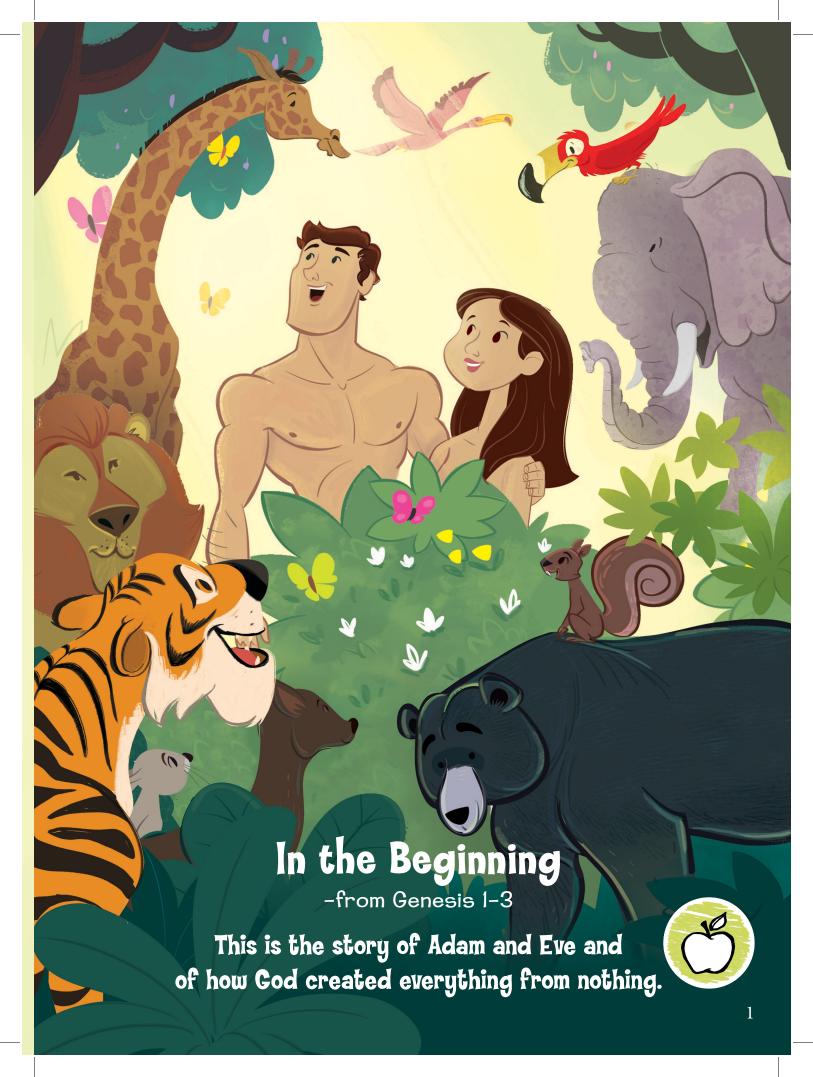


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In the beginning, there was nothing, only God. Then God created the heavens and the earth. But the earth was dark and cold. There was no sun or moon. No trees or flowers. No lions or zebras or bears. There were no people anywhere. There was only darkness.

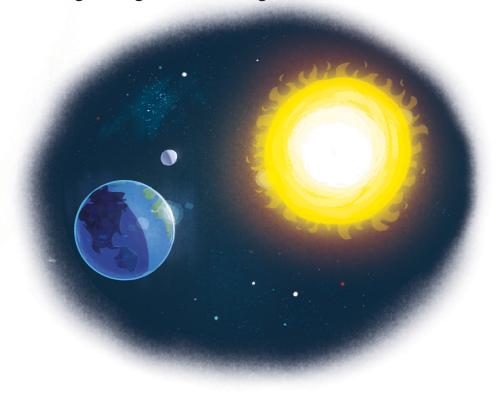
Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was! God called the light "day" and the dark "night." That was the first day of creation.



On the second day, God created a great space above the earth. He called it "sky." On the third day, God made the land and the seas. Then God said, "Let the land be filled with plants and trees." And it was!



On the fourth day, God made the sun to light up the day. Then He scattered the stars across the sky and made the moon to give light to the night.



On the fifth day, God made every creature that swims and splashes in the seas—from starfish to whales and everything in between!

Next, God filled the skies with birds of every kind. Bright little bluebirds and soaring eagles, birds that chirp and birds that sing.

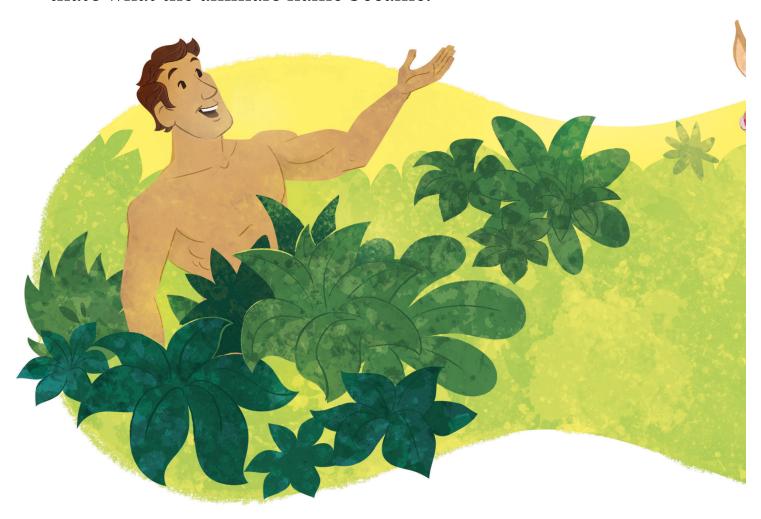




On the sixth day, God made all the animals. He made animals that hop and run, and He made creatures that creep and crawl. He made the tiniest of mice and the elephant that weighs a ton!

But there was still one more creation for God to create. So He gathered together the dust of the ground. He shaped it and formed it just right. Then God breathed the breath of life into man! And the man was called Adam.

God planted a garden in a place called Eden, and He placed Adam there. Then God brought each animal to Adam, one by one, for him to name. And whatever Adam called it, that's what the animal's name became.





But even after seeing every animal God had made, Adam couldn't find a helper or friend. No other creature was like him.