

Young Reader's Bulletin

Sunday, February 9th, 2008

This bulletin will provide special clues and tips about today's sermon so that you can fully participate in worshipping God here at FUMC. We want everyone to be a part of this church family—and knowing what we're doing and why we do it is part of this belonging. May God bless you during this worship service just like you bless FUMC by being here!

**Scripture: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7;
Romans 5:12-21**

The Untouchables

Our scripture today begins in the first book of the Bible with Adam and Eve. You know the story—God tells the first 2 people that they can eat anything that they want to except for one tree. This tree they are not to touch.

What did they do? Well, of course they touched that tree—and ate the fruit! When someone tells us not to do something—we begin to want to do just that thing. If I told you that you could look anywhere in this room except for at the window at the back of the room, doesn't that make you want to turn and look at it? Jesus was a second kind of Adam—after Adam and Eve left the garden, all people had sin. All people had death. Jesus, however, sort of frees everyone from both of these through his death and resurrection. The idea is that Jesus takes back what Adam and Eve gave us. It's like God wanted to be closer to us—so he sent his Son to draw us nearer to him.

During Lent—think of ways that you can bring yourself nearer to Jesus. Brainstorm some ideas on the back of this paper. How can you be a better disciple?