

## 02.01 The Fall (Genesis 2:8–17, 25; 3:1–24)

✓ “Check” it out; opinion, inference, supposed conversation, or fact one can verify follows

[. . .] indicates a remark to the teacher that usually should not be read. It also indicates answers to questions.

### Visuals and Tools:

- Genesis Series 1 Flash a Cards, “Creation, Adam, and Cain,” from A Beka Book and/or pictures and other visuals found at the end of this lesson. Please give credit to the sources of pictures.
- (optional) “Our Cursed World” poster from Answers in Genesis
- (optional) *D Is for Dinosaur* and/or *A Is for Adam* books and/or videos from Answers in Genesis
- (optional) A wordless book or its colors (gold, black or dark, red, white, green) in felt; a small wordless book for each of the students
- A dog puppet, a good mirror, and a defaced or cracked mirror if doing the puppet play found at the end of this lesson
- Check “Activities” and “Handwork” found below for additional materials to prepare.

**Bible Time Tips and Terms to Teach:** [Flashcard words are enlarged at the end of this lesson. Print, cut out, and glue to card stock, or just print on colorful cardstock.]

- *enmity*: think of the word *enemy*; a hostile relationship with someone else
- *offspring* or *seed*: children and children’s children, *etc.*; descendants
- *death*: physical: separation of the body from the soul; spiritual: separation from God

### Scripture: (ESV)

Genesis 2:8 And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

10 A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. 11 The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. 12 And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. 13 The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. 14 And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” . . .

25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” 2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” 4 But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” 10 And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” 11 He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” 12 The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” 13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

14 The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. 15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

16 To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.”

17 And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; 18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. 19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

20 The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. 21 And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

22 Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—” 23 therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. 24 He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

### **Introduction/Review:**

We’ve learned about all that God created. We’ve learned that He just spoke things into existence and that everything He made has a wonderful design. He made angels, but one of them wanted to be like the Most High God. He was Lucifer or the devil or Satan.

God made only one thing in His own image; that is humans. Those first two humans, Adam and Eve, were completely perfect—without any sin or guilt. They could walk around freely being unclothed—naked—and not be ashamed. It was all good then but not now.

### **Story:**

#### ***The rule***

God gave Adam work to do. It was pleasant work, for he tended a garden called Eden. This garden was perfect; no weeds ever sprouted, and it was watered by a mist without Adam’s help. Fruits on trees were available to eat. This was paradise—an absolutely perfect place to live. Two special trees grew in the middle of this paradise garden, the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. What do you suppose the names of those trees mean? [Life: living forever; knowledge of good and evil: knowing good and evil.] Did Adam and his wife, Eve, know anything about evil (bad)? No, for all they knew was good because God had made everything good.

God gave only one rule to obey: “You shall not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” That doesn’t sound like a hard rule to keep, does it? Just not to eat of one tree when they had many others from which to eat? Piece of cake!

#### ***The tempter***

Now, we told you about Lucifer (Satan, the devil). Remember, he wants everyone to do wrong—to sin. Do you think he would leave this perfect man and woman alone? No. Do you think he would tempt them to sin? Absolutely!

This is how he did it. He appeared to Eve as a beautiful creature with whom Eve ✓seemed to be familiar, for she talked freely with him. That creature is called a serpent in most Bible translations, but the term *nachash* is the same Hebrew word as *seraph* and is normally a synonym for serpents when used in the Hebrew Bible (Wikipedia and Logos Bible Program). ✓Therefore, I wonder whether she saw an upright snake or Satan himself in his angelic form. I will say it was the angel Satan [even though I know he was designated a cherub and not a seraph]. If this creature was in the form of a serpent, he was certainly given words to speak by Satan himself.

Satan approached Eve with a question: “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’”

### ***Eve’s answer***

Eve answered, “Oh, we may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, neither shall you touch it, or you will die.’”

Let’s examine Eve’s answer. What was the rule God had made? [“You shall not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”] What did Eve say the rule was? [“You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, *neither shall you touch it*, or you will die.”] Do you hear the difference between what God said and what Eve said? Eve said, “Neither shall you touch it.” Well, I’m sure it would have been a good idea not to touch a tree from which you are not supposed to eat, but that’s not what God said. However, the important thing is that God did say they should not eat and would die after eating that fruit.

### ***The lies***

But Satan directly contradicted God and said to Eve, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

There are two lies and one truth in Satan’s reply. What are the lies? [“You will not surely die.” “You will be like God.”] What is the one truth? [“You will know good and evil.”] Sometimes the deceiver tempts *us* by making us think about the truth of his propositions instead of the lies that surround it. ✓Maybe that’s what happened with Eve, for the Bible states, “So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate.” Why did she eat the fruit? [It looked tasty; it looked pretty; it would make her wise.] She was deceived, and she didn’t check with her husband before taking this big step—making a decision to do something God had forbidden.

### ***The sin***

Yes, Eve was deceived, but she also gave some of the fruit to her husband who was with her, and he ate (Gen. 3:6, ESV). Immediately, Adam and Eve were ashamed; they knew they were naked and didn’t like it. So they sewed some fig leaves together in order to cover themselves. Whereas they had always enjoyed visiting with God before, now they didn’t want even to see Him. They hid themselves among the trees of the garden!

### ***The blaming***

When the Lord God came to visit in the garden, He called, “Where are you?”

Adam answered, “I heard you coming in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”

God asked, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”

Adam answered, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”

Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?”

Eve passed the blame just as Adam had done and answered, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

Then the blame-passing ceased and ✓the utter horror of their disobedience came crashing upon these two as God pronounced His judgment on them for this first sin of mankind.

### ***The consequences: Satan***

First, to Satan God said, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.” (✓The interpretation of the serpent’s being Satan states that Satan would now be cast lower than even the beasts of the field, no longer enjoying the glories of the third heaven, according to the Logos Bible Software.)

The next punishment God gave Satan is foundational for our understanding all of the Bible, all history, and all our personal lives. Listen to it: “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring/seed and her offspring/seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel” (Genesis 3:15).

Let’s pull this verse apart so that you understand it. What does “I will put enmity between you and the woman” mean? [God would make Satan and the woman be enemies.] Explain “*and between your offspring and her offspring.*” [The woman’s children, especially her *Child*—Jesus Christ—and Satan and his followers would be enemies.] “*He*” (Jesus), not “*They*,” (people), would bruise the head of Satan: Jesus would one day so hurt Satan (his head) that he eventually could no longer rule over them. “You shall bruise his heel” means that, in dying on the cross for our sins and defeating Satan, Jesus’ heel would be bruised as it would be nailed to the cross.

### ***The consequences: Eve and Adam***

To the woman God said two things: (1) “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. (2) Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.” Eve is not the only one who has experienced this; ✓every married woman has been contrary to her husband, at least in her mind. Every mother bears children with tremendous physical pain. The curse of sin has passed on to Eve’s offspring.

Adam, too, had consequences for his sin that are passed down to us all. God said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife instead of obeying Me and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you. . . . By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Someone summarize this curse of the ground for me. [From then on man’s work would be hard because of thistles and thorns in the ground. Man would sweat in working for food.]

### ***The covering***

How did God remedy this death—this separation? He killed some animals in order to make clothes so that Adam and Eve could cover their nakedness with something more permanent than their own flimsy attempts at clothing. An innocent animal had to die in order to pay the price for sin. God expelled Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden so that they would not eat from the Tree of Life and live forever in their sin. To make sure they did not return to the garden, God set at least three cherubim (Hebrew word is for plural, not just dual, or two angels) and “a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.”

### ***The result***

What is the result of this first sin, this fall of mankind? What do we have now that proves our world is no longer perfect? [Teacher, use the poster, “Our Cursed World” from Answers in Genesis here.] Here is a list

that might be incomplete but covers eight general areas. Whereas, before the Fall all was “very good,” now we have (1) cosmic pain and aging; (2) conflict; (3) thorns and weeds; (4) disease; (5) suffering; (6) carnivores; (7) venom/poison; and (8) death. The most devastating effect is that now every person born into this world has a sin nature that separates him or her from God. The only hope of sinners is to be saved by the blood of Jesus Christ.

### ***The death***

Did Adam and Eve die after they sinned? Didn’t God say they would die? Yes. Well, they didn’t drop dead on the spot physically, but they immediately died spiritually. [Teacher, teach the “object lesson” found below to explain spiritual death. Here is a shortened form of the lesson.] (*Place horizontally a rectangular piece representing Adam.*) At first God and Adam had a wonderful friendship. (*Place horizontally the second rectangular piece representing God.*) This piece will remind us of God. When Adam sinned, he was afraid because he died spiritually—his sin separated him from God. (*Move figures apart, inserting square representing sin.*) This block reminds us of spiritual death—separation from God. That is how Adam died the day he sinned. Also, from that day his physical body began to die.

You and I are also separated from God by our sin. The Bible says that sin must be punished (Romans 6:23). God’s own perfect Son, the Lord Jesus, came to earth to solve this problem for you and me. God sent His Son to die on the cross to take the punishment for your sin. (*Place vertically the long cross section over center block, forming a cross.*) God provided a solution to your sin problem through the blood of the Lord Jesus (1 John 1:7). You must believe Jesus died for your sins and is alive again. Only He can forgive your sins and give you eternal life.

### ***The end***

One day when Jesus comes again, all of this corruption will go away and the world will become like the Garden of Eden. Those who are born again of the Spirit of God will no longer sin but will be like Adam and Eve before their sin. Those who do not believe in Jesus as their Saviour from sin will go to a place of eternal torment while God’s children will spend eternity with Jesus.

### **Lessons from this lesson:**

- You need to understand that ever since this first sin, Satan, the enemy of God’s children, is at war with us and with Jesus Christ, God’s Son. Jesus can make those whom He saves conquerors over Satan.
- As the animals were slain so that Adam and Eve might have clothes, so Jesus Christ was slain so that we might have eternal life.

### **Activities:**

- Play dough: fruit of student’s own design; an angel or snake; trees; sword
- Sing “In the Beginning” found in Lesson 012.01.
- Read *D Is for Dinosaur* and/or *A Is for Adam* from Answers in Genesis.
- Do a puppet play (found below) with a dog or moose puppet.
- Sing the songs found at the end of this lesson.
- Solve “Bible Boggler” puzzle found below.
- Explain the wordless book:

Gold/heaven: No more death, pain, or crying (Rev. 21:4, 21)

Dark/sin: All have sinned; payment for sin is death (Rom. 3:23; 6:23)

Red/blood of Jesus: While we were sinners, Christ died for us (Rom 5:8)

White/cleansing: Many made sinners; by one man many made righteous (Rom. 5:19)

- Review questions: (Game: Use felt pieces cut from the 5 colors of the wordless book for each team to place for correct answers. Select questions from the abundance below.)
  1. What was the name of the angel who became jealous of God? [Lucifer.]
  2. What do we call Lucifer now? [The devil or Satan.]
  3. How did Satan disguise himself? [Took the form of a serpent.]
  4. Of what tree did God say not to eat? [The tree of the knowledge of good and evil.]
  5. What had God said about the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? [“You shall not eat of it or you will surely die.”]
  6. How did Eve change what God said about the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? [She said, “You shall not TOUCH it or you will surely die.”]
  7. What was the devil’s lie to Eve? [“You shall not surely die”; or they would become as gods.]
  8. What should Eve have done when she heard God’s Word contradicted? [Stopped listening to the serpent; asked her husband; asked God about what the serpent said.]
  9. Who has sinned in the time since Adam and Eve sinned? [Everyone who has been born except the Lord Jesus Christ.]
  10. What did Adam and Eve try to do to cover their sin? [Sewed fig leaves together.]
  11. Name at least one curse that came as a result of Adam and Eve’s “fall.” [1) Serpent went on its belly; 2) mothers would have pain and suffering in giving birth; 3) the ground would grow thorns and weeds, making farming hard work; 4) people would die and the body would become dust.]
  12. How did Adam and Eve die at the time they sinned? [Spiritually.]
  13. How did Adam and Eve die later? [Physically.]
  14. What did God do to cover Adam and Eve’s nakedness? [Sacrificed an animal so that they could be covered with its skins.]
  15. What did the sacrifice of the animal picture? [That Christ would come to die to pay for the sins of believers.]
  16. What is a lie? [An untruth.]
  17. Can people lie without talking? [yes] How? [By a look; by not saying anything when the truth needs to be told, *etc.*]
  18. How does God feel about lying? [He hates all lying.]

### **Handwork:**

- Copy the Adam and Eve paper dolls page (see below) onto card stock. Color the figures, cut out the clothing of skins, and slit the dotted lines on the shoulders of Adam and Eve. Have students retell this part of today’s story and clothe Adam and Eve with skins.

### **Memory Verse:**

- Romans 5:19 (NIV): For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

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offspring  
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Answers to puzzle on next page

**Adam and Eve ..... Page 7**

**Across**

1. LORD
3. EAST
4. LIFE
6. THEN
7. EYES
9. MADE

**Down**

2. DUST
3. EVIL
5. EDEN
6. TREE
8. SOME

# Bible Boggler

## Adam and Eve

Complete the puzzle with four-letter words from Genesis 2 and 3.

### 1 Across

The \_\_\_\_\_ God formed the man. (2:7)

### 2 Down

God formed the man from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the ground. (2:7)

### 3 Across

The direction mentioned in 2:8.

### 3 Down

The tree of the knowlege of good and \_\_\_\_\_ (2:9)

### 4 Across

God gave the breath of \_\_\_\_\_ to the man. (2:7)

### 5 Down

The name of the garden in 2:8.

### 6 Across

The first word of 2:22.

### 6 Down

Adam and Eve were free to eat from any \_\_\_\_\_ in the garden. (2:16)

### 7 Across

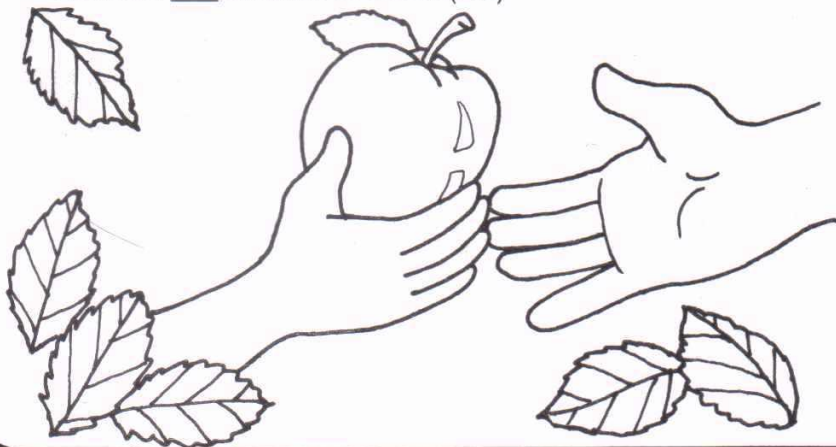
After their sin the \_\_\_\_\_ of Adam and Eve were opened. (3:7)

### 8 Down

When Eve saw the fruit, she took \_\_\_\_\_ and ate it. (3:6)

### 9 Across

The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ all kinds of trees. (2:9)



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by Helen Friesen



Matt, the Mirror Mutt (or Moose) in

“Reflecting God’s Image”

by Marilyn Alexander

(Print enlarged for easier reading)

(Howl) Hi there, kids. My name is Matt, the Mirror Moose/Mutt. I’ve been waiting to come to Bible Club/Sunday School, and I finally got here. I’m just a puppet: I’m not even a real moose/dog. I pretend to talk like humans and to know a lot about the Bible, but a puppet doesn’t know anything because its brain is just soft, fuzzy cloth. But I hope the person running this pretend puppet can use me to help you understand some things you need to know.

I understand you’ve been learning about creation. Is that right? Well, kids, who made you? [God]. I heard you sing “God Created Man in His Own Image.” Oh, I love to sing! Sometimes I’m called Matt the Moosical/Musical /Moose/Mutt. (Heh, heh!)

That song says “made in God’s image.” Now, you learned *made in God’s image* means we are made to reflect or mirror what God is like. See how my mirror reflects my image? People are to be like mirrors and reflect what God is like.

Hey, cadets, what are people supposed to “mirror” or reflect? [what God is like]

Well, what is God like, then? What should people reflect? [love, wisdom, truth] God is love, wisdom and truth. But people don’t do a very good job of reflecting God’s love, wisdom, and truth, do they? Do you know why? Let me tell you.

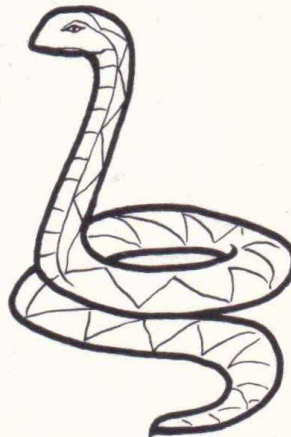
Adam and Eve were the first two people to reflect God’s love, and they did it perfectly all the time. But then Adam and Eve sinned and could no longer reflect God’s image. They were sort of like that messed-up mirror here. Since Adam and Eve, we all have sinned: “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23). A cracked mirror doesn’t reflect well at all. Sin, which is disobeying God, ruined God’s image in people. Now people can’t reflect God’s image, “for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23).

People can never reflect God’s image unless they get the new life Christ can give to those who believe on Him. That’s what that third mirror tells us: Christ, the perfect Son of God, came to earth to die on the cross to pay for the sin of those who believe on Him.

I sure wish people would reflect God’s image perfectly today, don’t you? I’m sorry to say that won’t happen unless Jesus gives a new life and saves from sin.

Well, I have to go now. I’ll see you later.

"For just as through the disobedience of the one man, the many were made sinners, So also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous" (Romans 5:19).



**The Adam and Eve Song** (altered; from [http://www.dltk-bible.com/genesis/adam\\_and\\_eve\\_song.htm](http://www.dltk-bible.com/genesis/adam_and_eve_song.htm))  
(Tune: "Farmer in the Dell")

God made the universe (repeat)  
He saw that it was good, Amen.  
God made the universe.

Then God created man (repeat)  
He made Adam in His likeness;  
Yes, God created man.

God made the woman Eve (repeat)  
He took a rib from Adam's side;  
God made the woman Eve.

God placed them in Eden (repeat)  
He said, "All this is yours for good."  
God placed them in Eden.

"But please don't eat the fruit." (repeat)  
Just please don't eat that fruit you see.  
"Oh, please don't eat the fruit."

A crafty creature lied. (repeat)  
He talked to Eve about the fruit.  
A crafty creature lied.

Eve ate forbidden fruit,  
And Adam ate it too.  
So that's how sin destroyed God's world—  
They disobeyed the Lord.

**In the Beginning** (altered)  
(Tune: "Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush")

God made Adam of the dust, of the dust, of the dust,  
He then made Adam go to sleep many years ago.

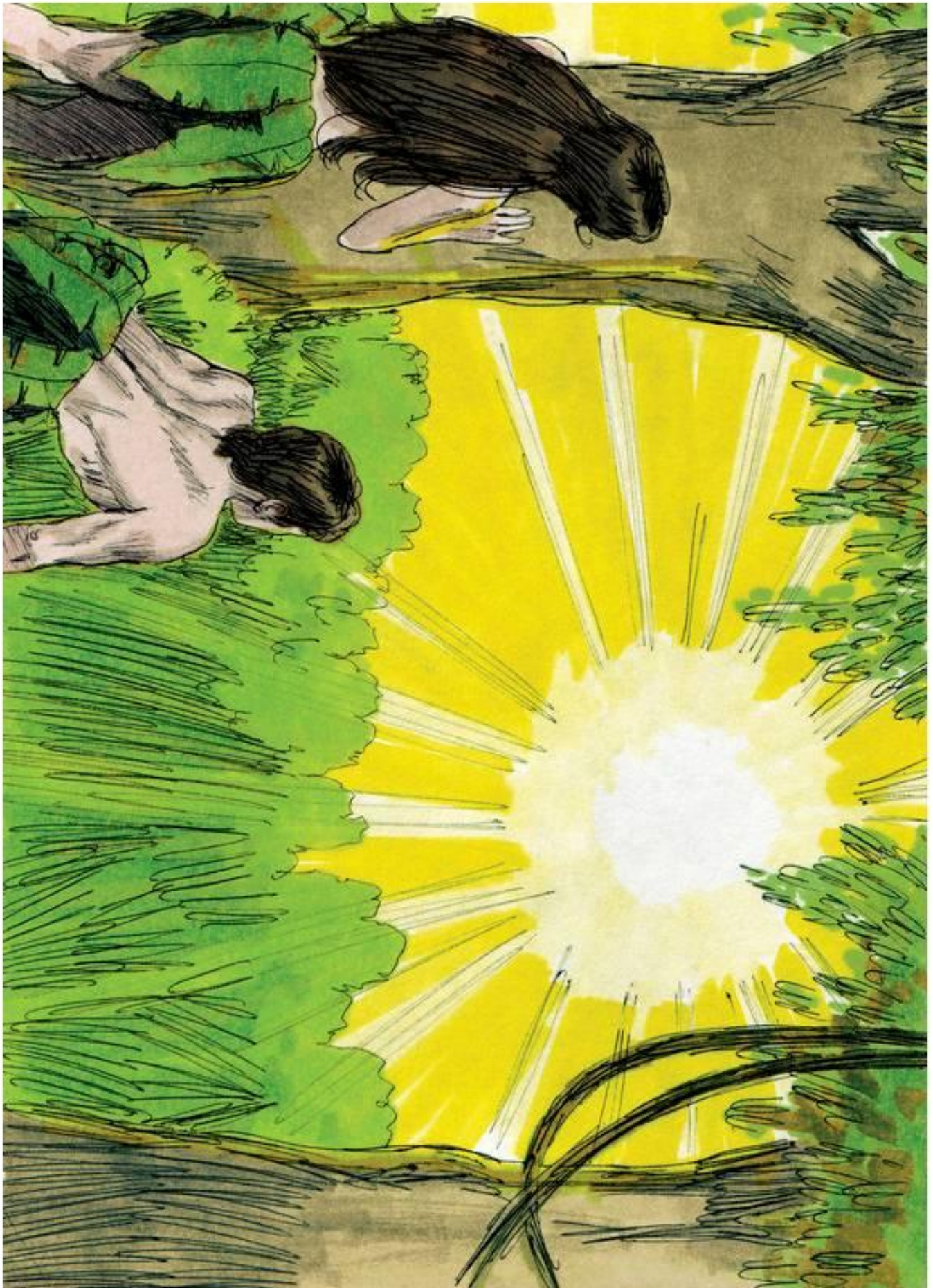
Eve was made of Adam's rib, Adam's rib, Adam's rib.  
In the Garden of Eden they did live many years ago.

Then old Satan came along, came along, came along.  
"If you eat the fruit, you will not die!" old Satan said to Eve.

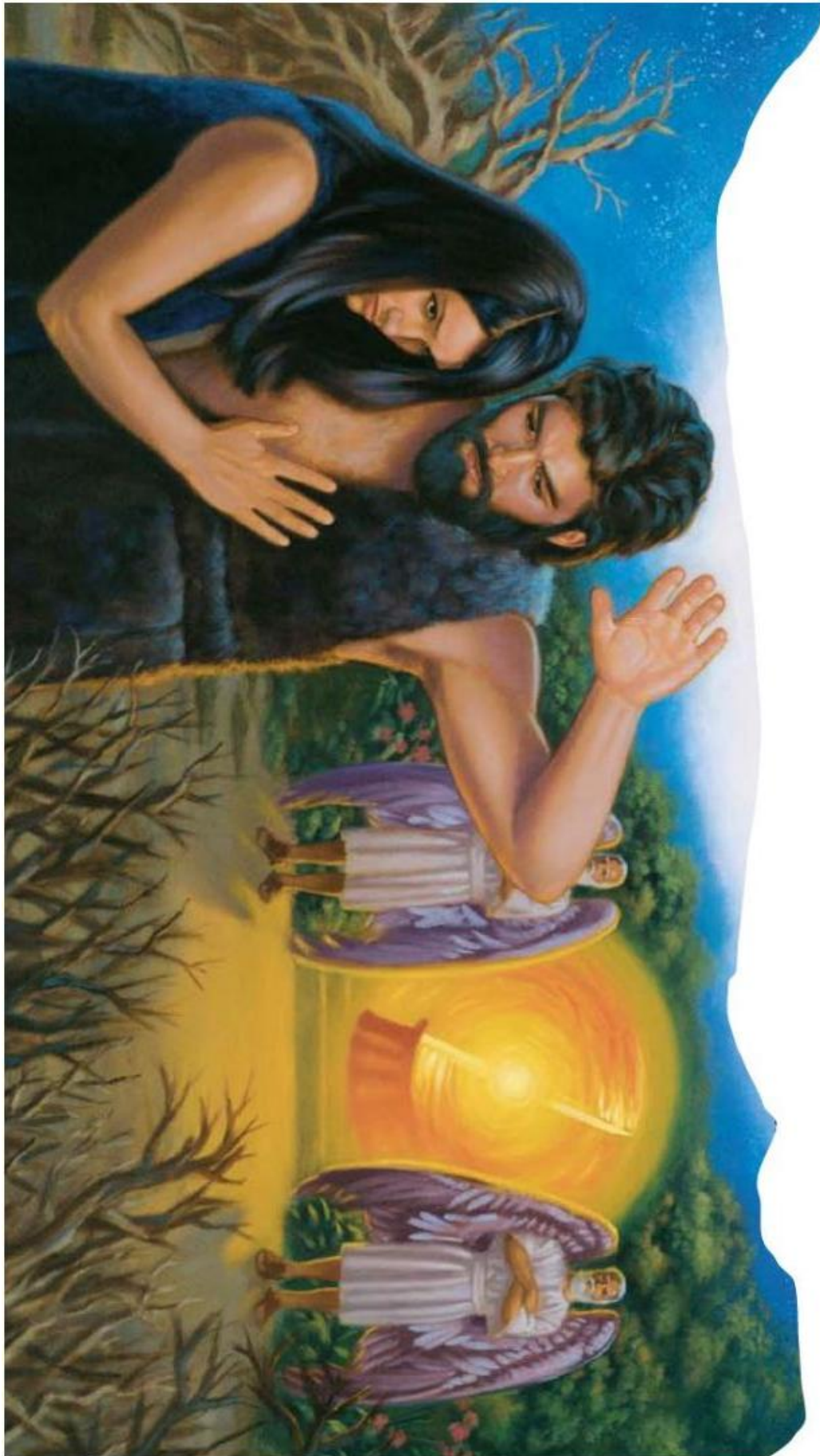
Eve ate the fruit and gave to Adam, gave to Adam, gave to Adam,  
Out of the Garden they had to go many years ago.













**"And I shall put enmity between  
you and the woman and between  
your seed and her seed. And he  
will bruise you in the head." -  
Genesis 3:15.**



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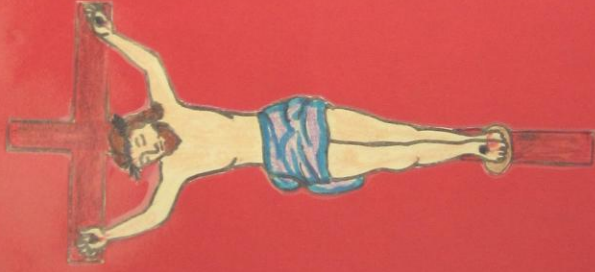
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