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The very first words in God's book the Bible say, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

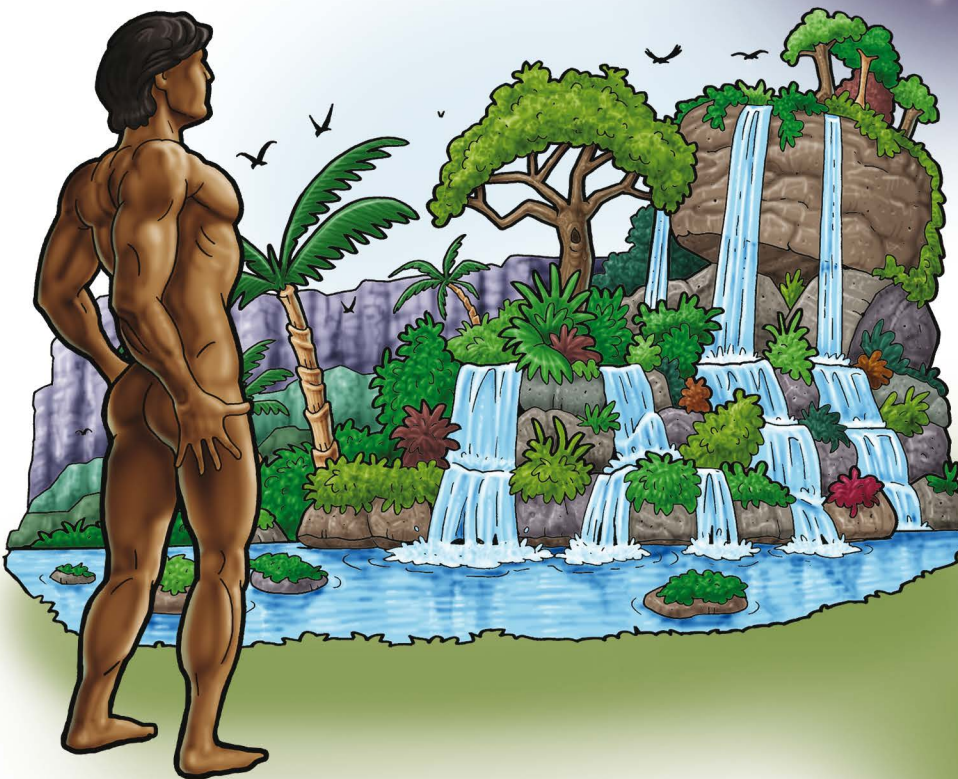
God made the whole world and all the things in it out of nothing! God is the only One strong enough to make something out of nothing!

God filled the world with good things. He made the plants and trees, the sun, moon and stars, the water and dry land. He filled the waters with fish and the skies with colourful birds.



Next, God filled the earth with animals of every size, shape and colour!

Finally, God made Adam, the first man.



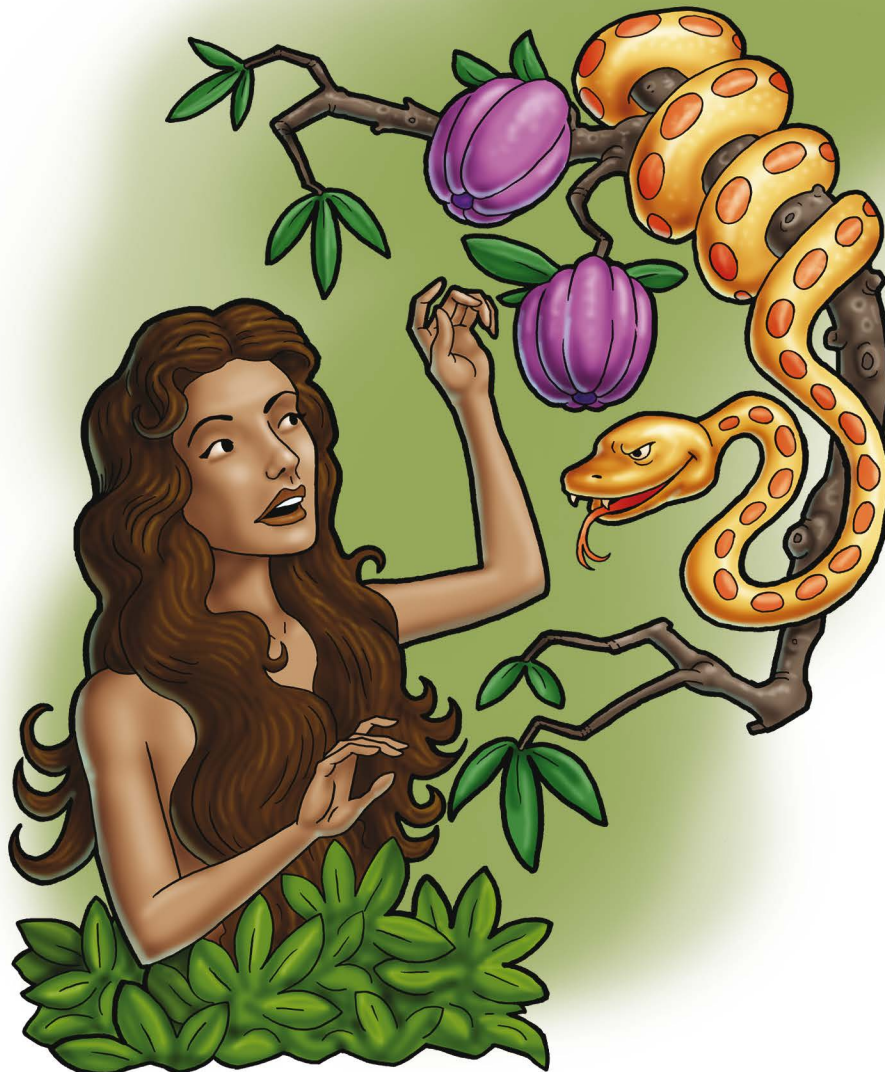
But God found that it was not good for the man to be alone. And so from the rib of the man God created the first woman, Eve.

Adam and Eve lived a happy life in the Garden of Eden. Each day God came to the garden and talked with them.



God told Adam and Eve they could eat the fruit from any tree in the garden except for one. They could not eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

God said if they ate that fruit they would die.



One day, along came a serpent, who was really Satan.

The serpent talked to Eve. He told her she should eat the fruit, even though God had said not to.

Eve listened to the serpent. She picked the fruit from the tree and then...she ate it!



Eve gave the fruit to Adam and he also took a big bite of it.
Adam and Eve had disobeyed God. They had sinned!

The Bible says that sin leads to death. But because God loved Adam and Eve He brought a lamb to die in their place. The lamb did not sin. The lamb did not deserve to die.

God also promised Adam and Eve that He would send a Saviour to pay for the sins of the entire world, so that any one who believes in Him could be saved from their sin.





You see, Adam and Eve are not the only sinners! The Bible says "For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God." Rom 3:23. That means that you and I are also sinners. We all think, say and do things that God tells us not to do. We all disobey God.

Just like Adam and Eve, you deserve to die for your sin. But because God loves you so much He sent Jesus Christ to die in your place.

Jesus Christ did not sin. Jesus Christ did not deserve to die. He died on the cross to pay for your sin. Jesus Christ is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. He is the Saviour that God promised to send. The Bible says, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved!" "saved!" Acts 16:31 In our next lesson you will see the wonderful story of how Jesus came to this world to save you!



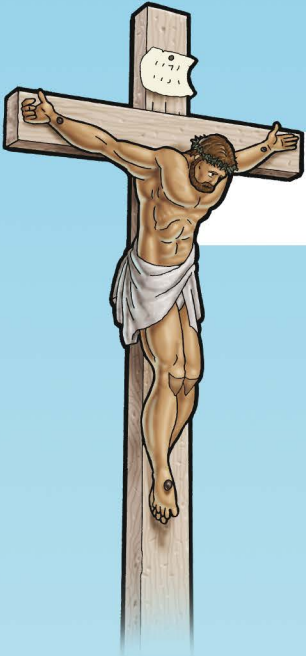
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and you will be saved. Acts 16:31



He was born for us



He lived for us



He died for us



... so we may
have everlasting
life with Him.



Have you accepted the
free gift of salvation?

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son (Jesus Christ), that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16