**Adam and Eve Mar God’s Image in which   
He Had Created them, in verse**

About 8 minutes, from Gen 2 ‒ 3

Participants (No need to memorize lines; the aim is simply to relive sacred events, not to perform)

Adam   
Eve   
Serpent Hiss when you pronounce the ***s***.   
Voice (of God) Stand to one side, read slowly and loudly.Prompter Shout a brief line and Echoes repeat it.   
Echoes Children and any adults who want to take part. Echoes need no script.

Adam: Hello, folks! I am Adam.

Prompter & Echoes: The very first man!

Voice: We’ve made man in our likeness; he now has a mate  
 What God joined as one flesh let no one separate,   
Precious love for each other grows stronger each day.  
 They commune with their God in a most precious way.

Adam: Come, trees. Stand here in the Garden of Eden where God has planted you.   
(*Tell tots that they are trees, and to stand beside you with arms held out. Hold out your arms as an example.*)

Prompter & Echoes: We trees stand straight and tall.

Adam: Trees, you are bearing fruit now. Your limbs sag under its weight.   
You may lower your arms. (*Echoes lower their arms*).

Eve: I am Eve the first lady; I’m glad I can be!   
 My dear Adam, such beauty he never did see!   
Adam now has a partner to his great delight!  
 He is breathless with joy; it is love at first sight!

Adam: Our Creator has joined us as one, man and wife.   
 All is good, all is joy, such a wonderful life!   
We are innocent, pure and we’re totally free.   
 Here in Eden pure beauty is all we can see!

Eve: A soft breeze blows; the trees clap their hands for joy! Clap, trees!

Prompter & Echoes: We clap for joy! (*Clap hands above your head.*)

Voice: The good fruit of these trees, you may eat and enjoy;   
 All but one, because you it would surely destroy.  
Do not taste of that one; though it pleases the eye.  
 You will know good and bad, if its fruit you dare try.

Serpent: Indeed! (*Approach Eve, laughing fiendishly. Pronounce the* **S** *with a hiss.*)   
Li*s*ten to me, my sweet beauty! Yes, I have good news for you!

Eve: Oh, hello! Well! One of the animals can talk! And you look so wise!

Serpent: Has God said you shall not eat from one of these trees?

Eve: He has said from all trees He permits us to eat;   
 But that tree in the midst we can’t taste of its treat,   
God has said if we eat it we surely would die.  
 We enjoy all the rest under heaven’s vast sky!

Serpent: You’d not die! Its good fruit will open your eyes!   
 God would hide from you both what would make you grow wise,   
You will be just like God! So there’s nothing to fear!  
 So just taste and enjoy it, discover its cheer!

: (*Pretend to hand Eve the fruit)* Taste it, my dear.

Eve: Now, why should we let such good fruit go to waste?  
 Oh, it looks so delicious! Its joy I must taste.   
It will make human beings become really smart!   
 Although somehow I feel it is troubling my heart!

: (*Pretend to eat.)*

Prompter & Echoes: Oh, no! She ate it!

Eve: (*Pretend to give fruit to Adam.*)   
Here, husband, dear. Try it. It’ll make you wise. Serpent says it’s okay.

Adam: (*Look fearfully from side to side*. *Then pretend to eat)*Mmm!

: What has happened? We’re naked and appear all unclothed!   
 We must clothe ourselves now, as my sin I do loathe.   
We had lacked this dire knowledge; the serpent’s to blame.  
 Cam these fig leaves conceal our sad guilt and our shame?

Prompter & Echoes: Guilt and shame!

Adam: I just heard a dread noise! It’s the sound God’s tread made;   
 Let us hide, let’s be quick! For we’ve both disobeyed!  
God now walks in the cool of the day in the garden.  
 I’m afraid, for our shame He might never grant pardon

: (*Pull Eve to one side.*)

Voice: (*From the other side, speak slowly and loudly*) Adam! Adam!

Adam: Oh, oh! Too late!

Voice: Adam! Where are you?

Adam: I heard You, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.

Voice: Who told you that you were naked?   
Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?

Adam: (*Point at Eve*) The woman You gave me, she gave it to me, and I ate.

Voice: Eve, what is this you have done?

Eve: (*Point at Satan*.) The serpent deceived me and I ate what You forbade.

Voice: Now the good and the evil they have come to discern.   
 Lying serpent, with envy and hatred you burn,   
We had made men unsullied, but you made them fall.  
 On your belly from now on you’ll slither and crawl!

Serpent: (*Scream and fall to your knees*) My legs are gone! I have no feet!

Prompter & Echoes: Crawl, serpent, crawl!

Adam: The Lord speaks to the serpent, Satan.

Voice: Between you and the woman there’ll be enmity   
 Her male child will condemn you for eternity;   
Since you duped her; forever her seed you will dread.  
 You will injure His heel; but He’ll crush your fanged head.

Adam: Now hear what the Lord says to my wife Eve.

Voice: Beloved daughter, from Me you have wandered astray;   
 Now your husband you’ll serve and be made to obey.   
You have tarnished my image; it has lost its full worth.  
 And you’ll suffer great pain every time you give birth.

Eve: (*Cover your face with your hands*.) Ohhh!

Voice: Now you Adam, you brought on yourself sad defeat,   
 You will sweat and you’ll toil for whatever you eat,   
Piercing thorns and cruel weeds from the soil will now grow.  
 And from dust you have come, back to dust you will go.

Adam: Then the Lord drives us out of His grand paradise,   
 Since our fig leaves required no blood sacrifice,   
Our God made better garments from animal skins.   
 Our son Cain would soon learn only blood covers sins.

Voice: The first man did not heed the decree of his Lord.   
 So an angel I’ve stationed with sharp, flaming sword   
To forbid to all men Eden’s grand tree of life.  
 Since they dared heed the devil, both the man and his wife

Prompter & Echoes: Separated from God!