of Genesis, chapters 1-3.