

# Little Dwellers

## Light in the Darkness

### Introduction

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

During the times of social distancing, The Dwelling and Little Dwellers are committed to continuing our mission and vision. We're now thinking a little more outside the box than we previously were =)

Welcome to the Little Dwellers Light in the Darkness! This will co-inside with the daily bible readings of The Dwelling, just aimed at younger minds and hearts. Day 1 of each week will closely mimic the Little Dwellers routine that happens during worship. This will give family members a peak into the normal fun and learning time we have on Sunday mornings. The rest of the week will have a short story and a couple questions to encourage the minds of little ones. We'll also include some optional crafts, coloring pages, songs, and hopefully some silly moments – we sure do like to have fun! Ultimately, our goal is to help you to continue to bring Christ into your homes during this time. There is no one right way of doing so, but the importance of getting it done is vital. Here is a great explanation from Pastor Seth:

<https://youtu.be/NoKS4OBxqXw> .

Please watch for the Little Dweller's weekly information to be loaded on our platforms. Be sure to stay in contact with The Dwelling:

1. Website: [www.thedwellingtx.org](http://www.thedwellingtx.org)
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### Week 1

#### Topic: God's Creation and the Fall of Humans

##### Day 1

- We will be mimicking Little Dwellers during our normal Sunday service. Please watch the video with your little dweller: <https://youtu.be/6faat86LUq4> . The images from The Beginner's Bible are listed on pages 5 – 8.
- Questions to ask your Little Dweller about today's bible story:
  - How many days did God work to create EVERYTHING? What did God do on day 7?
  - What is something that God made that makes you very happy?
- Craft:
  - Please help your Little Dweller to cut out the circles from pages 34 and 35, also cutting the dotted line on the first circle
  - Have your Little Dweller color or paint the two circles
  - Once dry, place the first circle on top of the second and put a brad in the middle of the circles, connecting the two circles
  - Have your Little Dweller spin the circle and discuss God's creation with them
- Coloring page: 36
- Song: [https://youtu.be/nY2W4nOD\\_x8](https://youtu.be/nY2W4nOD_x8)

##### Day 2

- Ask your little dweller what yesterday's story was about.
- Please watch the video with your little dweller: <https://youtu.be/2ljpKtKhMDQ> The images are on pages 9 – 13.

- Questions to ask your Little Dweller about today's bible story:
  - How did God make things like the sun, the moon, water, land, animals, and humans? -God spoke. Whatever he said then happened-
  - Did God love everything that he made? What was the most beautiful thing God made?
- Coloring page: 37
- Song: <https://youtu.be/nY2W4nOD> x8

### Day 3

- Please watch the video with your little dweller: <https://youtu.be/eqhLbA4XwiU> The images are on pages 14 – 15.
- Questions to ask your Little Dweller about today's bible story:
  - God made a garden for Adam to live in. God named the garden Eden and gave Adam a job to do. What job did God give to Adam?
  - Adam needed a friend in the garden, other than the animals. God created a friend girl for Adam. What was her name?
- Coloring page: 38
- Song: Song: <https://youtu.be/nY2W4nOD> x8

### Day 4

- Please watch the video with your little dweller: <https://youtu.be/3Lx7JU8hq84> The images are on pages 16 – 19.
- Questions to ask your Little Dweller about today's bible story:
  - Was the snake telling the truth when he told Eve she would be like God if she ate the fruit from the forbidden tree?
  - When Adam and Eve didn't listen to God, how did it make God feel?
- Coloring page: 39
- Song: Song: <https://youtu.be/nY2W4nOD> x8

## Day 5

- Please watch the video with your little dweller: <https://youtu.be/d0W80Amef0Q> The images are on pages 20 – 24.
- Questions to ask your Little Dweller about today's bible story:
  - When Adam and Eve broke God's rule, did God stop loving them? -No, it made God sad. But God never stopped loving Adam and Eve. Just like God never stops loving us-
  - Where Adam and Eve allowed to stay in the garden of Eden?
- Coloring Page: 40
- Song: Song: [https://youtu.be/nY2W4nOD\\_x8](https://youtu.be/nY2W4nOD_x8)

## Day 6

- Please watch the video with your little dweller: <https://youtu.be/ta30veFMKR8> The images are on pages 25 – 28.
- Questions to ask your Little Dweller about today's bible story:
  - Did Noah trust God a lot or a little bit when God told Noah to build an ark? Do you think it was hard to build an ark?
  - How many of each animal did Noah bring on the ark? -2-
- Coloring page: 41
- Song: <https://youtu.be/wHcypSv4ltY>

## Day 7

- Please watch the video with your little dweller: <https://youtu.be/-5ITdHeZW7s> The images are listed on pages 30 – 34.
- Questions to ask your Little Dweller about today's bible story:
  - Were Noah's friends being nice to him when he was building the ark? -no- But did he stop? -no, he continued to build the ark because that's what God told him to do-
  - What colorful thing did God put in the sky?
- Coloring page: 42
- Song: <https://youtu.be/wHcypSv4ltY>

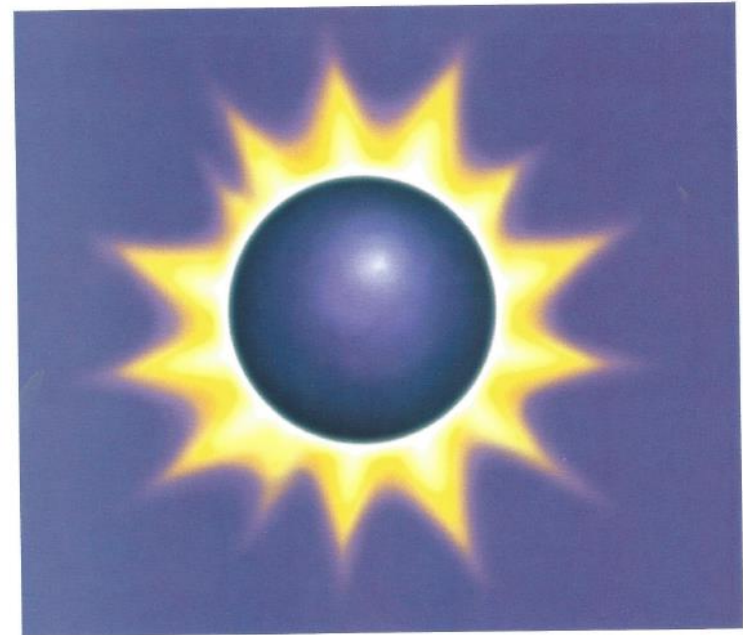


## The Beginning

Genesis 1

In the beginning, the world was empty.  
Darkness was everywhere.  
But God had a plan.

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God separated the light from the darkness.  
“Let there be light!” he said.  
And the light turned on.  
He called the light “day.”  
And he called the darkness “night.”  
This was the end of the very first day.

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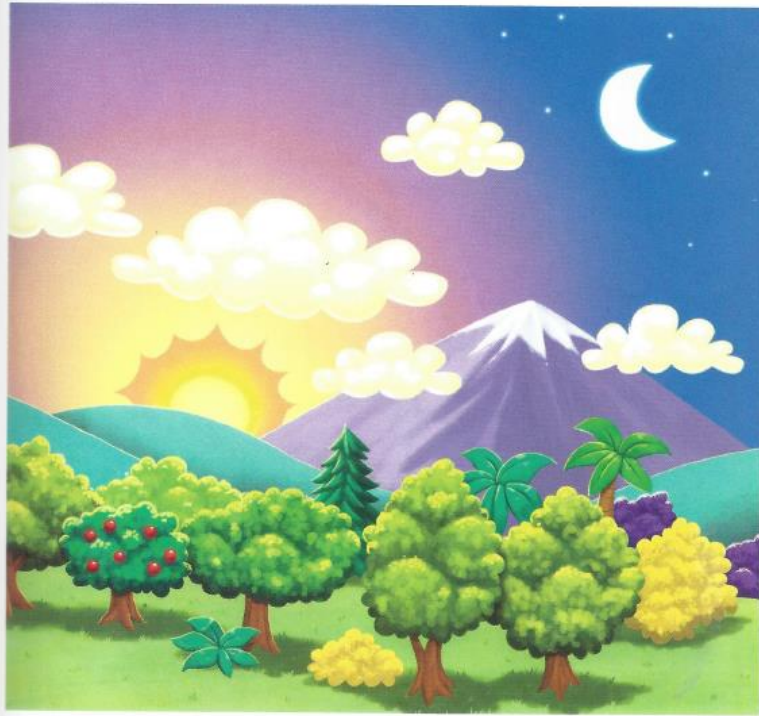
Then God said, "I will divide the waters."  
He separated the waters in the clouds  
above from the waters in the ocean below.  
He called the space between them "sky."  
This was the end of the second day.

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Next, God rolled back the waters  
and some dry ground appeared.  
He made plants of many shapes and colors.  
He made mountains, hills, and valleys.  
This was the end of the third day.

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God put a shining sun in  
the sky for daytime.  
He put a glowing moon and twinkling  
stars in the sky for nighttime.  
This was the end of the fourth day.

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On the fifth day,  
God made swishy fish and  
squiggly creatures to live in the ocean.  
Then God made birds  
to fly across the sky.

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On the sixth day, God made animals  
to creep, crawl, hop, and gallop.  
Then from the dust, God made the most  
wonderful creature of all—a person.  
God named him Adam.  
On the seventh day, God rested.



# The beginning: a perfect home

*The Song of Creation, from Genesis 1–2*

IN THE BEGINNING, there was nothing.

Nothing to hear. Nothing to feel. Nothing to see.

Only emptiness. And darkness. And ... nothing but nothing.

But God was there. And God had a wonderful Plan.

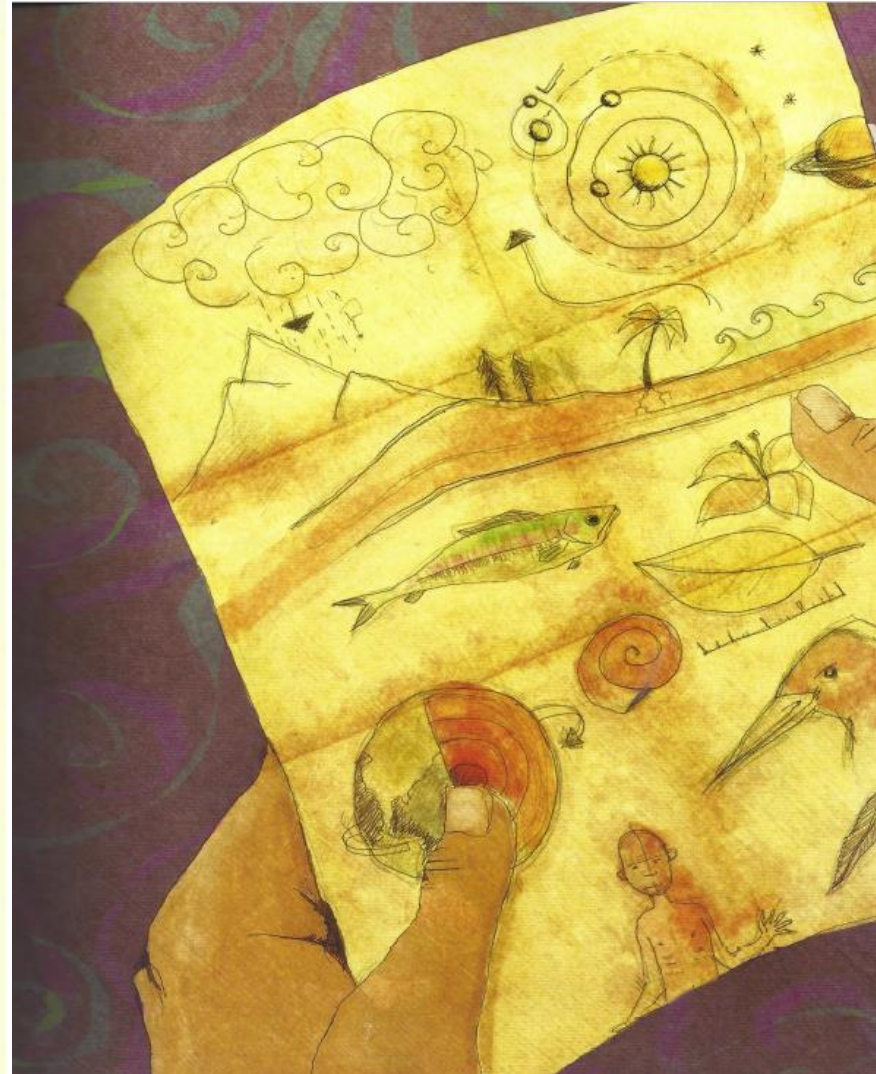
“I’ll take this emptiness,” God said, “and I’ll fill it up! Out of the darkness, I’m going to make light! And out of the nothing, I’m going to make ... EVERYTHING!”


Like a mommy bird flutters her wings over her eggs to help her babies hatch, God hovered over the deep, silent darkness. He was making life happen.

God spoke. That’s all. And whatever he said, it happened.



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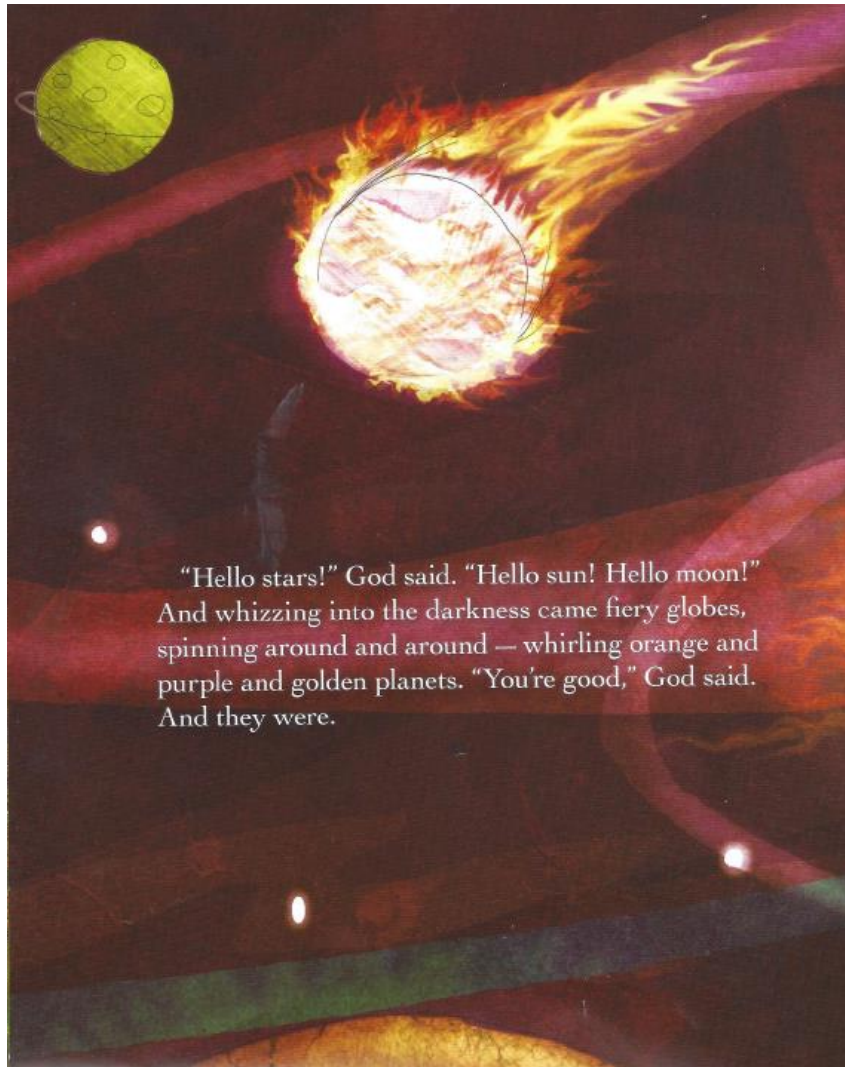
God said, "Hello light!" and light  
shone into the darkness. God called the  
light, "Day" and the darkness, "Night."

"You're good," God said. And they were.

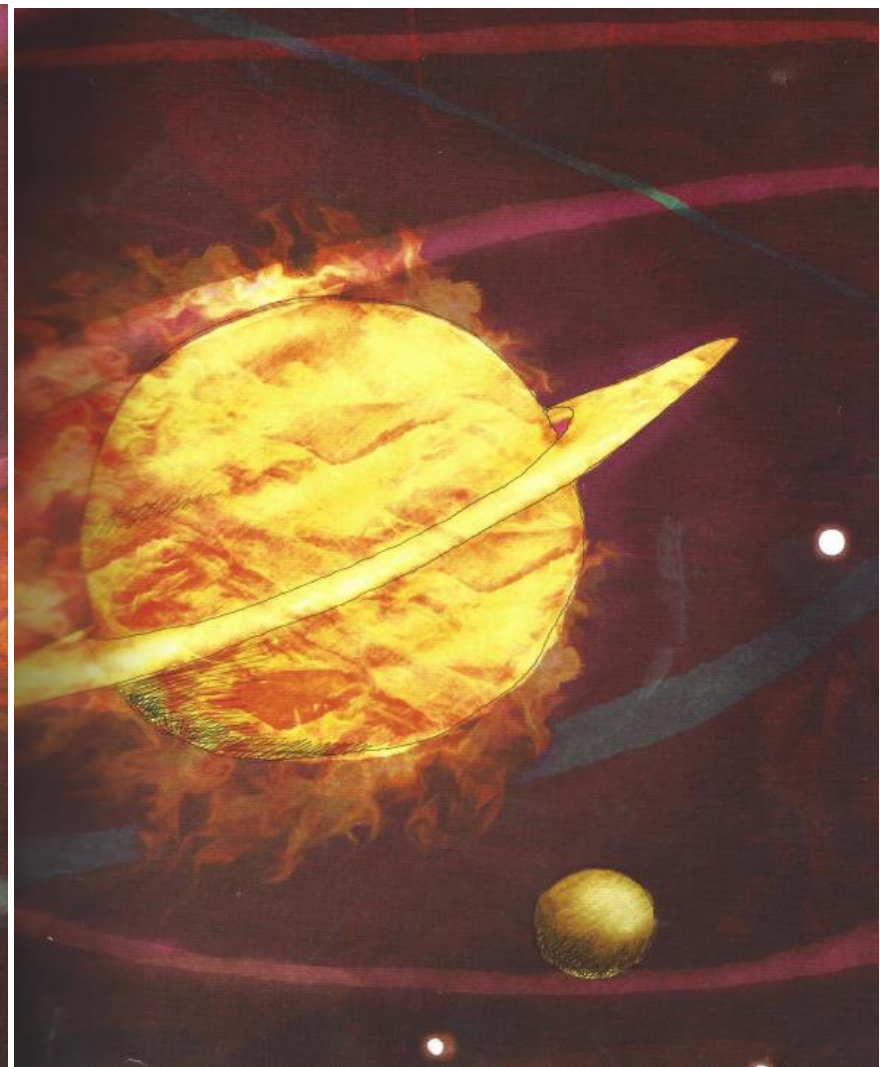
Then God said, "Hello sea! Hello sky!" and a great  
space opened up, wide and deep and high. "You're  
good," God said. And they were.

Then God said, "Hello land!" and there — splashing  
up through the oceans — came cliffs, mountains, sandy  
beaches. "You're good," God said. And they were.

"Hello trees!" God said. "Hello grass and flowers!"  
And everything everywhere burst into life. He made  
buds bud; shoots shoot; flowers flower. "You're good,"  
God said. And they were.



“Hello stars!” God said. “Hello sun! Hello moon!”  
And whizzing into the darkness came fiery globes,  
spinning around and around — whirling orange and  
purple and golden planets. “You’re good,” God said.  
And they were.





“Hello birds!” God said. And with a fluttering and flapping and chirping and singing, birds filled the skies. “Hello fish!” God said. And with a darting and dashing and wriggling and splashing, fish filled the seas! “You’re good,” God said. And they were.

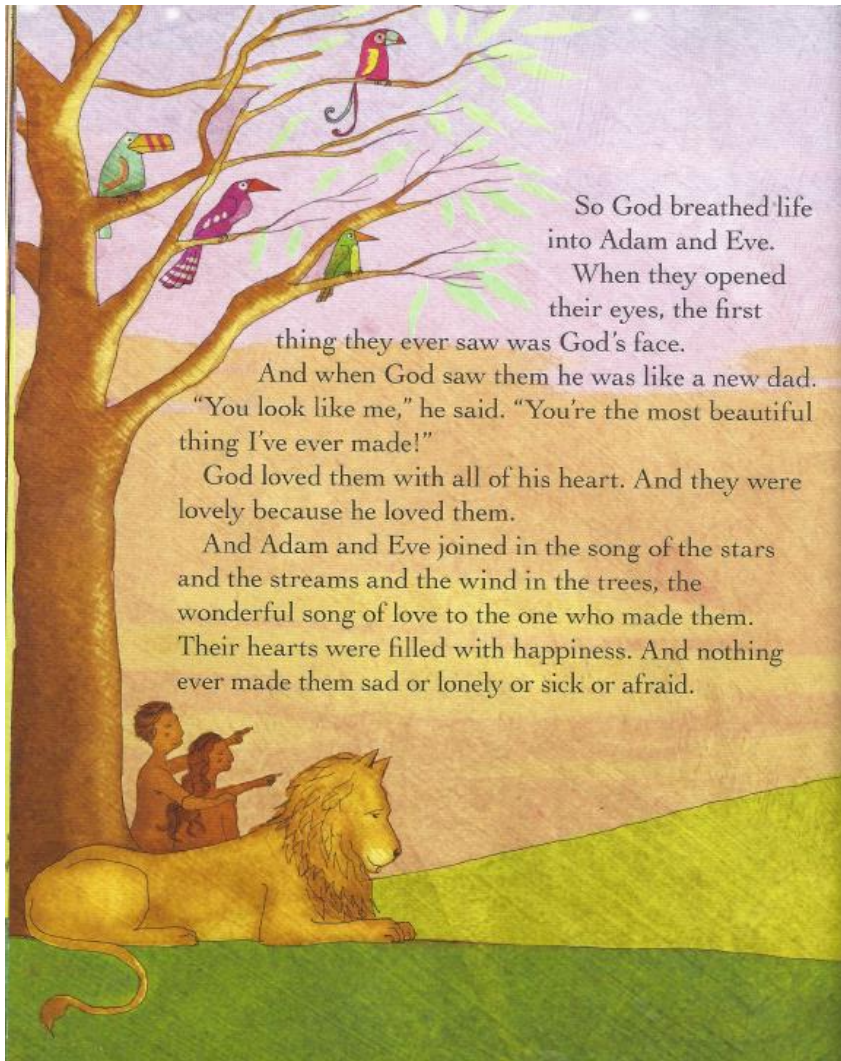
Then God said, “Hello animals!” And everyone came out to play. The earth was filled with noisy noises — growling and gobbling and snapping and snorting and happy skerfuffling. “You’re good,” God said. And they were.



God saw all that he had made and he loved them. And they were lovely because he loved them.

But God saved the best for last. From the beginning, God had a shining dream in his heart. He would make people to share his Forever Happiness. They would be his children, and the world would be their perfect home.





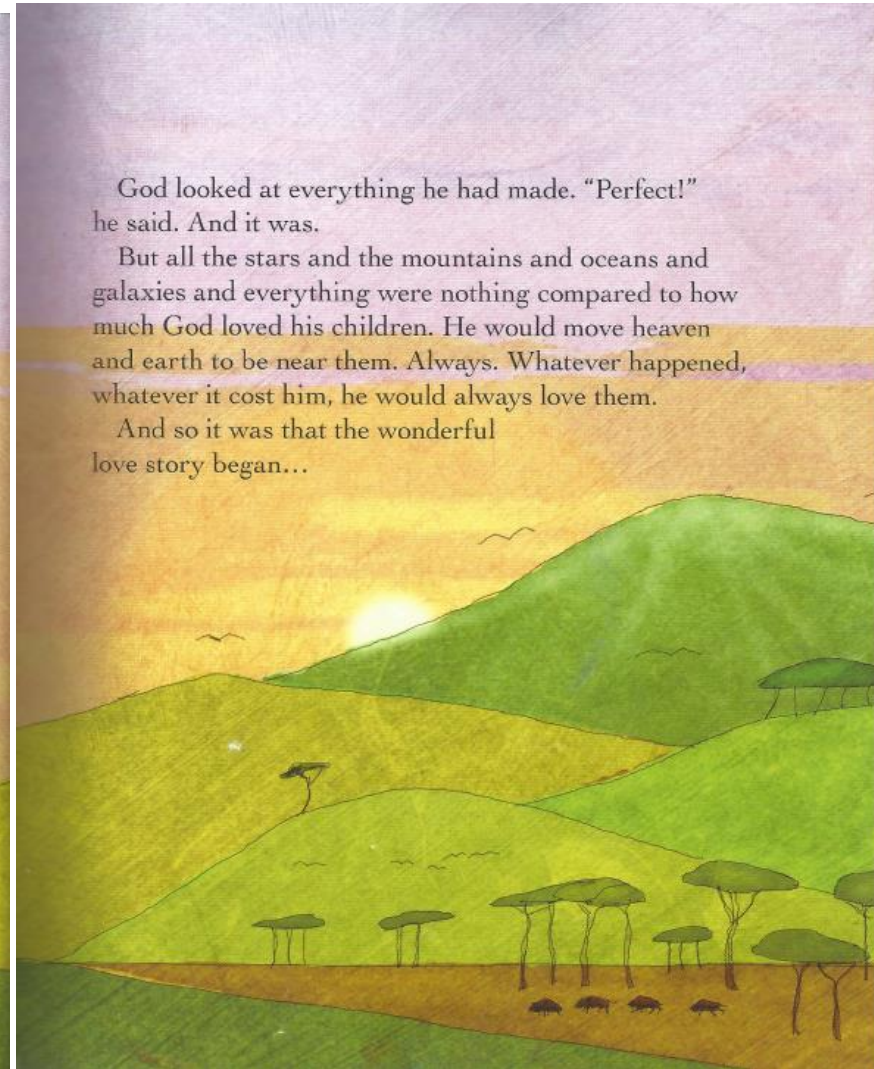
So God breathed life  
into Adam and Eve.

When they opened  
their eyes, the first  
thing they ever saw was God's face.

And when God saw them he was like a new dad.  
"You look like me," he said. "You're the most beautiful  
thing I've ever made!"

God loved them with all of his heart. And they were  
lovely because he loved them.

And Adam and Eve joined in the song of the stars  
and the streams and the wind in the trees, the  
wonderful song of love to the one who made them.  
Their hearts were filled with happiness. And nothing  
ever made them sad or lonely or sick or afraid.



God looked at everything he had made. "Perfect!"  
he said. And it was.

But all the stars and the mountains and oceans and  
galaxies and everything were nothing compared to how  
much God loved his children. He would move heaven  
and earth to be near them. Always. Whatever happened,  
whatever it cost him, he would always love them.

And so it was that the wonderful  
love story began...

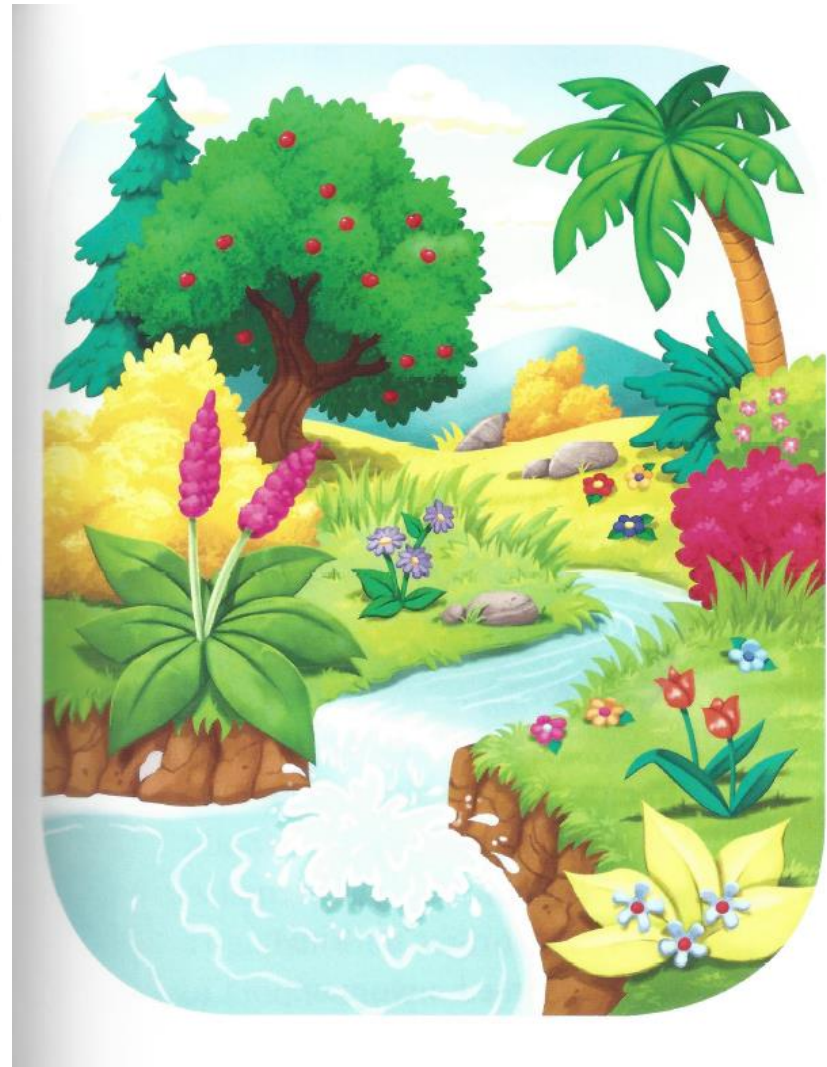


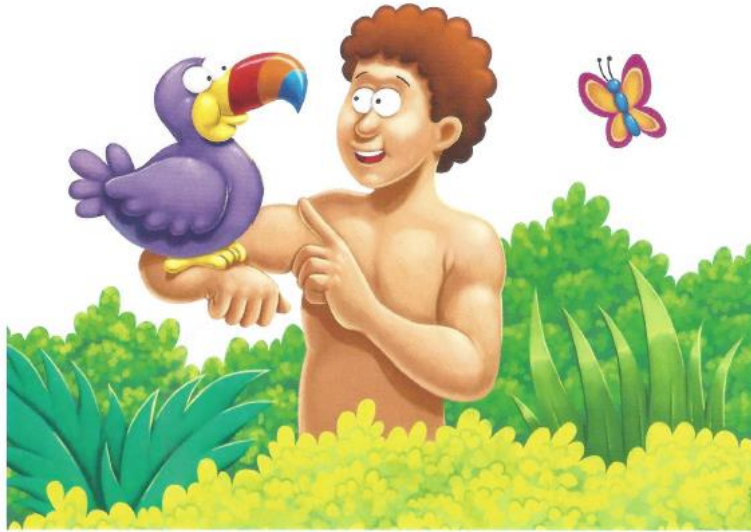
## Adam and Eve

Genesis 2

God had planted a beautiful garden for Adam in a place called Eden. A river flowed through the garden.

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Adam loved his new home.  
His job was to name all the animals  
and care for the garden.  
Adam loved all the animals,  
but he could not find a friend  
that was just right for him.  
So God created a woman.

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Adam named her Eve.  
She was just right for Adam.  
Adam and Eve loved each other.  
Together they took care  
of God's garden.

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## The Sneaky Snake

Genesis 3

Many trees grew in the Garden of Eden. God told Adam and Eve, “You may eat the fruit from any tree except for one. Never eat the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.”

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Now, there was a sneaky snake in the garden.

One day, the snake saw Eve near the special tree.

It hissed, “Did God *really* tell you not to eat the fruit from this tree?”

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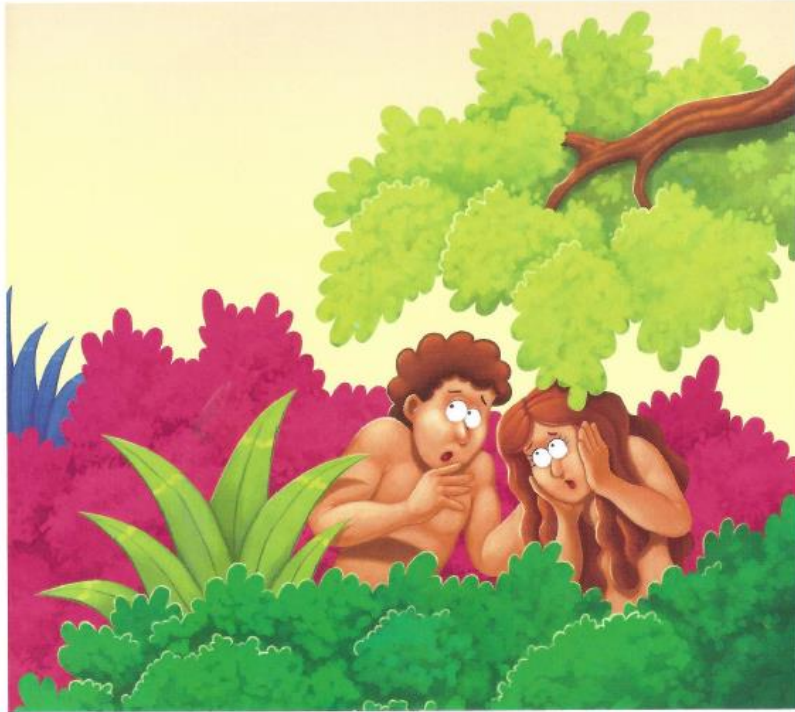
The snake wanted Eve to disobey God.  
It said, "You should try some  
of this tasty fruit.  
If you eat it, you will be like God.  
You will be able to tell the difference  
between good and evil."

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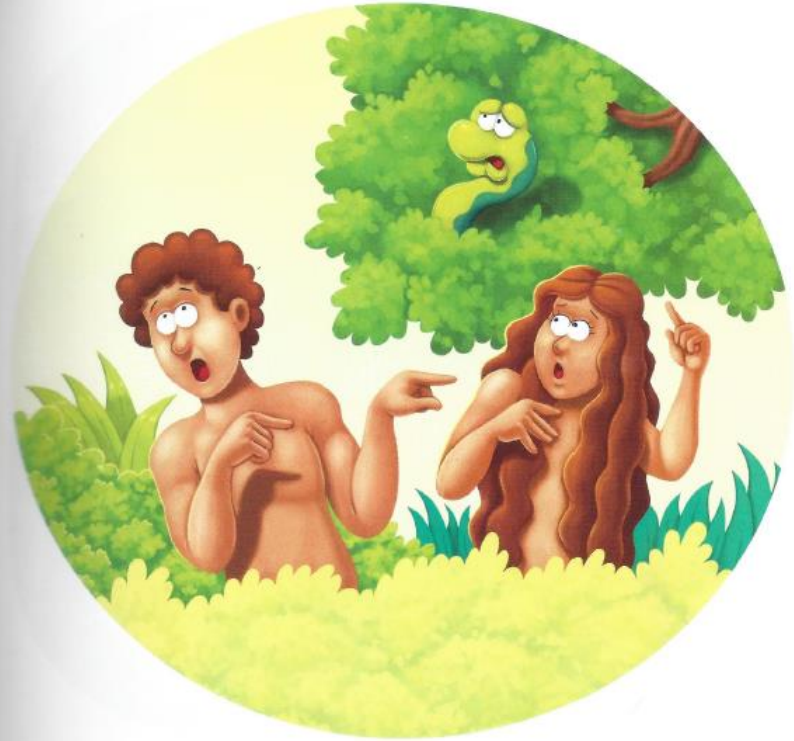
The fruit looked tasty.  
Eve remembered what God had said,  
but she ate the fruit anyway.  
Then Eve gave some to Adam.  
He took a bite too.

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As the sun was going down,  
Adam and Eve heard God  
walking through the garden.  
He was looking for them.  
Adam and Eve hid among the trees.  
They were afraid.

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“What have you done?” God asked.  
“Did you eat the fruit from  
the forbidden tree?”  
Adam said, “Yes, but Eve gave it to me.”  
Eve said, “Yes, but the snake tricked me.”

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God told the snake, "Because of what you did, you will always crawl on your belly."  
Then he told Adam and Eve,  
"Because you disobeyed me,  
you can no longer live in the garden."

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Adam and Eve left the garden.  
God placed angels and a flaming sword  
to guard the entrance.  
Adam and Eve would not be allowed  
in the garden again.

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## The terrible lie

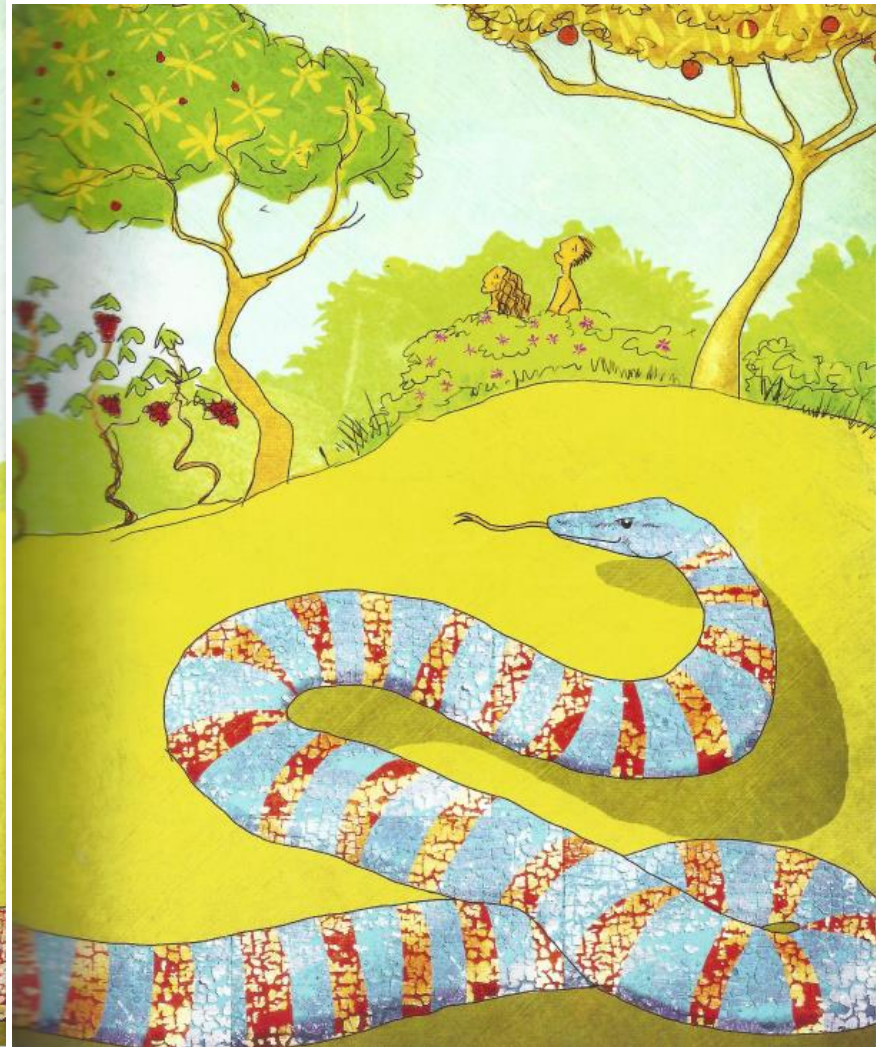
*Adam and Eve lose everything, from Genesis 3*

ADAM AND EVE lived happily together in their beautiful new home. And everything was perfect — for a while.

Until the day when everything went wrong.

God had a horrible enemy. His name was Satan. Satan had once been the most beautiful angel, but he didn't want to be just an angel — he wanted to be God. He grew proud and evil and full of hate, and God had to send him out of heaven. Satan was seething with anger and looking for a way to hurt God. He wanted to stop God's plan, stop this love story, right there. So he disguised himself as a snake and waited in the garden.

Now, God had given Adam and Eve only one rule: "Don't eat the fruit on that tree," God told them. "Because if you do, you'll think you know everything. You'll stop trusting me. And then death and sadness and tears will come."



(You see, God knew if they ate the fruit, they would think they didn't need him. And they would try to make themselves happy without him. But God knew there was no such thing as happiness without him, and life without him wouldn't be life at all.)

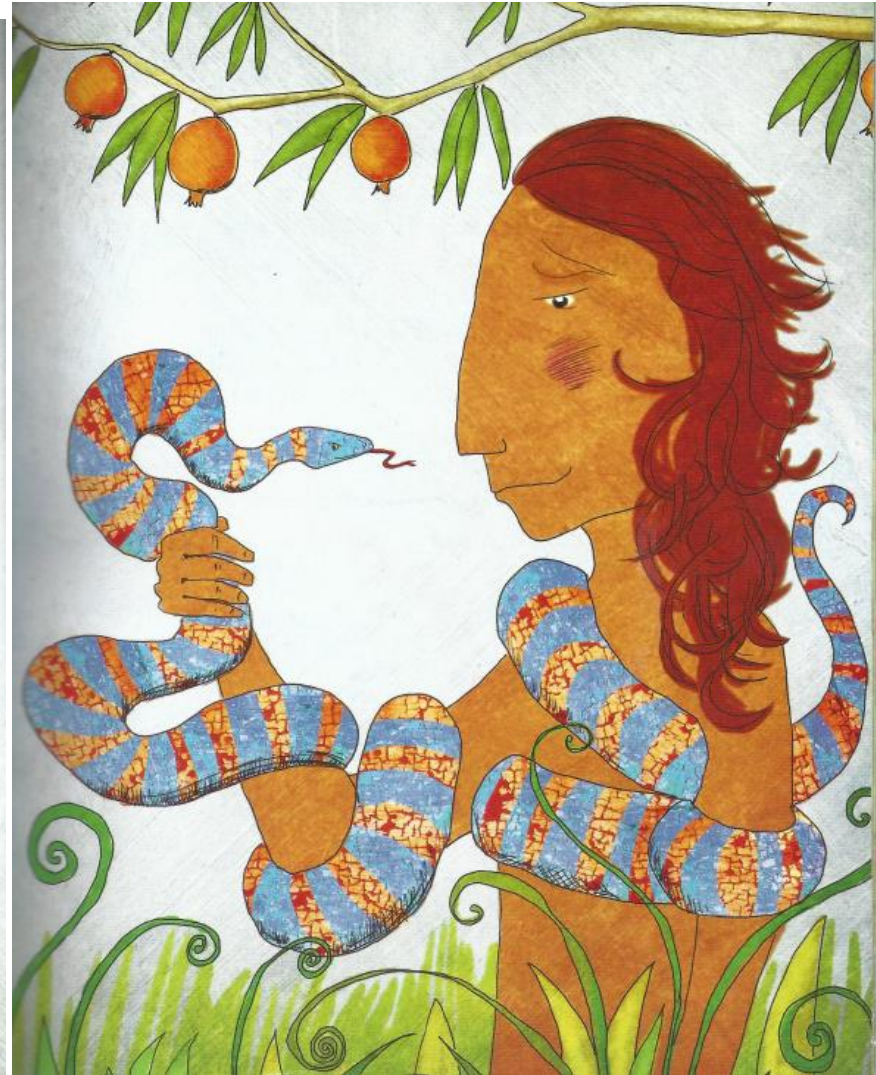
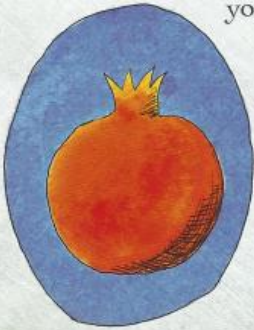
As soon as the snake saw his chance, he slithered silently up to Eve. "Does God really love you?" the serpent whispered. "If he does, why won't he let you eat the nice, juicy, delicious fruit? Poor you, perhaps God doesn't want you to be happy."

The snake's words hissed into her ears and sunk down deep into her heart, like poison. *Does God love me?* Eve wondered. Suddenly she didn't know anymore.

"Just trust me," the serpent whispered. "You don't need God. One small taste, that's all, and you'll be happier than you could ever dream . . ."

Eve picked the fruit and ate some.  
And Adam ate some, too.

And a terrible lie came into the world. It would never leave. It would live on in every human heart, whispering to every one of God's children: "God doesn't love me."



And it wasn't a dream. It was a nightmare. A dove flew from Adam's hand. A deer darted in a thicket. It was as if they were frightened by something. A chill was in the air. Something strange was happening. They had always been naked — but now they felt naked, and wrong, and they didn't want anyone to see them. So they hid.



Later that evening, as God was taking his walk, he called to them. "Children?"

Usually Adam and Eve loved to hear God's voice and would run to him. But this time, they ran away from him and hid in the shadows.



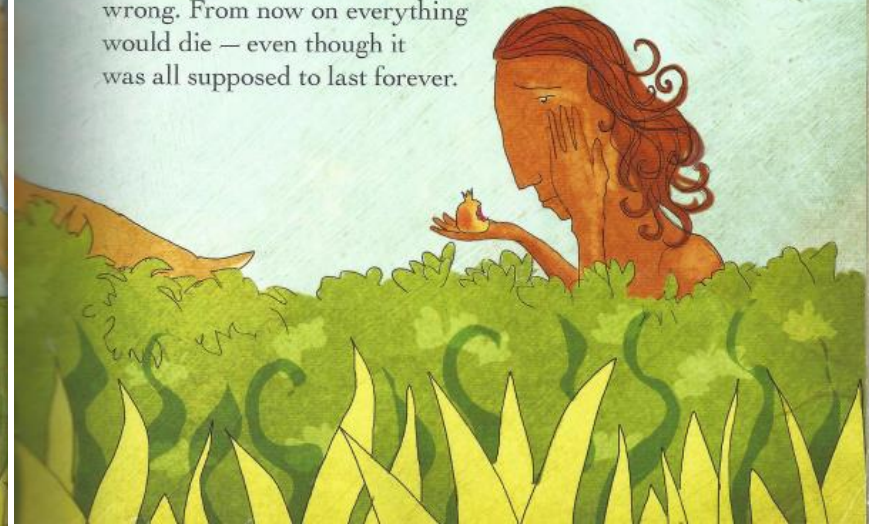
"Where are you?" God called.  
"Hiding," Adam said. "We're afraid of you."  
"Did you eat the fruit I told you not to eat?" God asked them.

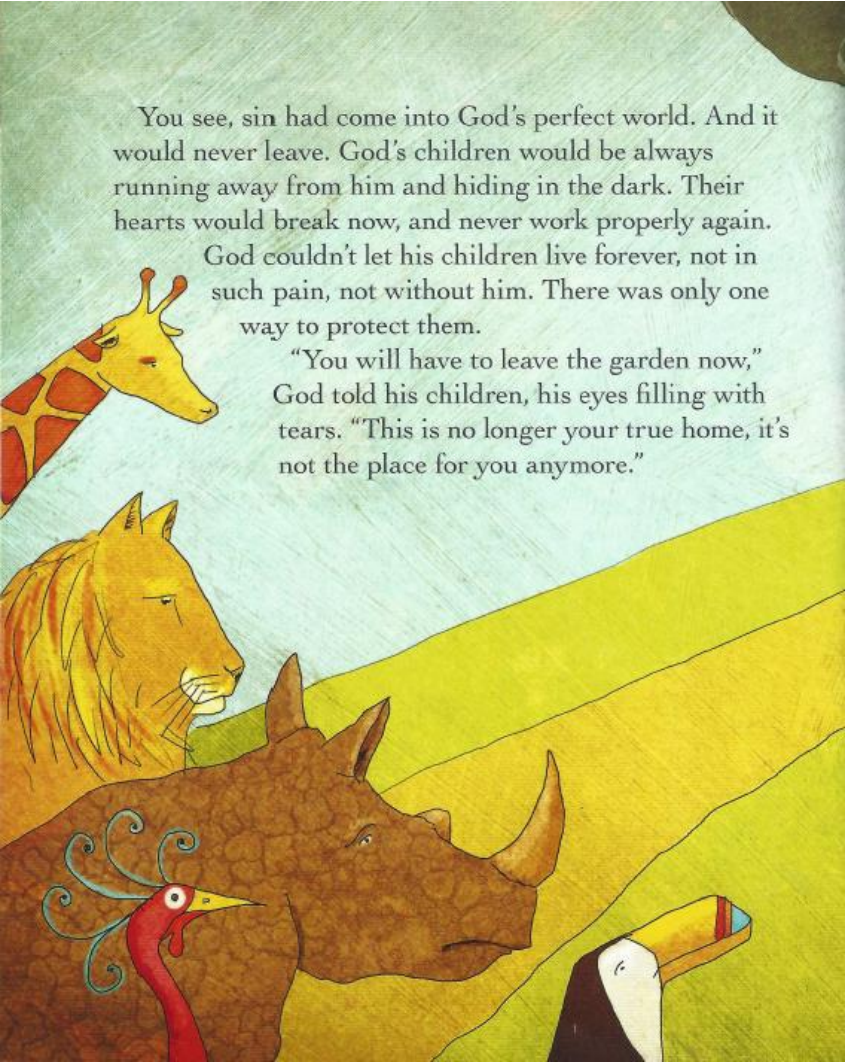
Adam said, "Eve made me do it!"

"What have you done?" God asked.

Eve said, "The serpent made me do it!"

And terrible pain came into God's heart. His children hadn't just broken the one rule; they had broken God's heart. They had broken their wonderful relationship with him. And now he knew everything else would break. God's creation would start to unravel, and come undone, and go wrong. From now on everything would die — even though it was all supposed to last forever.

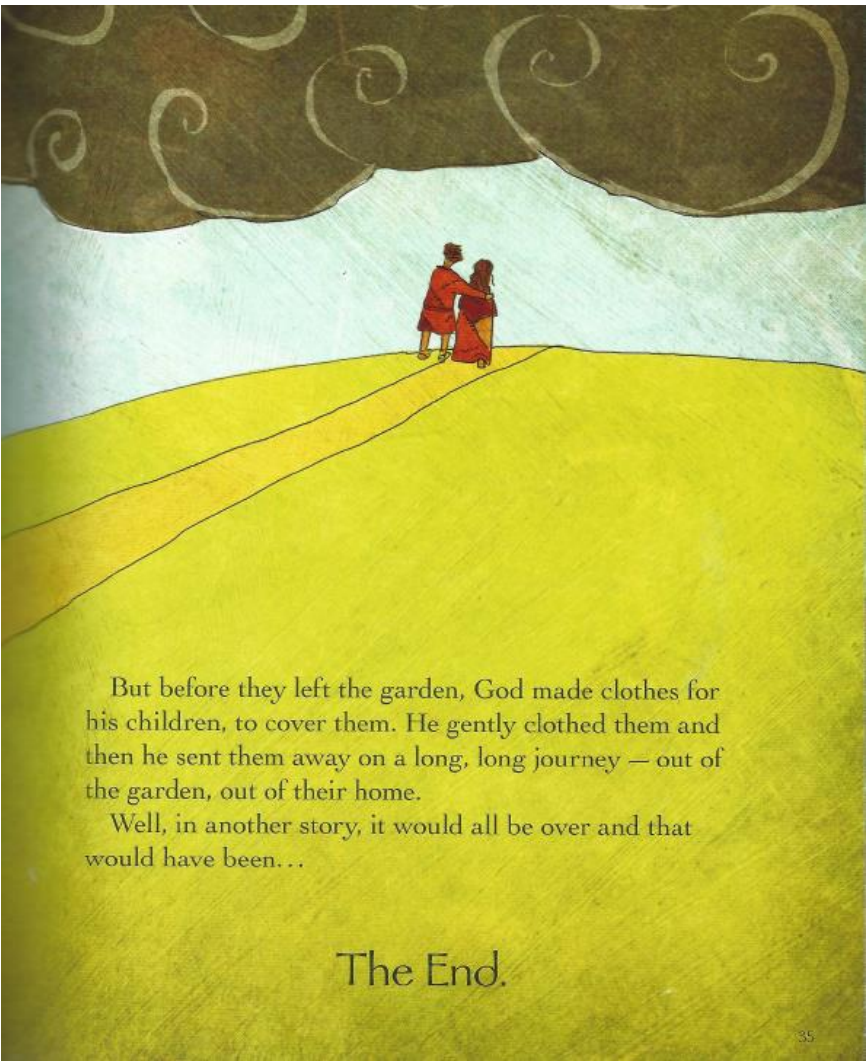


An illustration of a savanna landscape with a light blue sky and rolling yellow-green hills. In the foreground, several animals are shown in profile, looking towards the right: a giraffe with orange and white spots, a lion with a golden mane, a brown rhinoceros, a red bird with blue decorative feathers, and a toucan with a large, colorful beak.

You see, sin had come into God's perfect world. And it would never leave. God's children would be always running away from him and hiding in the dark. Their hearts would break now, and never work properly again.

God couldn't let his children live forever, not in such pain, not without him. There was only one way to protect them.

"You will have to leave the garden now," God told his children, his eyes filling with tears. "This is no longer your true home, it's not the place for you anymore."

An illustration of a rolling yellow-green hill under a dark, stormy sky with swirling white clouds. Two small figures, Adam and Eve, are standing on the crest of the hill, looking out over the landscape. They are wearing red robes.

But before they left the garden, God made clothes for his children, to cover them. He gently clothed them and then he sent them away on a long, long journey — out of the garden, out of their home.

Well, in another story, it would all be over and that would have been...

The End.

But not in this Story.

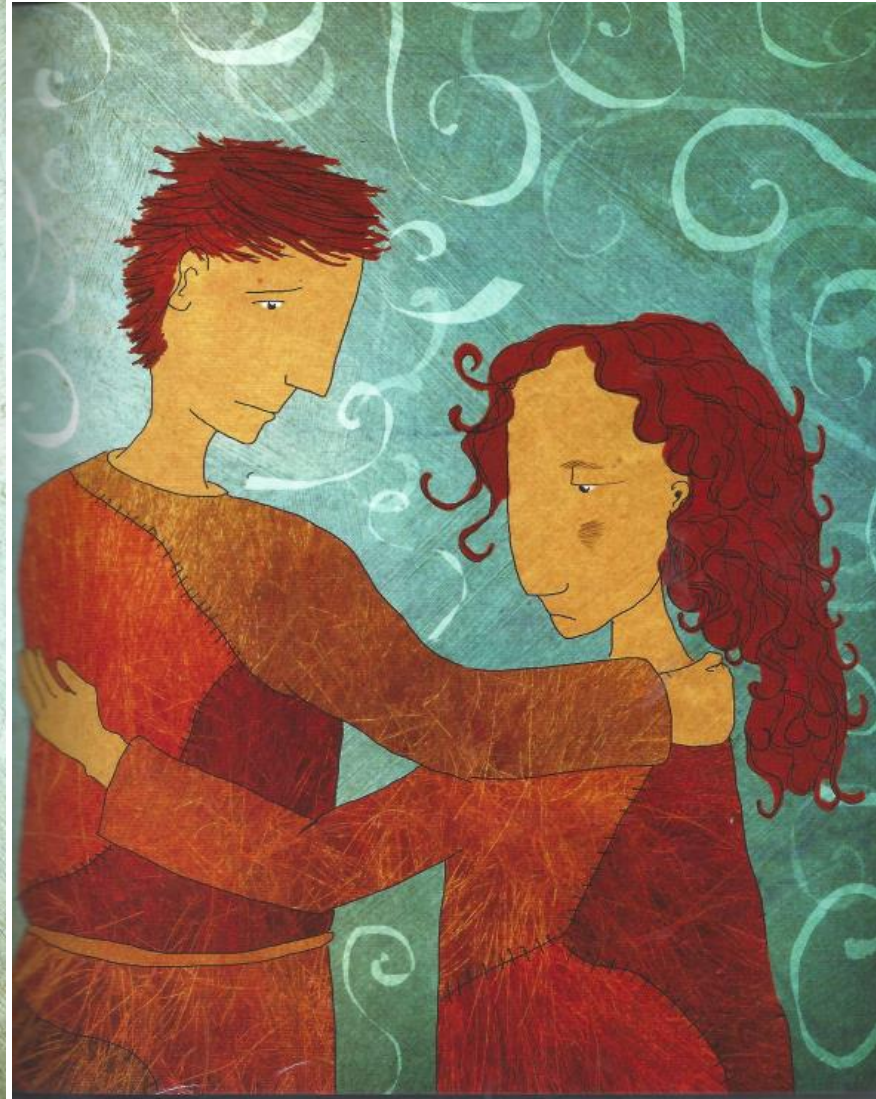
God loved his children too much to let the story end there. Even though he knew he would suffer, God had a plan — a magnificent dream. One day, he would get his children back. One day, he would make the world their perfect home again. And one day, he would wipe away every tear from their eyes.

You see, no matter what, in spite of everything, God would love his children — with a Never Stopping, Never Giving Up, Unbreaking, Always and Forever Love.

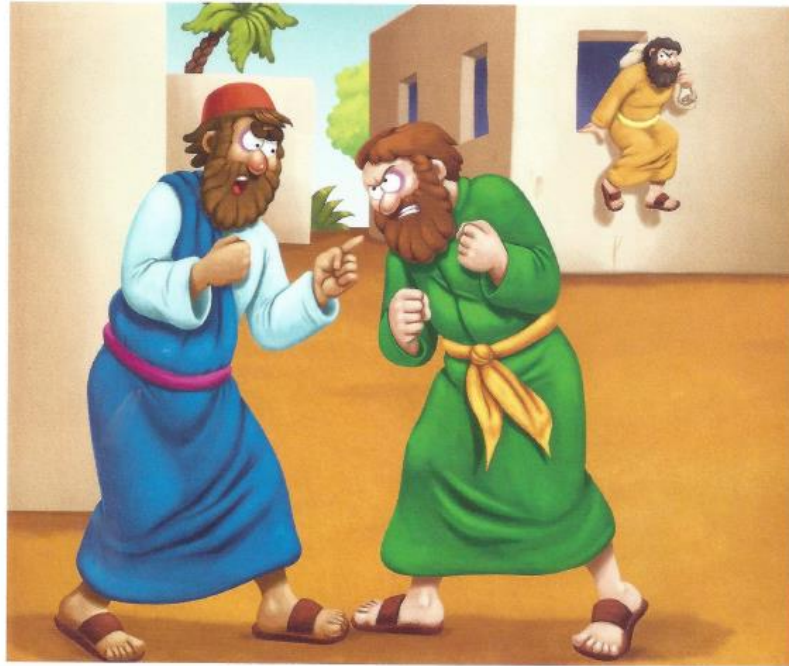
And though they would forget him, and run from him, deep in their hearts, God's children would miss him always, and long for him — lost children yearning for their home.

Before they left the garden, God whispered a promise to Adam and Eve: "It will not always be so! I will come to rescue you! And when I do, I'm going to do battle against the snake. I'll get rid of the sin and the dark and the sadness you let in here. I'm coming back for you!"

And he would. One day, God himself would come.





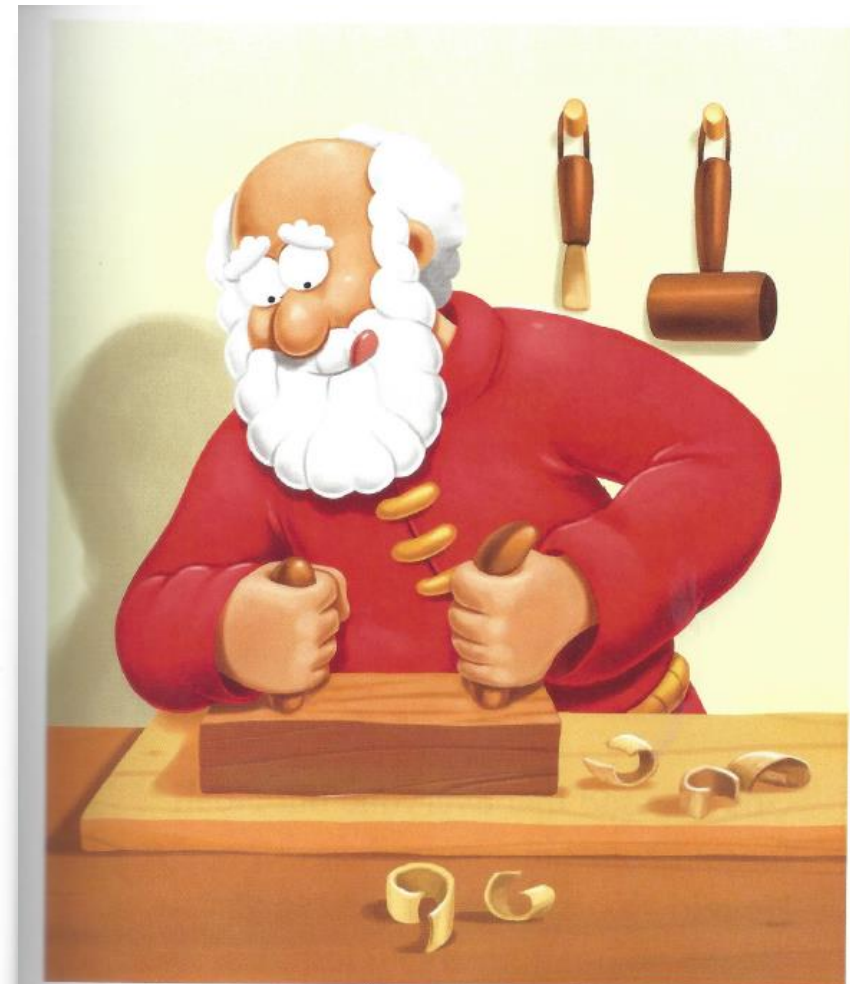


## Noah's Ark

Genesis 6-9

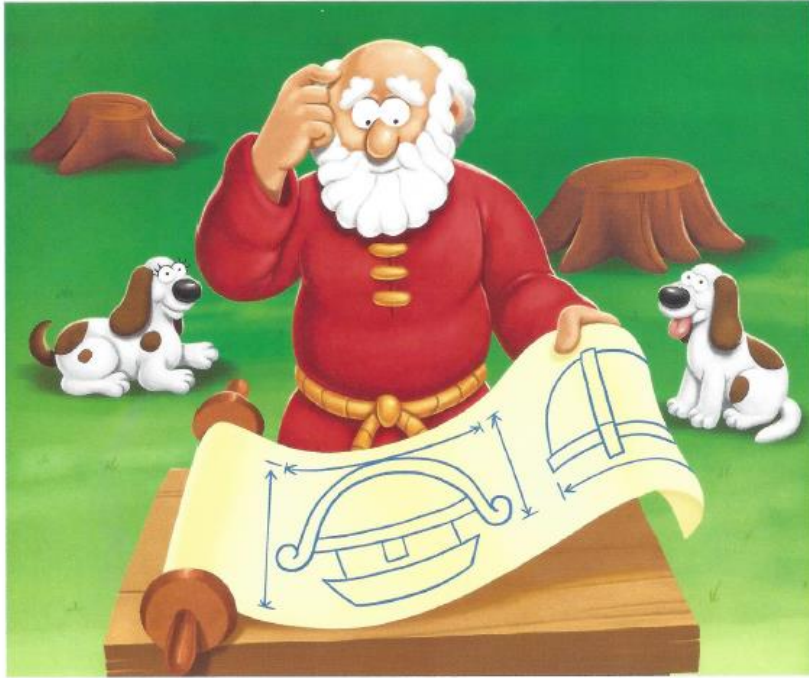
After Adam and Eve left the garden,  
many people were born.  
The people kept doing bad things,  
and they forgot about God.

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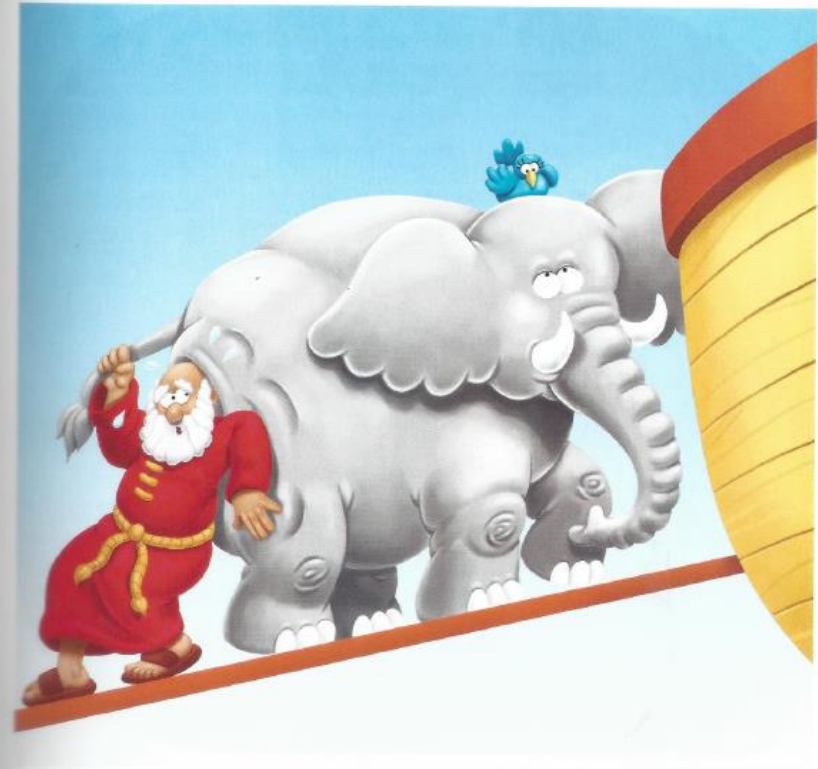
Except Noah. Noah loved God.

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God was sad that everyone but Noah forgot about him. He told Noah about his plan to start over. "Make yourself an ark," God said. "Here's how." So Noah and his family began working on the ark.

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When it was done, God said, "Take your family and two of every animal into the ark." Animals crept, crawled, hopped, and galloped onto Noah's new boat.

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After everyone was inside,  
the rain began to fall.  
And fall. And fall.  
The ark rocked this way and  
that way on the rising water.

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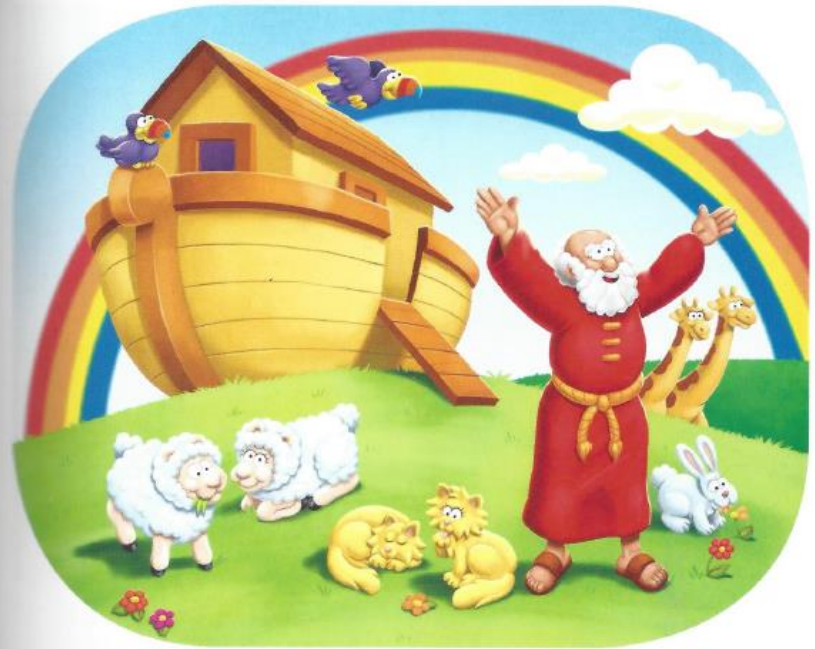
Finally, the rain stopped.  
Water covered everything!  
Everyone inside the ark was safe.  
Noah and his family were very happy.

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One day, Noah sent a dove to find land.  
It flew and flew but never found any.  
So it came back. One week later,  
Noah sent the dove out again.  
This time it brought him an olive leaf.  
Noah cheered, "It must have found land!"

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The ark finally came to rest on  
the top of a mountain.  
God told Noah to leave the ark.  
Noah and his family praised God.  
God put a beautiful rainbow in the sky.  
It was a sign of his promise to  
never flood the whole earth again.

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## A new beginning

*Noah's ark, from Genesis 6–9*



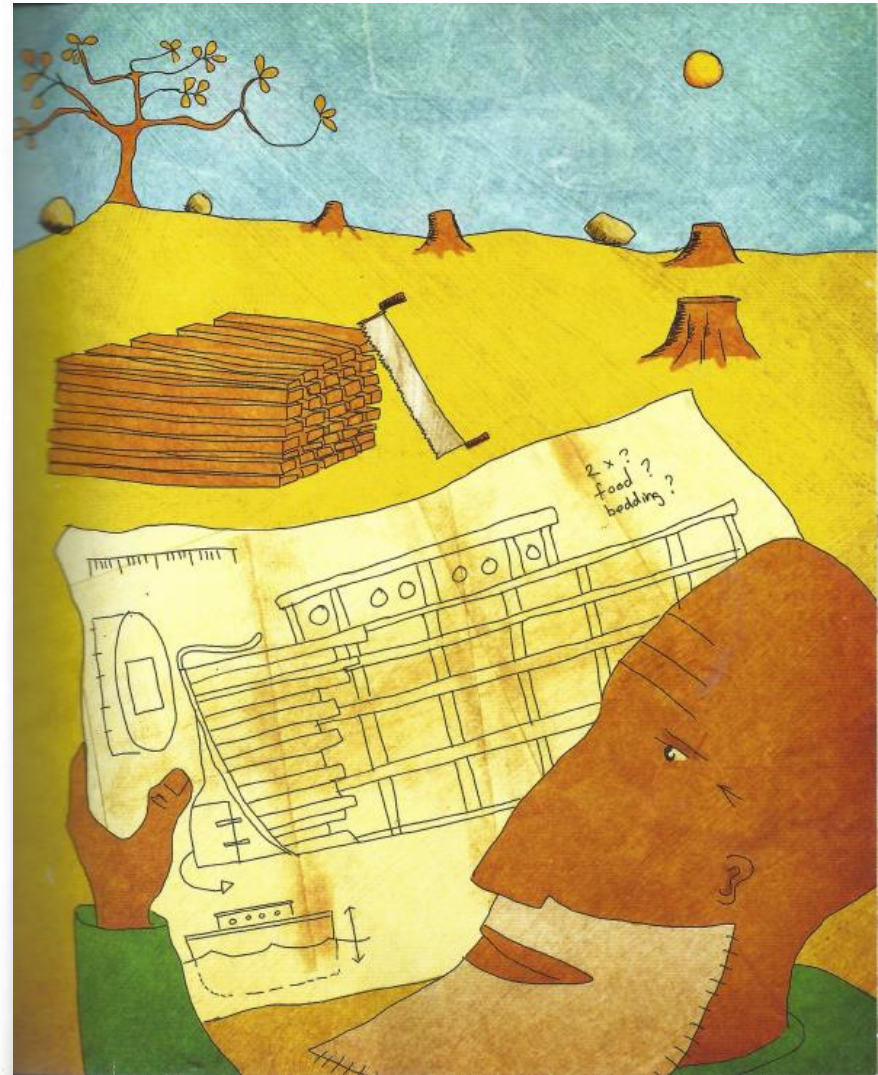
NOAH

TIME PASSED and many people filled the earth. Everyone everywhere had forgotten about God and were only doing bad things all the time.

God's heart was filled with pain when he saw what had happened to the world he loved. Everywhere was disease and death and destruction — all the things God hates most.

Now, Noah was God's friend (which was odd in those days because no one else was). Noah listened to God. He talked to God. He just loved being with God, like you do with your best friend.

"Noah," God said. "Things have gone wrong. People have filled my world with hate instead of love. They are destroying themselves ... and each other ... and my world. I must stop them. First, we'll build an ark." (Do you know how to build an ark? Neither did Noah. Luckily, God knew and he would show him.)



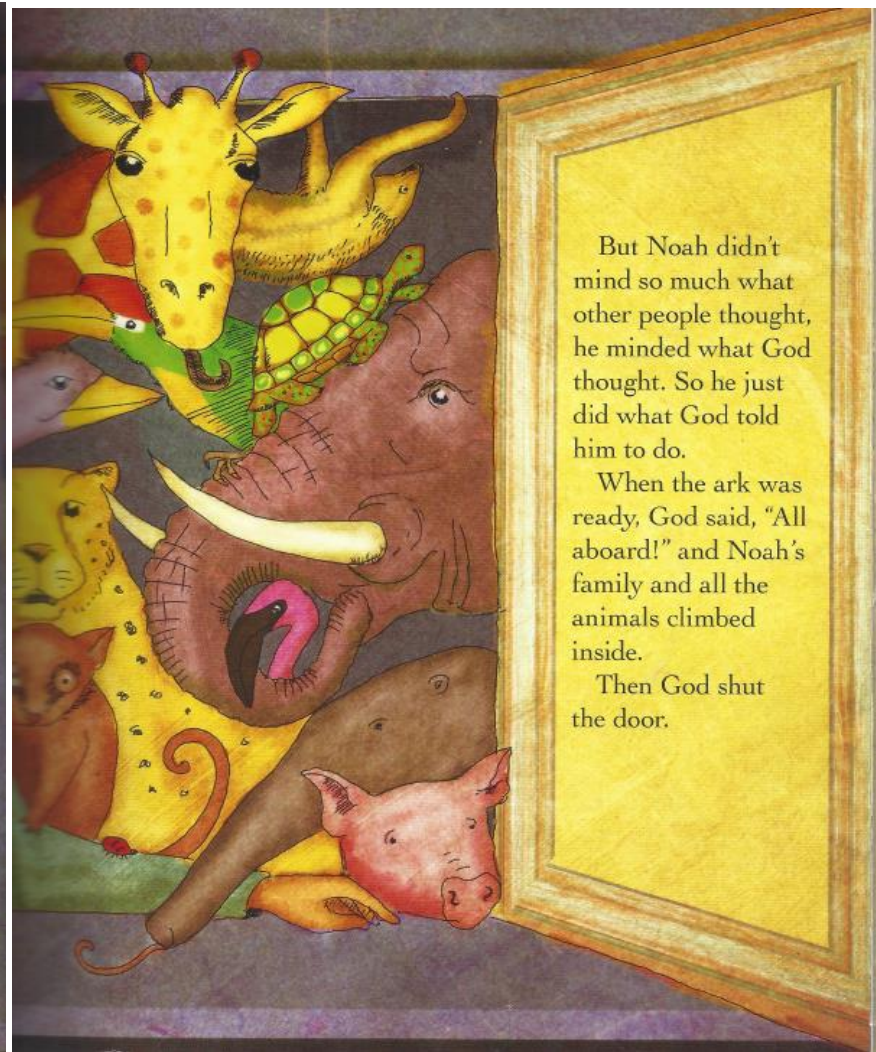
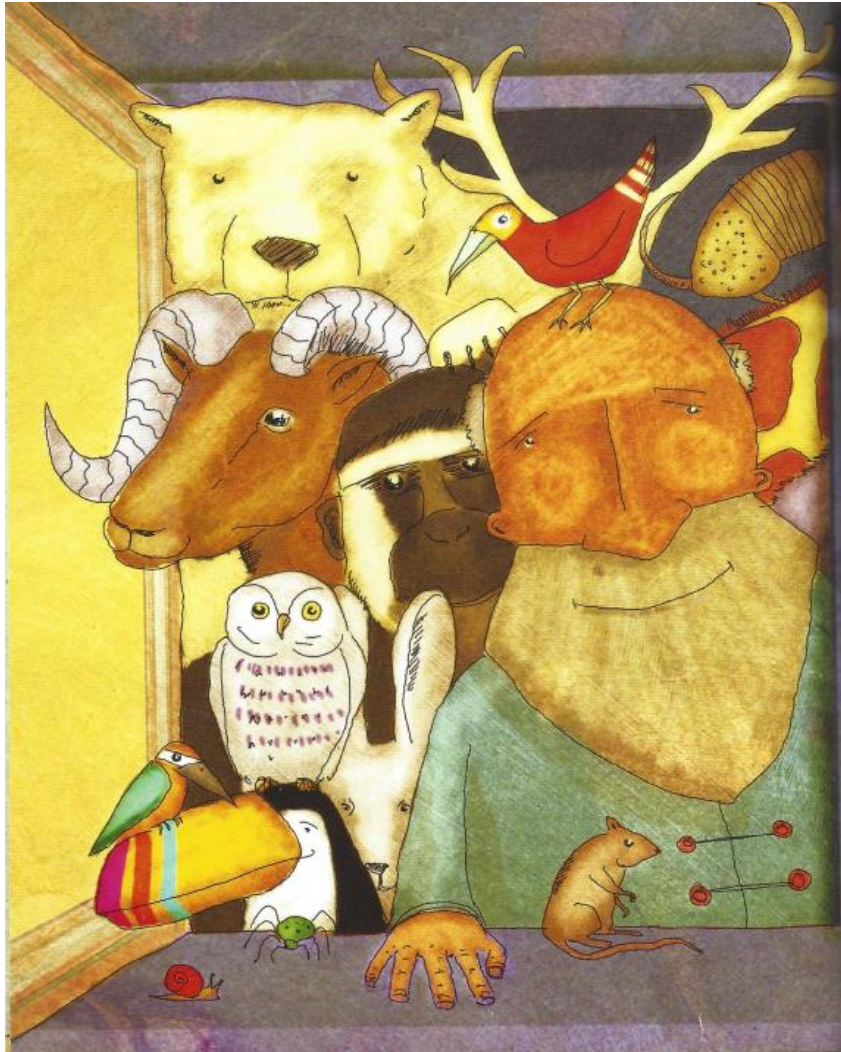
"A storm is coming," God told Noah. "But I will rescue you. I promise. I'll send the animals to you — ones that creep and crawl and slither and slime and gallop and hop and bound and climb. And don't forget to pack everyone's food."


The storm was going to wash away all the hate and sadness and everything that had gone wrong, and make the world clean again. God had thought up a way to keep Noah safe, but Noah would have to trust God and do exactly what God told him.

So Noah built an ark (short for very large boat).

Noah's neighbors came out to watch ... and point ... and laugh, because they didn't believe Noah about the boat ... or the storm ... or needing to be rescued. And Noah must have looked rather silly. His boat was in the desert, the desert was nowhere near the sea, and there wasn't even a cloud in the sky. Why would anyone need an umbrella, let alone a boat?







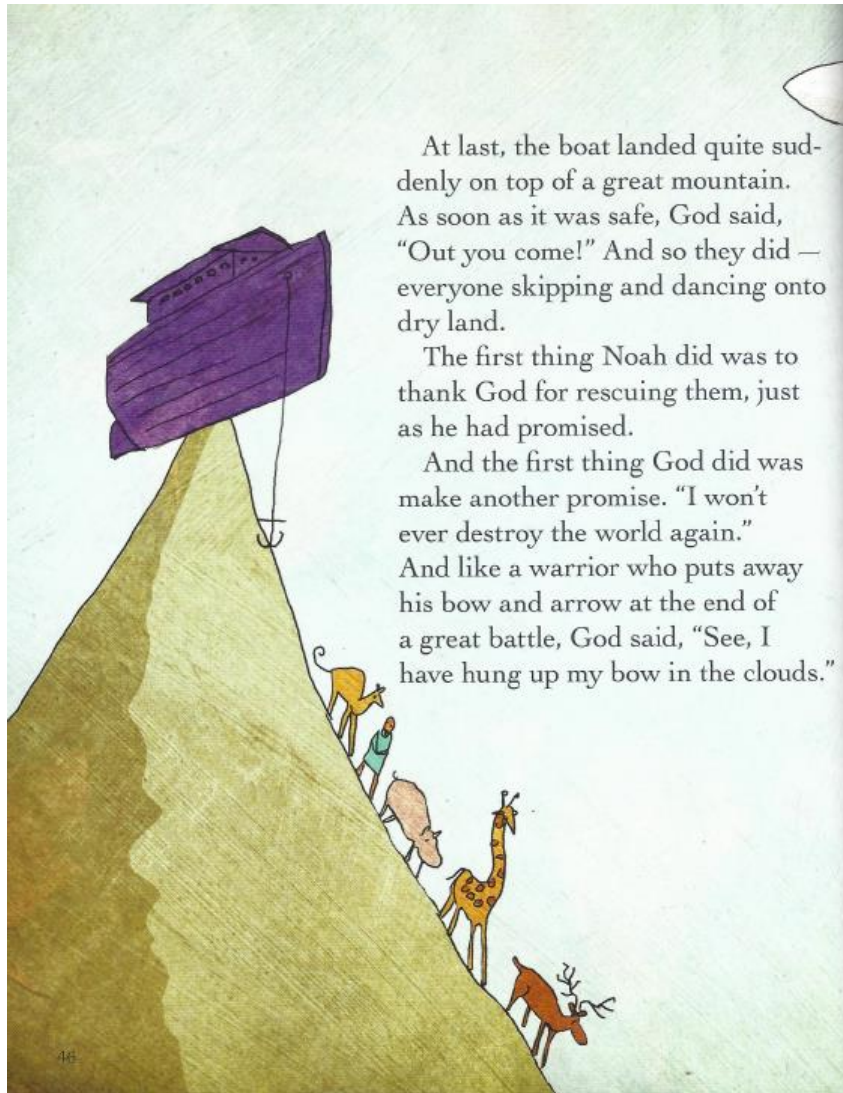
And it started raining — for minutes, that joined up into hours, that joined up into days, that joined up into weeks and weeks. And the rain joined up into puddles, that joined up into rivers, that joined up into lakes, that joined up into a flood that covered the whole world.

Their boat that had once seemed so big, suddenly seemed very small. But in the middle of the huge storm, in the crashing waves, in all the thunder and lightning — through it all — God was with them. And God kept them safe for 40 long days and 40 long nights.

Finally, the rain stopped. The sun came out and Noah threw open all the windows. “Hooray!” everyone shouted.

Noah sent his dove out to explore, and it wasn’t long before she brought him back a fresh olive leaf. Everyone knew exactly what that meant: she had found a tree — and land! The water was going down.

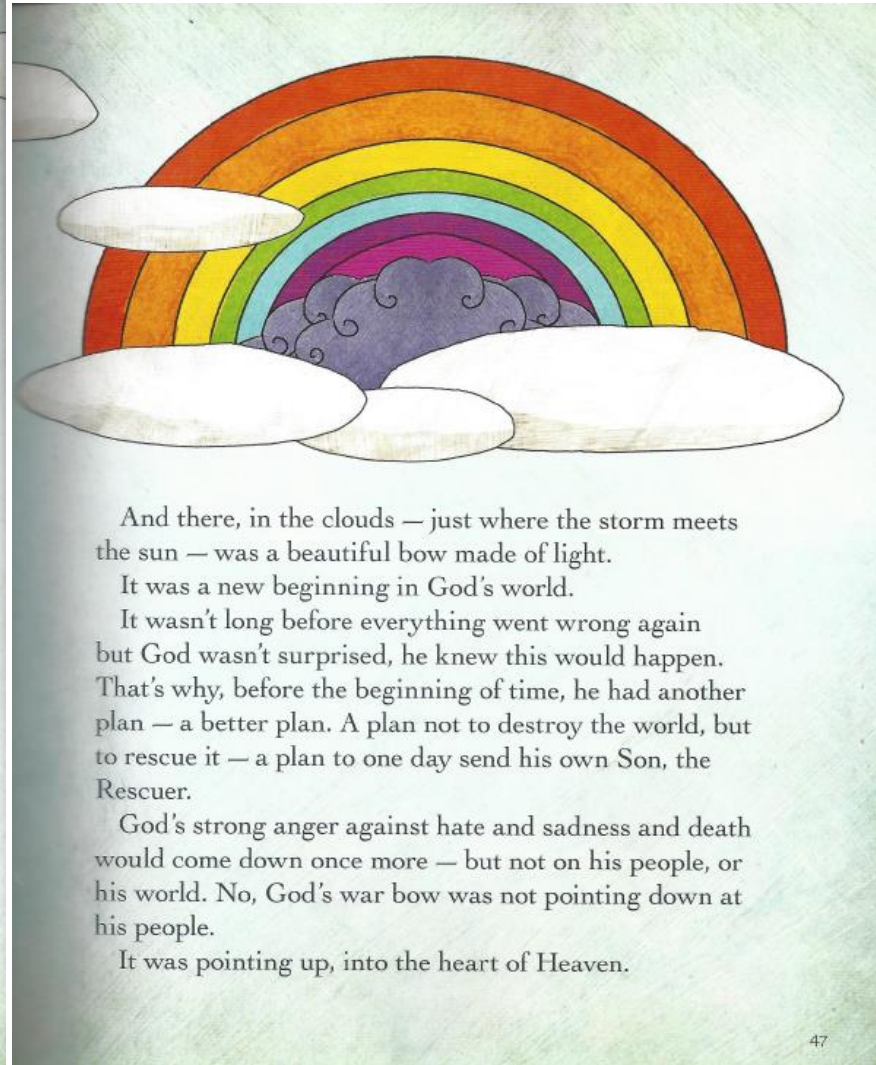




At last, the boat landed quite suddenly on top of a great mountain. As soon as it was safe, God said, "Out you come!" And so they did — everyone skipping and dancing onto dry land.

The first thing Noah did was to thank God for rescuing them, just as he had promised.

And the first thing God did was make another promise. "I won't ever destroy the world again." And like a warrior who puts away his bow and arrow at the end of a great battle, God said, "See, I have hung up my bow in the clouds."



And there, in the clouds — just where the storm meets the sun — was a beautiful bow made of light.

It was a new beginning in God's world.

It wasn't long before everything went wrong again but God wasn't surprised, he knew this would happen. That's why, before the beginning of time, he had another plan — a better plan. A plan not to destroy the world, but to rescue it — a plan to one day send his own Son, the Rescuer.

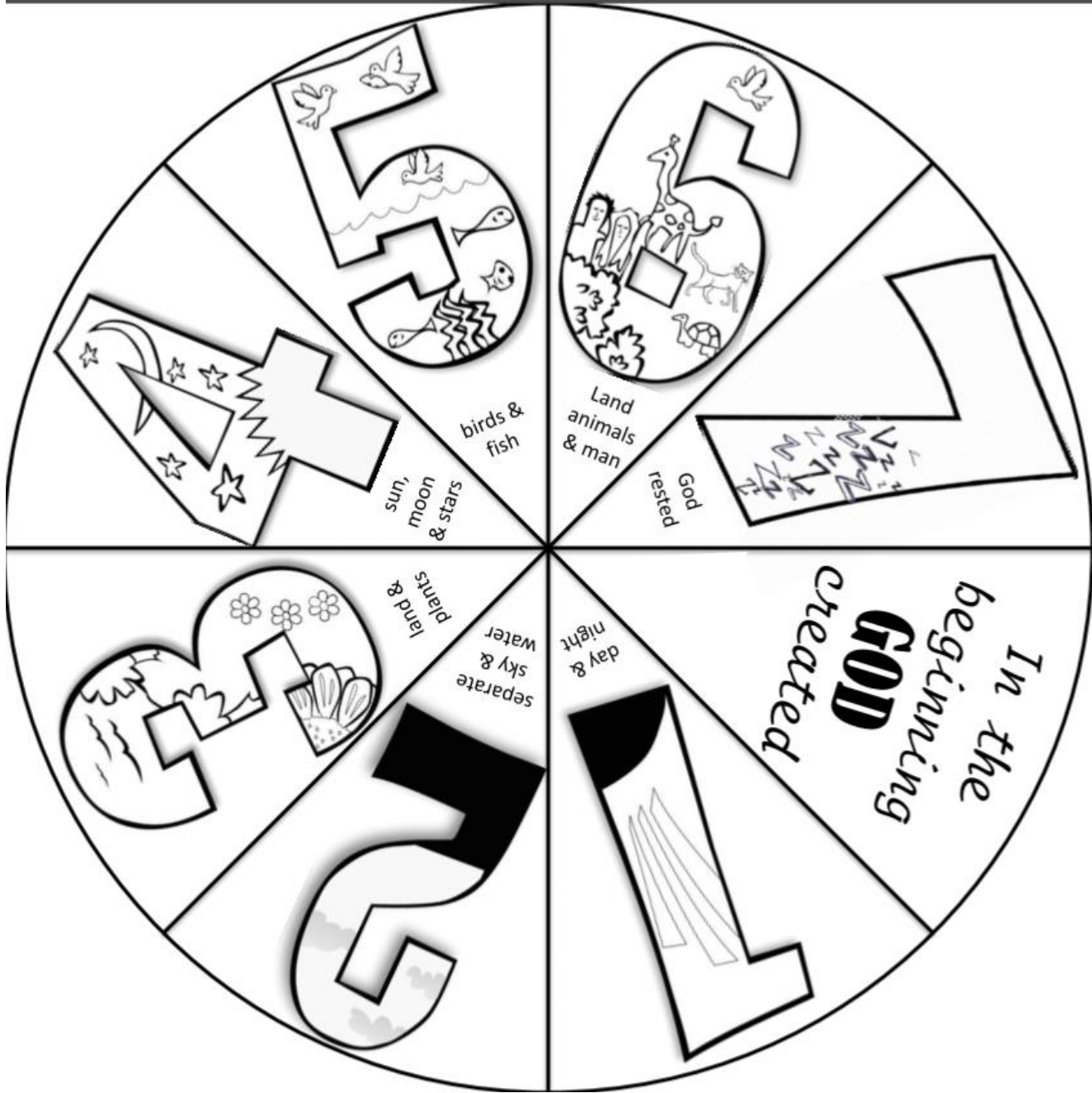
God's strong anger against hate and sadness and death would come down once more — but not on his people, or his world. No, God's war bow was not pointing down at his people.

It was pointing up, into the heart of Heaven.

# Days of **CREATION**

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God creates the world.

Genesis 1:1—2:25



God made the world.

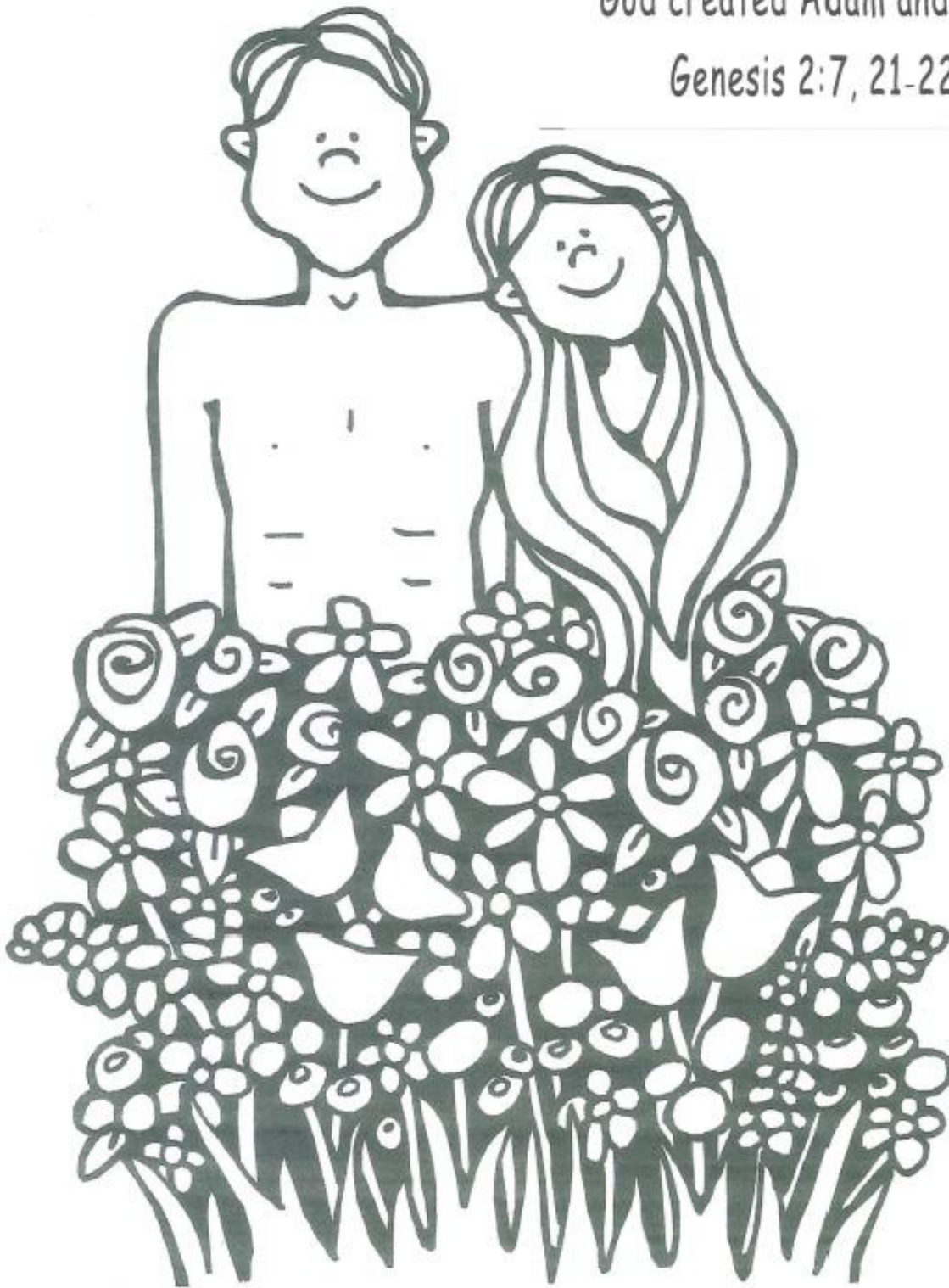
Genesis 1—2:25



What is something God made that you are glad for?

God created Adam and Eve

Genesis 2:7, 21-22



# Adam and Eve disobey God.

Genesis 3:1-24



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Noah was a man who loved God. One day God said, "Noah, I am going to send a flood that will cover the land. I want you to build an ark." So Noah did.

