



What is this TXT Fondue program about?

The purpose of this program is to explain what sin is, and what this sin causes in the lives of man. One team will be speaking of the Fall, the other team will discuss the consequences it has for us.

How is a TXT Fondue played?

Two teams take turns in asking each other questions. There usually are 12 questions for each team. The team that has question 1a begins with asking. After the question has been asked and in some cases a passage from the Scriptures has been read, the other team has one minute to discuss their answer. Then they give their final answer and the team that asked the question decides whether the answer is correct. Keep in mind that if your team demands strict answers, the other team will do the same.

Not the answer but the process

With a TXT Fondue, it's not about the answer, but all about the process. Questions will lead to new questions, which is good, but keep these thoughts until after the TXT Fondue, so that the program may continue fluently and dynamically. That is important, because a TXT Fondue is actually a sermon that is divided into chunks. It is apostles' teaching (Acts 2:42), so just like any sermon it has a structure that builds up to an application. Those who wish to go in-depth can do so afterwards.

Referee

Like the referee ensures that the rules of play are respected, the elder in a house feast supervises that all that is said remains Biblical (1 Timothy 4:16). There are just two rules: if someone says something unbiblical, the elder takes corrective action, like a referee in football issues a yellow card. In case of sin, he intervenes, comparable to a red card.

Feedback

Have you got a suggestion? Did you discover an error in a TXT Fondue program? Let us know through HuisfeestNetwork.org! Questions regarding the contents can be discussed with the House Feast Network at facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork.

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What is the House Feast Network?

Those who are in the house feasts intend to reach all people in their own network who have not yet been reached with the gospel.

Networking

Of course you are curious to see how other house feasts do things. You wish to pay each other visits, help each other, and in any case you celebrate a large feast together, three times a year. To facilitate this, we have set up a House Feast Network group on Facebook: facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork. Elders can exchange their experiences at facebook.com/groups/Oudsten.

Share impressions

House feasts support one another by continually sharing photos in "The House Feast Network". House feasts unite because of this. We prefer that the ambience pictures you share do not intrude people's privacy.

What is the Learnhouse?

A collection of 84 TXT Fondue programs together form a complete training to spiritual maturity. It is composed of 7 fundamentals, with 12 programs per fundamentals. The program you now hold is part of the first fundament: conversion.

We recommend you to read the books of Mark and Galatians while you take the 12 lessons in this fundament.

Previous program:

1.02 Four saving Scriptures

This program:

1.03 Sin

Next program:

1.04 Pesach Seder

For an overview of all programs, see the [Learnhouse](#).

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1a. In this program, one of the two teams will extensively study Genesis 3:1–23. You can find it on page 4 of this TXT Fondue. Please read this story aloud.

During the rest of this program, the questions about this story must be answered without looking in the text.

The Bible says that sin has come into the world through the snake. Of whom is the snake a symbol in this passage?

(answer) The devil.



2a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

The snake tried to get man to doubt God the Father. Someone from the team asking the question will lip read what kind of question he asked Eve to get her to doubt. The other team will try and guess this question.

(answer) "Did God really say that?"

(comment) *The snake says this in Genesis 3:1.*

3a. After man had eaten from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and that way had let sin enter into their life, they saw what the world really was like. As a result, which emotion did they feel?

(answer) Fear.



4a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

Adam and Eve admitted they were naked. Hebrew uses the same word for "naked" as "crafty", which is a description that is used for the snake.

Adam and Eve could no longer be themselves. Someone from the team asking the question will explain because of what they couldn't be themselves anymore, without naming the word itself. The other team will try and guess this "forbidden word".

(answer) Shame.



5a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

Adam and Eve were ashamed and they searched for a solution. The team asking the question will demonstrate using pantomime which solution they had found. The other team will try and guess this.

(answer) They tried to cover themselves with coverings of fig leaves.



6a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

According to the Jewish tradition, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil is a specific type of tree. Someone from the team asking the question will draw this tree type. The other team will try and guess the tree type.

(answer) Fig tree.

(comment) *The apple tree is absent in the Jewish tradition. Aside from figs, some did propose grapes and wheat. If it was indeed a fig tree they ate from, the coverings were made from the same tree, so that both the problem (shame) and the solution (covering) came from the same tree.*



7a. God the Father didn't turn His back to Adam and Eve despite their sin. He came to the garden in the evening and was looking for them, as they had hid themselves. What did he call out?

(answer) "Where are you?"

8a. God the Father talked to Adam and Eve, and it immediately became clear they had sinned. In stead of humbling themselves and apologizing, they responded differently. What did they do?

(answer) They justified their actions, blamed each other, and indirectly even accused God the Father.



9a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

When God the Father came to Adam and Eve in the garden, they did not respond the way they should have. Someone from the team asking the question will explain which two actions would have been the right ones, without naming the words themselves. The other team will try and guess these two "forbidden words".

(answer) The other team must name both correctly:

1. Confess.
2. Ask forgiveness.

10a. God the Father immediately and clearly let Adam and Eve know about the consequences of their disobedience. Name two penalties that God the Father gave them.

(answer) In Genesis 3, God the Father names the following measures:

- Severe pains in childbearing (verse 16).
- Giving birth with painful labor (verse 16).
- Painful toiling and sweating to produce and eat food (verses 17 and 19).
- Thorns and thistles (verse 18).
- Death (verse 19).

11a. The curse of God the Father was also upon the snake, but at the same time He promised in Genesis 3:15 that the offspring of the woman would crush the snake's head. Which 'offspring' does this promise refer to?

(answer) King Jesus.

12a. God the Father dismissed the humans from the garden and locked it off, so they could no longer eat from the tree of life. As a result, they have become mortal. But through His death on the cross, King Jesus has reopened the way, as Hebrews 10:19-20 explains: "Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body." What does this mean for us?

(answer) In Him, we may receive eternal life.



Genesis 3:1–23 (question 1a)

- ¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"
- ² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"
- ⁴ "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."
- ⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.
- ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. ⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.
- ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"
- ¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."
- ¹¹ And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from? "
- ¹² The man said, "The woman you put here with me —she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."
- ¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"
- The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."
- ¹⁴ So the Lord God said to the serpent,
"Because you have done this, cursed are you
above all livestock and all wild animals!
You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.
¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."
- ¹⁶ To the woman he said,
"I will make your pains in childbearing very severe;
with painful labor you will give birth to children.
Your desire will be for your husband,
and he will rule over you."
- ¹⁷ To Adam he said,
"Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat from it,'
Cursed is the ground because of you;
through painful toil you will eat food from it
all the days of your life.
¹⁸ It will produce thorns and thistles for you,
and you will eat the plants of the field.
¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food
until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken;
for dust you are and to dust you will return."
- ²⁰ Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.
- ²¹ The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. ²² And the Lord God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever." ²³ So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.



1b. Name four Biblical expressions for types of sin.

(answer) Possible answers include:

- Falling short of the Glory of God (Romans 3:23).
- Lawlessness (2 Thessalonians 2:7–8).
- Transgression / trespasses (1 Timothy 2:14).
- Wickedness / things that are evil (Titus 2:14).
- Iniquity / wicked ways (Acts 3:26).
- Godlessness / evil / unrighteousness (Romans 1:18).
- Disobedience (Hebrews 2:2).
- Rebelliousness (Ezekiel 2:3).
- Enemies of God / enmity against God (Romans 5:10).

2b. Psalm 51:2–3 (in some translations Psalm 51:4–5) says: “Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.” What does King David, the composer of this Psalm, mean by this?

(answer) Your conscience continually reminds you of having sinned.

(comment) *People who have committed atrocities, soothe their conscience. Humans are created in the image of God the Father, with a conscience, so they are not unconscionable.*

3b. How many wars have there been since the Second World War ended in 1945?

(answer) About 250.

(comment) *According to the United Nations, civil wars do count as wars, but not coups and rebellions. On average, 3 to 4 wars begin every year.*



4b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

Hebrews 12:1 says: “Therefore (...) let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.” The team asking the question will demonstrate using pantomime which two things sin does to us. The other team will try and guess both.

(answer) The other team must name both points correctly:

1. Sin stands in our way (or: sin obstructs us).
2. Sin takes us captive.

5b. In common language, “peace” means the absence of war. Aside from “peace”, the Hebrew word “shalom” has several other meanings. Name one.

(answer) There are several possibilities, such as: joy, blessing, well-being, health, welfare, completeness, and safety.



6b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

Sin not only stands in our way and takes us captive, but it does even more. The team asking the question will demonstrate using pantomime what. The other team will try and guess both.

(answer) The other team must name both points correctly:

1. Sin causes us to be separated from God the Father.
2. Sin causes us to be spiritually dead.

(comment) *About being separated from God the Father, Isaiah 59:2 says: “But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.”*

About being spiritually dead, Ephesians 2:1 (ASV) says: “And you did he make alive, when ye were dead through your trespasses and sins.”



7b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

Someone from the team asking the question will explain without naming the word itself, from where sin in the life of humans comes, according to the Bible. The other team will try and guess this "forbidden word".

(answer) Heart.

(comment) *Mark 7:20–23 says: "He went on: "What comes out of a person is what defiles them. For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and defile a person."*

8b. Genesis 6:5–7 says:

The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. So the Lord said, "I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them."

And Isaiah 59:1–2 says:

Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.

Which consequences does God the Father experience from our sins?

(answer) Our sins sadden Him and make Him regretful, they bring separation between Him and us, and they obstruct His help.

9b. Does being a follower of King Jesus mean that we never want to sin again? Please explain.

(answer) Indeed it does; out of love for King Jesus you don't want to do it anymore.

(comment) *1 John 2:1 says: "My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One."*



10b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

We cannot avert our sins and guilt. Someone from the team asking the question will explain what we have to carry instead, without naming the word itself. The other team will try and guess this "forbidden word".

(answer) Responsibility.

(comment) *Romans 14:12 says: "So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God."*

11b. What solution did God the Father come up with for the problem of sin?

(answer) King Jesus, the Son of God, has concluded a blood covenant with anyone who believes in Him.



12b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

God the Father has promised us that there will be a new world in the future. Someone from the team asking the question will draw what typifies this new world. The other team will try and guess this.

(answer) A world without sin.

(comment) *This new world is described in Revelation 21:4–27.*